

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Fifth Regular Meeting of 2017-2018
January 12, 2018**

Humanities Faculty

N. Boyle, L. Burnett, B. Douville [PTF], W. Johnston, T. O'Flanagan, A. Ridout, R. Rutherford, E. Turgeon
(absent: P. Nadeau)

Social Science Faculty

R. Cameron, C. Denomme, S. Gruner, J. Hermida, H. Hornstein, V. Jimenez-Estrada, H. Luitel, P. Matthews, P. Ostrowski [PTF], T. Tchir, D. Woodman
(regrets: B. Waterfall)

Science Faculty

L. Bloomfield, M. DeFazio [PTF], Y. Feng, C. Reed-Elder, I. Imre, W. Osei, B. Schamp, S. Xu, C. Zhang
(absent: P. Antunes)

Other Members

B. Asghar, P. Danquah, T. Gallivan, A. Idris, D. Marasco (Secretary of Senate), A. Vezina
(regrets: K. Hernden; absent: K. Armstrong, D. Boissoneau, M. Case, M. Nadeau)

Guests

A. Gordon, M. Graydon, G. Mahar, N. Shaw, K. Vinsen

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:01pm.

18.01.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- *Moved (Hermida/Cameron): that the agenda for the January meeting of Senate be approved.*

Motion carried.

18.01.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of December 1, 2017

- *Moved (Boyle/Johnston): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of December 1, 2017.*

Motion carried.

18.01.03 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the special meeting of December 20, 2017

- ***Moved (Woodman/DeFazio): that Senate approve the minutes from the special meeting of Senate held on December 20, 2017.***

Motion carried. (one abstention)

18.01.04 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

18.01.04.01 Senate membership

- ***Moved (Hermida/Jimenez-Estrada): that Senate approve Dr. Trevor Tchir to serve as Senate representative from the Department of Law and Politics replacing Dr. Neil Cruickshank for the rest of the 2017 – 18 Senate year.***

Motion carried.

18.01.05 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

18.01.05.01 Scholarship Committee – Entrance/In-course Scholarships 2017-18

- ***Moved (Cameron/Matthews): that Senate approve the Algoma University Entrance and In-courses scholarships lists for the 2017-2018 academic year as submitted.***

Motion carried.

18.01.05.02 BIOL – Adjunct Professor

- ***Moved (Schamp/Imre): that Senate approve the appointment of Dr. Daniel Doucet as Adjunct Professor (Department of Biology) for a three-year term, effective January 2018.***

Rationale:

Dr Doucet is a research scientist working at the Canadian Forest Service in Sault Ste Marie Ontario. His research interests involve various applications of insect genomics, molecular biology and cell biology for pest management, such as survey and detection and insect chemical control. His current work is focused on the characterization of odorant receptors from invasive beetle species (e.g. the Brown Spruce Longhorned Beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer), the molecular underpinnings of host plant interactions in wood boring beetles, and synthetic hormone agonists for insect control.

Dr. Doucet's expertise is complementary to the department's faculty. His appointment could benefit undergraduate students and postdoctoral fellows interested in one or multiple aspects of insect biology, spanning biochemistry, cell biology and physiology, with an emphasis on forest invasives. Dr. Doucet has active collaborations with academics in India (D. Ampasala, Pondicherry University), China (Z. Zhou, Henan S&T University) and Belgium (G. Smagghe, University of Ghent), which could expand the research opportunities of prospective Algoma University students and fellows. The facilities under his supervision offer excellent training opportunities in cell biology (one of the few labs in the world dedicated to insect cell culture), molecular biology and microscopy.

Dr. Doucet has prior involvement with Algoma University, having hosted a Brazil exchange student, taught two invited lectures and having assisted in the administration of the last two years of a Tier I CRC grant held by Professor Jenny Cory. His experience and knowledge should be of service to the department, and should help strengthening the existing partnership that exists with GLFC.

Motion carried.

18.01.05.03 CESD – Adjunct Professors

- ***Moved (Gruner/Boyle): that Senate approve the appointment of Dr. Jude Ortiz as Adjunct Professor (Department of Community, Economic and Social Development) for a three-year term, effective January 2018.***

Rationale:

Dr. Jude Ortiz has taught for a number of years in the CESD Program and is also the principal Research Coordinator at NORDIK Institute, an academic institute affiliated with the CESD Program at Algoma University. This appointment will facilitate continued teaching in the program, research and collaborative work (including participation in collaborative research and applications to SSHRC and other funding agencies).

Motion carried.

- ***Moved (Matthews/Marasco): that Senate approve the appointment of Professor Sean Meades as Adjunct Professor (Department of Community, Economic and Social Development) for a three-year term, effective January 2018.***

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Rationale:

Prof Sean Meades has taught for a number of years in the CESD program and considered a strong asset to the program and department. He has taught upper year theory core and special topics courses in key content areas. Prof Meades is acting Director of NORDIK Institute, an academic institute affiliated with the CESD Program at Algoma University. This appointment will facilitate

continued teaching in the program, research and collaborative work (including participation in collaborative research and applications to SSHRC and other funding agencies).

Motion carried.

18.01.05.03 Academic Planning and Priorities – Hiring Priorities

- ***Moved (Matthews/O’Flanagan): that Senate approve the recommendations as submitted by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee of Senate for the academic hiring priorities 2018-19.***

After reviewing data, reviewing the Strategic Mandate Agreement, meeting with most departments over the past eight months, and considering immediate needs to maintain quality programming the expanded Academic Planning and Priorities Committee reached consensus on the following recommendation for hires in the 2017-18 academic year:

RANKED POSITIONS

1. ADMN (TT)
2. ENVS (TT)
3. JURI (CLTA – 1 year sabbatical replacement)

UNRANKED POSITIONS (Alphabetical)

ADMN/ECON (TT)

CESD (3 year CLTA)

COSC/MATH (3 year CLTA)

MUSC (3 year CLTA)

BRAMPTON AND TIMMINS EXTENSIONS

The committee agreed that potential positions proposed for the two extension sites would be considered through a separate process as part of a larger strategic proposal that would potentially include a package of supports for each extension.

Members of Academic Planning and Priorities spoke in support of the motion, adding that a significant amount of time was spent in finalizing the hiring recommendations given the enrollment challenges. There was a discussion on how the final ranked positions were determined – the committee’s mandate was to address immediate and urgent needs.

Regarding the unranked positions, the committee listed them in alpha order while identifying a need in each department, however, in no order of priority. Pending budget allocations, the ranking of the positions may be re-visited.

With respect to the extension sites, more administrative input is required to determine a business case model/structure and enrolment strategies.

Motion carried (three no votes for the record, Denomme, Hornstein, Luitel; one absention, Gruner)

18.01.06 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)

None.

18.01.07 STANDING REPORTS

18.01.07.01 Board of Governors Representative

No report was submitted by the Board of Governors Representative.

18.01.07.01 Dean's Report

18.01.07.01 President's Report

The President submitted a written report.

Highlights from the President's report included the Student Awards Reception (January 18), details on the arrival of the Academic Dean (Dr. Donna Rogers), and the request for a letter in support of the NorOnt Ferrochrome Processing Plant proposal.

18.01.08 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

None.

18.01.09 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

18.01.10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the Canadian Guitar Quartet will be playing on Saturday, January 13 at the Machine Shop. The CGQ has toured throughout the Americas and Europe, establishing a reputation as one of the finest guitar ensembles in the world.

18.01.11 ADJOURNMENT

➤ ***Moved (Hermida/Jimenez-Estrada): that Senate adjourn.***

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 1:44pm)