

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
First Regular Meeting of 2016-2017
September 9, 2016**

Humanities Division

L. Burnett, M. DiSanto (Speaker), T. O’Flanagan, A. Ridout, C. Ross, E. Turgeon
(absent: R. Gaywish, W. Johnston, A. Pinheiro)

Social Sciences

N. Cruickshank, C. Denomme, S. Gruner, J. Hermida, H. Hornstein, V. Jimenez-Estrada, H. Luitel, B. Waterfall, D. Woodman

Sciences

P. Antunes, L. Bloomfield, I. Imre, W. Osei, C. Reed-Elder, G. Townsend, S. Xu, C. Zhang
(absent: E. James)

Other Members

T. Gallivan, K. Hernden, M. Lajoie, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. McCutcheon, A. Sayers
(regrets: C. Chamberlin, P. Dingle; absent: B. Asghar, D. Boissoneau, G. Dusanjh, D. Friyia, E. Otten)

Guests

N. Aziz, N. Boyle, P. Lewis, G. Mahar, D. Rice, J. Syrette

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:05pm.

He asked for an amendment to the agenda, adding an additional motion to 16.09.03.02 Department Chairs.

16.09.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- *Moved (Lajoie/Xu): that the agenda for the September meeting of Senate be approved as amended.*

Motion carried.

16.09.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of June 3, 2016

- *Moved (Luitel/C. Ross): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of June 3, 2016.*

Motion carried.

16.09.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

16.09.03.01 Senate Membership, addition of PT teaching staff

- ***Moved (Turgeon/Xu): that Senate approve the following Senate membership for the 2016 – 17 Senate year representing the Part-time teaching staff:***
- ***Professor Paul Dingle – Humanities***
 - ***Professor Dan Friyia – Social Sciences***
 - ***Professor Michael Lajoie - Science***

Motion carried.

16.09.03.02 Department Chair, Fine Arts / Music 2016 – 17

- ***Moved (C. Ross/O’Flanagan): that Senate approve Dr. Edward Turgeon as Chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Music for the 2016 – 17 Senate year.***

Motion carried.

- ***Moved (Jimenez-Estrada/Turgeon): that Senate approve Dr. Alice Ridout as Chair of the Department of English and Film for the 2016 – 17 Senate year.***

Motion carried. (one abstention for the record – A. Ridout)

Motion carried.

16.09.03.03 Senate Committee Membership – Animal Care Committee, 2016 – 17

- ***Moved (Reed-Elder/Bloomfield): that Senate approve the following revision to the Animal Care committee membership for the 2016 – 17 Senate year:***
- ***Dr. Istvan Imre replacing Dr. Jennifer Foote***

Motion carried.

16.09.03.04 Senate / Board Liaison Committee

The Speaker called for nominations to serve on the Senate / Board Liaison Committee from the floor. Both Drs. Imre and Luitel expressed interest in serving on the committee.

- ***Moved (Burnett/Ridout): that Dr. Istvan Imre and Dr. Hari Luitel be approved to serve on the Senate/Board Liaison Committee for the 2016 – 17 senate year.***

Motion carried.

16.09.03.05 Senate Executive – Senate Bylaws Committee

The Speaker informed Senate that the bylaws committee will need to be constituted to begin their work in an effort to make recommendations to Senate prior to the deadline date of April 30, 2017.

- ***Moved (Ridout/Hornstein): that Michael Lajoie (part-time faculty rep), Gillian Maskell (student rep) and Dr. Edward Turgeon (full-time faculty rep) be approved to serve as members on the Senate Bylaws Committee.***

Motion carried. (two abstentions for the record, C. Reed-Elder, W. Osei)

16.09.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

None.

16.09.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)

16.09.05.01 Decanal Review Committee

Senators agreed that there was no need to move in camera to discuss the terms of reference of the Decanal Review Committee. Members discussed the terms of reference and questions were raised regarding who would chair the committee and faculty representation. The Senate Executive committee will discuss the process at the next scheduled meeting (28-Sept-16).

16.09.05.02 Honorary Degree, Distinguished Faculty, Senate Award

The Speaker announced that nominations for the Honourary Degree, Distinguished Faculty Award and the Senate Award (investiture June 10, 2017) will be accepted until November 18, 2016. Nominations are to be forwarded to the Secretary of Senate.

16.09.06 STANDING REPORTS

16.09.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Johnston submitted a written report.

16.09.06.02 Dean

The Dean submitted a written report.

16.09.06.03 President

The President submitted a written report.

16.09.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

1. Members voiced concerns regarding the following issues:
 - Residence – students being asked to leave residence before the accelerated Computer Science program ended (late August);
 - Food Services – the lack of availability of meals for students during all hours of the day, specifically, those living in residence;
 - Temperature of classrooms, and the lack of communication informing those affected;
 - Need for an additional print station in the faculty workroom
2. A question was raised regarding the Indigenous Learning Committee (ILC) and the process of member involvement. The Registrar added that the ILC was formed in 2012 as a sub-committee of the Curriculum Committee, however, during the last couple of years the committee has been dormant. He informed Senate that he would place the matter on the agenda of the September 14 meeting of CURCOM.
3. The Registrar provided an update on enrolment numbers, stating that although the numbers are down (registration continues until Sept 16), the university has been proactive approving a number of plans including a strategic, research and academic plans. He added the challenge will be to implement and operationalize the plans ensuring that they are aligned. He also informed Senate of the Strategic Enrolment Management initiative adding that the faculty will be asked to be active during the consultation process.
 - 9.3 decrease FTE
 - 10% decrease Domestic (headcount)
 - 23% decrease International (headcount)
4. Woodman informed members that the Peer Mentoring Program is scheduled to begin Sept 20th. The program will consist of approx. 8 to 10 upper year student mentors engaging with other students to support them through the university experience.
5. Questions were raised regarding current recruitment strategies and the lack of consultation and connection with faculties and departments. It was suggested that the recruitment staff be invited to attend a Senate meeting and present their vision – opportunity for questions and answers.
6. Reed-Elder will bring forward suggestion to Senate Executive that a representative from various departments (i.e. Recruitment, Indigenous Working Group, Food Services, Library, etc.) have the opportunity to attend a meeting of Senate to speak to their area of expertise.

16.09.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Concern was raised regarding the loss of a support/administrative staff position in the CESD department, specifically, the significant challenges and negative academic impact of the decision.

16.09.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hernden announced that the Wishart Library will be hosting an open house immediately after the meeting of Senate from 3:30 – 5:30pm.

16.09.10 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Lajoie/Hermida): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 2:52pm)