

MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
First Regular Meeting of 2020-21
September 10, 2021

Humanities Faculty

A. Judge, R. Isard, A. Pinheiro, S. Redmond [PTF], A. Ridout, N. Shaw, D. Woodman
[regrets: V. Jimenez-Estrada; absent: P. Steeves]

Social Science Faculty

K. DeLuca, S. Gruner, H. Hornstein, P. Matthews, S. Meades, T. Tchir, L. Wyper
[regrets: R. Cameron; absent: P. Finlayson [PTF]]

Science Faculty

L. Bloomfield [Speaker], N. Cameron, W. Dew, P. Dupuis, J. Foote, D. Keough, M. Lajoie [PTF],
I. Molina, S. Xu, C. Zhang

Other Members

A. Trudeau Day, I. Imre, S. Khan, D. Marasco [Secretary], D. Rogers,
[regrets: A. Vezina; absent: L. Doxtater, H. Stevenson, R. Gwynn]

Guests

M. Turco, B. Alam, C. Denomme, T. Fabiano, H. Luitel, G. Mahar, N. Khattar

The meeting was conducted by Zoom and called to order at 1:05pm. The Speaker asked the University Senate to observe a moment of silence in honour of the passing of Dr. Robert Rutherford and Shirley Roach.

21.09.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- ***Moved [Lajoie/Khan]: that the agenda for the September 10, 2021 meeting of the Senate be approved.***

Motion carried.

21.09.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the previous meetings

- ***Moved [Keough/Rogers]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the minutes from the Senate meeting of June 4, 2021.***

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Keough/Rogers]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the minutes from the special meeting of Senate August 6, 2021.***

Motion carried.

21.09.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)
21.09.03.01 Senate Executive - Senate/Senate Committee membership

- ***Moved [Meades/Keough]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the Senate and Senate committee membership for the 2021-22 Senate year as submitted.***

A question was raised regarding the motion that was approved at the June 4, 2021 meeting of the Senate regarding the inclusion of SASA student membership on the standing committees. The Speaker informed the Senate that during the first meeting of the respective committees, the composition and terms of reference should be reviewed. As well, both Dr. Vivian Jimenez-Estrada and Mary Wabano-McKay will be invited to the next meeting of the Senate Executive to discuss.

Motion carried.

21.09.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action or information)
21.09.04.01 Curriculum Committee motions

- ***Moved [Wyper/Marasco]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following mode of delivery changes as approved by the Curriculum Committee for Fall 2021:***

PSYC 3906	asynchronous online
PSYC 4596	asynchronous online
ENVS 4906	asynchronous online
BIOL 4596	asynchronous online
BIOL 3906	asynchronous online
ENVS 3906	asynchronous online
ANII 3006	hybrid
ANII 3906	hybrid
MUSC 1101	hybrid
MUSC 1115	hybrid
OJIB 1016	remote synchronous/asynchronous

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OJIB 2016	remote synchronous/asynchronous
OJIB 3016	remote synchronous/asynchronous
VISA 1026	hybrid
VISA 1506	hybrid
VISA 2006	remote synchronous/asynchronous
VISA 3916	hybrid
VISA 4005	hybrid
COSC 1036	hybrid
COSC 3036	hybrid
SWRK 3606	hybrid
SWRK 4206	hybrid
SWRK 4596	hybrid
SWRK 1006	hybrid
SWRK 2107	hybrid
SWRK 2356	hybrid
SWRK 3206	hybrid
SWRK 3406	hybrid
SWRK 3456	hybrid
SWRK 3806	hybrid
SWRK 4600	hybrid
SWRK 4605	hybrid
CESD 4016	remote synchronous/asynchronous
CESD 3906	remote synchronous/asynchronous
CESD 4906	remote synchronous/asynchronous

- ***Moved [Marasco/Khan]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following mode of delivery changes as approved by the Curriculum Committee for Fall 2021 and as long term revisions:***

BIOL 1506	asynchronous online
BIOL 1507	asynchronous online
BIOL 2056	asynchronous online
BIOL 2556	asynchronous online
ENVS 2556	asynchronous online
BIOL 3556	asynchronous online
BIOL 3626	asynchronous online
CHMI 1006	asynchronous online
CHMI 1007	asynchronous online
ENVS 3626	asynchronous online
PSYC 2056	asynchronous online
SOCI 1016	hybrid
SOCI 1806	remote synchronous/asynchronous
SOCI 2016	hybrid
SOCI 2017	hybrid
SOCI 2127	remote synchronous/asynchronous

SOCI 2636	hybrid
SOCI 3126	hybrid
SOCI 4105	hybrid
SOCI 4906	hybrid
GEOG 2016	hybrid
GEOG 2106	hybrid
GEOG 3307	hybrid
GEOG 3796	remote synchronous/asynchronous
GEOL 1021	asynchronous online
CESD 2106	hybrid
CESD 2206	hybrid
CESD 2996	hybrid
CESD 2406	hybrid
CESD 3016	hybrid

Motion carried.

**21.09.04.02 Academic Planning and Priorities
Anishinaabemowin Final Assessment Report**

- ***Moved [Marasco/Rogers]: that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee of Senate recommends to the Algoma University Senate, the Final Assessment Report [cyclical Review of the Anishinaabemowin program] as submitted.***

Motion carried.

