

X* FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting of Council of Department/School Representatives

November 25, 2021

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

Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

Present

Peter Danziger
(Chair)
Ian Sakinofsky
Dave Mason
André Foucault
Jan Matejovic
Saber Moradi
Yeganeh Bahoo
Alex Ferworn
Daniela Cristini
Anna Flaminio
Sejal Patel
Richard Chisik
Vadim Geurkov
Lev Kirischian
Sarah Bull
Neil Wolff

Caron Phinney
Yanfei Sun
Hossein Zolfagharina
David MacKenzie
Julie Kellershohn
Peter Fisher
Gerda Cammaer
Aziz Guergachi
Jim Tam
Marsha Barber
Michael Baumtrog
Alexandra Mogyoros
Ndeye Ba
Alison Skyrme
Matthew Philp
Niushan Gao
Kathleen Wilkie

Jamy Li
Joyal Miranda
Diane Pirner
Josephine Wong
Jesse Tanguay
Andrea Migone
Opeyemi Akanbi
Maureen Reed
David Scofield
Janice Rudkowski
Charles Zamaria
Marusya Bociurkiw
Susan Preston
Dawn Onishenko
Jacqui Gingras
Michael Bergmann

Regrets

Oliver Okafor
Seyed Hashemi
Umberto Berardi
Chil-Hung Cheng
Beverlee Buzon
Khaled Sennah

Colleen Derkatch
Housne Begum
Taymoore Balbaa
Ndeye Ba
Ann Ludbrook
Jamy Li

Sandra Juutilainen
Chun-Yip Hon
Antonie Panaïoti
Tisha Ornstein
Nemoy Lewis

Staff

Stacy Stanley

Minutes

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
 - Meeting began at 4:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda (Pirner/Barber) - Adopted.
3. Approval of minutes from October 20, 2021 (Onishenko/Matejovic) - Adopted.
4. Political Action Committee
 - The Political Action Committee was elected. The members are:
Marusya Bociurkiw
Peter Danziger
Jacqui Gingras
Dawn Onishenko
 - One position remains vacant. Please contact the X*FA at rfa@ryerson.ca if you would like to be a member of the committee.
5. Return to Campus
 - Discussion on the return to campus issues/concerns.
 - The X*FA is asking any members who have been teaching on campus for the Fall 2021 semester to give feedback on their experiences. Please send feedback to rfa@ryerson.ca.
 - There continues to be little to no transparency from the Administration on the various issues faculty, staff and students have concerning the return to campus. X*FA has had a difficult time getting answers from the University but continues to seek out a clearer position on how the return to campus will be handled.
 - Member commented that international students face many difficulties if they are to return to campus in January 2022. Issues around vaccinations and increased airline prices may hinder many international students from being able to attend in-person classes.
 - The Chang School will continue with virtual classes. Many students are enrolling in Chang School courses to avoid in-person classes.
 - The Provost has offered to pay for lapel microphones, but it is unclear how to claim this service. Media Services is working to procure headset microphones. Faculty may contact Media Services if they would like a headset microphone.
 - Students have started petitions against returning to campus. The Administration has not surveyed students to determine if they want to return to in-person classes.
6. X*FA Communications Officer
 - The X*FA has been considering the possibility of hiring a communications officer. I. Sakinofsky reported that he had discussed with other faculty associations their experiences with these sorts of positions and he had been told that it is a difficult position to fill. There is a difficult balance that has to be maintained between the Executive and the messaging. The matter is going to be referred to the X*FA Human Resources Committee.
7. P. Danziger and I. Sakinofsky wished all Reps' Council members a happy and safe holiday season.

8. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 6:01 p.m.

Next meeting: Zoom meeting on **January 19, 2022** from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"* The X is out of respect for those who are campaigning for Ryerson University to change its name."