

MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Fourth Regular Meeting of 2021-2022
December 3, 2021

Humanities Faculty

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

Social Science Faculty

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

Science Faculty

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

Other Members

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

Guests

M. Turco, Denomme, T. Fabiano, D. Nyaga, A. Patti, S. Roy

The Speaker asked the Senate to observe a moment of silence to remember the victims at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal [December 6, 1989] - the 32nd anniversary of the massacre.

21.12.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved [Keough/R. Cameron]: that the agenda for the December 3, 2021 meeting of the Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

21.12.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the previous meeting

Moved [Keough/Marasco]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the minutes from the Senate meeting of November 5, 2021.

Motion carried.

21.12.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

None.

21.12.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action or information)

21.12.04.01 Curriculum Committee motions

- ***Moved [R. Cameron/Meades]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following mode of delivery changes as approved by the Curriculum Committee for Winter 2022 [22W]:***

JURI/POLI 3107 - remote synchronous / asynchronous
JURI 4826 - remote synchronous / asynchronous
SWRK 1006 - remote synchronous / asynchronous
SWRK 1007 - hybrid, remote synchronous / asynchronous
SWRK 2106 - hybrid, remote synchronous / asynchronous
SWRK 2107 - remote synchronous / asynchronous
SWRK 2127- hybrid
SWRK 2406- hybrid
SWRK 3207- hybrid
SWRK 3407- hybrid
SWRK 3596- hybrid
SWRK 4207- hybrid
SWRK 4605- hybrid

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Steeves/Meades]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following mode of delivery changes as approved by the Curriculum Committee for Winter 2022 [22W] and as long-term revisions:***

CESD 2016 - change to in-person, hybrid, remote synchronous / asynchronous
CESD 2607 - change to in-person, hybrid, remote synchronous / asynchronous
CESD 3406 - change to in-person, hybrid, remote synchronous / asynchronous
CESD 4016 - change to in-person, hybrid, remote synchronous / asynchronous
CESD 4017 - change to in-person, hybrid, remote synchronous / asynchronous

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Meades/Tchir]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following course revision as submitted by the Department of Law and Politics:***

From:

JURI 2996 Legal Research Methods

This course provides students with a foundation for conducting legal research. Students will locate and analyze primary and secondary legal materials. At the end of the course, students will have experience locating, tracing, and effectively utilizing legislation, cases, government documents, treaties and land claims information, as well as relevant literature for their own research. (LEC 3) 3 cr

To:

JURI 2996 Legal Research Methods

This course introduces students to strategies for effectively conducting research using legal materials such as legislation, case law, and legislative records. (SEM 3) 3 cr

Rationale:

This is part of a larger revision of the JURI programme. A new methods course - serving both JURI and POLI - is being created, with an emphasis on the "social science" research methods used in these disciplines. This course is being revised to focus only on the more technical legal research skills. Navigating legal databases to find case law and legislation requires specialised skills that cannot reasonably be taught in the same three-credit course as the other research methods needed in an interdisciplinary programme like JURI. Some JURI students will need these specialised skills for upper-level research courses.

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Meades/R. Cameron]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of Law and Politics:***

JURI/POLI 2856 Research Methods in Law and Politics

The course introduces students to research in Law and Political Science. It explores the research process and the elements of research design. It focuses on quantitative, qualitative, and hermeneutic approaches; and it emphasizes on the methods of data collection and data interpretation used in Law and Political Science. The course also includes a brief overview of the epistemological status of Law and Political Science.

Prerequisite: POLI 1006/1007 or JURI 1106/1107 or permission of the instructor. Students may not retain credit for more than one of JURI 2856, POLI 2856, POLI3127. (LEC 3) 3 cr

Rationale:

The department's two existing methods courses, POLI 3127 and JURI 2996, have been cross-listed for the last two years. Since cross listing has worked well, we would like to formalize this arrangement, instead of cross listing two courses with different levels and course descriptions. The two areas of research methods are cognate enough to warrant a crosslist, and doing so makes effective use of our department's teaching resources.

Currently, POLI 3127 is a core requirement for the BA3.POLI and BA4.POLI programs, and the

new POLI 2856 course would replace this as the core methods requirement for POLI degrees.

The new JURI 2856 course that will be cross listed with POLI 2856, will eventually be made a core requirement of the JURI programs. We are not yet asking for this modification, however.

