

# RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

## Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

April 12, 2021

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Video Conference

### MINUTES

#### Present

Peter Danziger (Chair)  
Ian Sakinofsky  
André Foucault  
Dave Mason  
Corinne Hart  
Abbas Keramati  
Aidan Brown  
Alex Ferworn  
Alexandra Mogyoros  
Anika Kozlowski  
Ann Ludbrook  
Anna Flaminio  
Antonie Panaïoti  
Beverlee Buzon  
Christopher De Sousa

Chun-Yip Hon  
Corinne Hart  
Daniela Cristini  
David Scofield  
Dawn Onishenko  
Ellen Choi  
Evan Cleave  
Jacqui Gingras  
Janice Rudkowski  
Jim Tam  
Joey Power  
Kourosh Zareinia  
Lynda McCarthy  
Marsha Barber  
Matthew Philp

Michael Bergmann  
Ndeye Ba  
Richard Chisik  
Sajad Saeedi  
Sarah Bull  
Seyed Hashemi  
Taymoore Balbaa  
Tor Oiamo  
Umberto Berardi  
Vadim Geurkov  
Val Lem  
Wei Xu  
Yeganeh Bahoo Torudi  
Zhen Lu  
Charles Zamaria

#### Regrets

Alex Ferworn  
Ann Ludbrook  
Chil-Hung Cheng  
Colleen Derkatch  
Dimitrios Latsis  
Hossein Zolfagharina  
Izabella Pruska-Oldenhof  
James Pringle

Kim Bates  
Laleh Samarbaksh  
Lev Kirischian  
Madhi Roghanizad  
Marusya Bociurkiw  
Maureen Reed  
Michael Milona  
Miranda Campbell

Mucahit Cevik  
Nicole Bennett  
Oliver Okafor  
Richard Adams  
Saber Moradi  
Sandra Juutilainen  
Tisha Ornstein

#### Staff

Stacy Stanley

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## Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
  - Meeting began at 4:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda (Ferworn/De Sousa) - Adopted.
3. Approval of minutes from March 25, 2021 (De Sousa/Ferworn) - Adopted.
4. Announcements and Updates
  - The RFA General Meeting will be held on May 7, 2021 from 12 – 2 pm. via Zoom.
5. Update from the President – Ian Sakinofsky
  - Discussion on issues at Laurentian University. The RFA and OCUFA continue to be concerned about the ongoing situation at Laurentian University.
    - The Provincial Government has not assisted Laurentian University in any way.
    - Here is the link to an article on cuts to programs and professors at Laurentian University <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/laurentian-negotiations-insolvency-terminations-restructuring-1.5982114>
  - Follow-up on suggestion to create caucus of RFA Senators
    - A small group of RFA Senators will be meeting to discuss ideas on how to make Senate more functional.
  - Discussion on Return to In-Class Teaching
    - The RFA would like to continue dialogue with departments/schools on returning to campus.
    - Some faculty members are concerned about health issues regarding in-class teaching. Many members would like to make their own decision and not be forced to return to campus.
    - The Administration has promised that it will be making an announcement regarding this matter on June 9, 2021.
  - Faculty Course Survey (FCS)
    - FCS will not be included in 2021 Faculty Annual Reports.
    - The RFA is beginning to make some progress with the Administration on designing a new FCS. The hope is that FCS results will only be for a faculty members personal use.
    - Based on the FCS arbitration award, both parties (RFA and the Administration) established a joint committee who generated a report. The implementation of that report is now being discussed.
6. Items from the floor
  - Member request to have VPFA clarify what type of plan and rationale is required for deferral.
  - Member request for RFA to get clarification from the Administration on various issues regarding the Professional Expense Reimbursement Fund (PERF).
  - Discussion on workload/course release

- The University does not allow faculty to purchase courses. There is a provision in the Collective Agreement that allows members to have reduced workload for reduced pay.
- Discussion on Major Research Projects (MRP)

7. Negotiations Update – André Foucault

- Discussion on Negotiations progress.
  - Arbitration has begun and will continue until approximately June 1, 2021.
  - Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

8. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting: **TBA.**