21.09.04.03 Academic Planning and Priorities - Revised Terms of Reference

- ***Moved [Meades/Marasco]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following revisions to the terms of reference of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities:***

From:

a) To lead the development of the University's Academic Plan, normally every five years. The Committee will ensure that appropriate consultation occurs with all constituents of the University community;

b) To provide the Senate, at its June meeting, updates to the current Academic Plan for 2021-2026, taking into consideration the overall Academic goals of the University, financial and

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enrollment statistics, programme quality, and external trends. Such updates will identify academic programming for expansion, continuation, and contraction;

c) To advise the President on the construction and content of the Strategic Plan;

d) To conduct ongoing internal/external reviews of the academic programmes of the University

e) To advise on funding levels to support academic activities and related service functions, within the context of the overall institutional budget;

f) To recommend new faculty hiring; and

g) To consider and make recommendations to the Senate on such matters as may be referred to it.

To:

The work of the committee will be informed and guided by Algoma University's Special Mission and its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Charter.

- i. To lead the development of the University's Academic Plan, normally every five years. The Committee will ensure that appropriate consultation occurs with all constituents of the University community;
- ii. To provide the Senate, at its June meeting, updates to the current Academic Plan for 2021-2026, taking into consideration the overall Academic goals of the University, financial and enrollment statistics, programme quality, and external trends. Such updates will identify academic programming for expansion, continuation, and contraction;
- iii. To advise the President on the construction and content of the Strategic Plan;
- iv. To conduct ongoing internal/external reviews of the academic programmes of the University
- v. To advise on funding levels to support academic activities and related service functions, within the context of the overall institutional budget;
- vi. To recommend new faculty hiring; and
- vii. To consider and make recommendations to the Senate on such matters as may be referred to it.

Rationale:

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As part of the annual exercise for Senate committees to review their terms of reference, members of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee of the Senate were in agreement to include that the work of the committee will be informed and guided by Algoma University's Special Mission and its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Charter.

Motion carried.

21.09.04.04 Curriculum Committee - Revised Terms of Reference

- ***Moved [Marasco/Khan]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following revisions to the Curriculum Committee terms of reference as follows:***

From:

- a) To recommend an academic programme on a term-by-term basis to Senate; indicating priorities to be considered if budgetary restraints are to be applied;
- b) To make recommendations to Senate on proposed minor modifications to courses and programmes;
- c) To review and encourage the inclusion of cross-cultural course content and pedagogy in the curriculum;
- d) To consider and make recommendations to Senate on such matters as may be referred to it; and
- e) To approve all proposals to develop distance education courses, and to approve delivery methods of each course prepared, in accordance with the Faculty Fulltime Collective Agreement.

To:

The work of the committee will be informed and guided by the Algoma University's Special Mission and its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion {EDI} Charter.

- a) To recommend an academic programme on a term-by-term basis to Senate; indicating priorities to be considered if budgetary restraints are to be applied;
- b) To make recommendations to Senate on proposed minor modifications to courses and programmes;
- c) To review and encourage the inclusion of cross-cultural course content and pedagogy in the curriculum;
- d) To consider and make recommendations to Senate on such matters as may be referred to it; and

- e) To approve all proposals to develop distance education courses, and to approve delivery methods of each course prepared, in accordance with the Faculty Fulltime Collective Agreement.

Rationale:

As part of the annual exercise for Senate committees to review their terms of reference, members of the Curriculum Committee of the Senate were in agreement to include that the work of the committee will be informed and guided by Algoma University's Special Mission and its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Charter.

Motion carried.

21.09.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (for action or information)
21.09.05.01 Innovation in Teaching and Research

There were no submissions for innovation in teaching and research.

21.09.05.02 Nominations for Honourary Degree, Distinguished Faculty Award and Senate Award]

The Deadline to submit nominations for Honourary Degree, Distinguished Faculty Award and Senate Award [investiture June 11, 2022] is December 17, 2021.

Nominations should be submitted to the Speaker of the Senate, Dr. [Laurie Bloomfield](#) and the Secretary of the Senate, David Marasco.

21.09.06 STANDING REPORTS
21.09.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Dr. Dupuis submitted a written report.

21.09.06.02 Academic Dean

The Dean submitted a written report.

21.09.06.03 Vice-President Academic and Research

The VPAR submitted a written report.

21.09.06.04 President and Vice-Chancellor

The President submitted a written report.

21.09.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

It was noted that onboarding for sessional instructors has not been optimum this fall 2021 as there have been some challenges with our preparedness for fall programming. It was noted that we are working our best to create efficiencies moving forward.

21.09.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

21.09.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

SASA, the Children of Shingwauk, Mary Wabano-McKay and EDI are working collectively to plan workshops and events for the National Day of Reconciliation on September 30th.

The Nordic Institute has completed their strategic planning process and the plan will be discussed at the September 20th Nordic Board meeting

Dr. Sean Meades was congratulated on the successful completion of his Ph.D program.

21.09.10 ADJOURNMENT

➤ ***Moved [Rogers/Khan]: that Senate adjourn.***

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 1:42pm)