Currently, JURI 2996 is NOT a core requirement for JURI programs. We will eventually propose to make the new JURI 2856 methods course a requirement for the JURI program, but this will be part of a later, larger, major modification proposal, coming later this year. At the same time as this new course proposal, we are proposing a Course Revision to JURI 2996, to make it a second JURI methods course, one more specifically geared to case law and legislation. It will not be a core requirement. JURI will have two methods courses (JURI 2996 and JURI 2856), POLI will have only one, POLI 2856, cross listed with the new JURI 2856..

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Meades/R. Cameron]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following program revision [minor modification] as submitted by the Department of Law and Politics:***

From:

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science [general, single and combined majors]
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science [honours, single and combined majors]

POLI 3127 Understanding the Political World: Methods and Methodology of Political Science [core]

To:

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science [general, single and combined majors]
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science [honours, single and combined majors]

POLI 2856 Research Methods in Law and Politics [core]

Rationale:

We have already been offering POLI 3127 and JURI 2996 as cross listed, so we want to formalize this arrangement, and we think a move from POLI 3127 to POLI 2856 exposes POLI students to the vital methods training sooner, better preparing them for upper year research. Cross Listing makes sense given the cognate disciplines, and this takes advantage of our full time faculty member's expertise, which can cross both areas of research. It uses HR resources efficiently, as well.

Introducing a second JURI methods course allows a general JURI social science research course (cross listed with POLI) to become a core requirement of the JURI program, and train students in fundamentals of social science, and legal research. Having JURI 2996 become a revised specialized research methods course in case law and legislation, an elective within the JURI program, deepens interested students' study of the law.

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Rogers/N. Cameron]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the proposed course roster for the 2022-2023 academic year as submitted by the Curriculum Committee of the Senate including the 22SP, 22F and 23W terms.***

The Registrar informed the Senate that the PMGT courses to support certificate students were not part of the course roster for 2022-23. Additionally, the Geography roster is missing since the Science Faculty has yet to approve the department's roster.

He also thanked the chairs/directors of each academic unit for taking the time to meet regarding their proposed submissions.

Motion carried.

21.12.04.02 Ad Hoc Interdisciplinary Planning Committee

- ***Moved [Marasco/N. Cameron]: that the Algoma University Senate approve an extension of the work of the Ad Hoc Interdisciplinary Planning Committee until June 30, 2022 so that the committee can continue its mandate.***

The committee requested an extension of the deadline date that was established when the Senate first approved the Ad Hoc committee. An extension through to May 2022 will enable the committee to carefully complete its work and make recommendations based on a thorough review of best practice.

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Meades/Ridout]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the updated composition of the Ad Hoc Interdisciplinary Planning Committee as follows:***

Dr. Alice Ridout [HUMA]

Dr. Andrew Judge (replaced Professor Andrea Pinheiro) [HUMA]

Dr. Ahmed Aziz [SOSC]

Dr. Sheila Gruner [SOSC]

Dr. Nairne Cameron [SCEN]

Dr. Miguel Garcia [SCEN]

David Marasco, University Registrar

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Dr. Istvan Imre, Academic Dean

Representative still required; email was sent to AUSU President asking for a name [AUSU]

A question was raised regarding representation from the Shingwauk Anishinaabe Students' Association [SASA]. A motion was made to defer the original motion so that the committee could consider the request at the next meeting [January 2022].

- ***Moved [Marasco/Rogers]: that the Senate approved to defer the motion until the next meeting of the Interdisciplinary Planning Committee.***

Motion defeated.

It was decided that a member from SASA would be added to the composition of the committee and the Chair would follow-up with SASA adding that a motion will be brought forward to the Senate in January 2022..

21.12.04.03 Institutional Quality Assurance Process [revised IQAP]

- ***Moved [Rogers/Spurway]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the revisions made to the Algoma University Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) as recommended by the Quality Assurance Committee of the Senate and approved by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.***

Rationale:

As part of its ongoing commitment to offering graduate and undergraduate programs of high quality, Algoma University has adopted the Quality Assurance Framework of the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance. In accordance with this Framework and Algoma's history of commitment to quality education, the University undertakes to establish, maintain and enhance the academic quality of its programs, in keeping with its academic mission and its institutional degree expectations.

The processes of the IQAP have been effective in fostering innovation while maintaining academic excellence. Our quality assurance processes reflect our commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education.

The Dean added some context to the proposed revisions to the IQAP including that some of the changes are directly from the Quality Assurance Framework, recommendations from the official audit of the Quality Council and addition of graduate level learning outcomes.

Discussion arose of whether EDI [IEDI] perspectives were considered and what consultation was made to ensure these considerations. It was made clear that the IQAP is guided by the special mission and EDI perspectives. As well, the Indigenous Learning outcomes recently [***Algoma University, Senate minutes, December 3, 2021***](#)

approved at the Senate were embedded in the document to assist faculty who are interested in the development of indigenous content in their courses/programs.

Motion carried.

21.12.04.03 Senate Executive Committee - Academic Restructure Report

NOTICE OF MOTION

- ***Moved [/]: that the Senate Executive committee recommends to the Algoma University Senate that the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Humanities be replaced by the Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, effective July 1, 2022, as per the 'Report to Senate on a New Academic Structure for Algoma University' submitted by the working group.***

The Registrar requested a motion to waive the Notice of the Motion due to the time-sensitive nature as well as the impact of the motion of the Decanal Search Committee [approved by the Senate April 2021].

- ***Moved [Marasco/Rogers]: that the Algoma University Senate waive the Notice of Motion.***

Motion defeated.

A request was made to 'reconsider the motion'

- ***Moved [Vezina/Burnett]: that the Algoma University Senate reconsider the motion of waiving the Notice of Motion.***

Motion defeated.

The Speaker requested a motion to extend the Senate meeting for fifteen minutes [3:15pm].

- ***Moved [Ridout/Meades]: that the meeting of Senate be extended for fifteen minutes until 3:15pm.***

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [/]: that the Senate Executive committee recommends to the Algoma University Senate that the position of Academic Dean at Algoma University be replaced by a Dean of Business, Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences, and Dean of Sciences, effective July 1, 2022, as per the 'Report to Senate on a New Academic Structure for Algoma University' submitted by the working group.***

The Registrar requested that the second motion regarding a multi-Dean structure be postponed since the secondary motion is aligned with the Notice of Motion.

- ***Moved [Marasco/Shaw]: that the Algoma University Senate defer the second motion regarding Academic Restructuring.***

Motion carried.

21.12.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (for action or information)
21.12.05.01 Nominations for Honorary Degree, Distinguished Faculty Award and Senate Award

The Deadline to submit nominations for Honorary 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.

21.12.05.02 Research Advisory Committee [RAC] - composition

The Registrar requested this be moved to the January meeting of the Senate.

21.12.06 STANDING REPORTS
21.12.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Dupuis submitted a written report.

21.12.06.02 Academic Dean

The Dean submitted a written report.

21.12.06.03 Vice-President Academic and Research

The VPAR submitted a written report. She added that two colleagues will be retiring at the end of the current year, both from the School of Social Work, Dr. Annie Wenger-Nabigon and Dr. Barbara Waterfall.

The Speaker requested a motion to extend the Senate meeting for fifteen minutes [3:30pm].

- ***Moved [Meades/Tchir]: that the meeting of Senate be extended for fifteen minutes until 3:30pm.***

Motion carried

21.12.06.04 President and Vice-Chancellor

The President submitted a written report.

The Speaker requested a motion to extend the Senate meeting for fifteen minutes [3:45pm].

- ***Moved [Meades/N. Cameron]: that the meeting of Senate be extended for fifteen minutes until 3:45pm.***

Motion carried.

21.12.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

It was brought to the attention of the Senate that what a Faculty of Cross-Cultural Studies would mean to the University is somewhat mis-leading in the Academic Restructuring Report.

It was also brought up that Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig [SKG] has not been participating in the discussion of a proposed Faculty of Cross-Cultural Studies.

A comment was made regarding the HESA diversity survey that was conducted - it was brought to the attention of the Senate that in many cases, individuals received multiple requests to complete the survey questionnaire.

21.12.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Rose Cameron informed the Senate that the Anishinaabe Inendamowin Research Symposium will be held on Friday, February 18th from 1:00-4:00pm. This year's theme is Igniting Our Sacred Fire Through Storytelling.

21.12.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

21.12.10 ADJOURNMENT

- ***Moved [Gruner/R. Cameron]: that Senate adjourn.***

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 3:37pm)