

MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Fourth Regular Meeting of 2022-23
December 2, 2022

Faculty of Humanities and Social Science

L. Burnett, A-A. Deschenes, A. Judge, D. Nyaga, A. Pinheiro, S. Redmond [PTF], A. Ridout, R. Torres, T. Tchir

Faculty of the School of Business and Economics

A. Aziz, G. Mahar, P. Matthews, K. Roberts [PTF], J. Ryan

Faculty of Cross-Cultural Studies

B. Gordon [PTF], S. Gruner, P. Steeves, D. Woodman, L. Wyper

Faculty of Science

L. Bloomfield [Speaker], W. Dew, P. Dupuis, J. Foote, M. Garcia, D. Keough, C. Lemieux, N. Shaw, C. Zhang

[regrets: C. Madliger; absent: E. Ho-Tassone [PTF]]

Other Members

D. Marasco [Secretary], T. Spurway, I. Imre, T. Van Weerden, M. Twiss,

[regrets: A. Vezina, M. Piercey-Normore, absent: W. Wei, N. Trudeau, Hugh Stevenson, M. Quayyum, L. Doxtater, I. WInters]

Guests

N. Murray

The Speaker called the meeting of the Senate to order at 1:06 pm.

22.12.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- ***Moved [Keough/Lemieux]: that the agenda for the December 2, 2022 meeting of the Senate be approved.***

The Speaker requested that Information Item 22.12.05.02 Innovation in Teaching and Research be moved to the beginning of the Senate meeting after approval of the minutes.

Motion carried.

22.12.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the previous meeting

- ***Moved [Lemieux/Nyaga]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the minutes from the Senate meeting of November 4, 2022.***

Motion carried.

22.12.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

22.12.03.01 Senate Committee Membership

- ***Moved [Nyaga/Khan]: that the Algoma University Senate approve Dr. Michael Twiss, Dean, Faculty of Science to serve on the following standing committees of the Senate for the 2022-23 Senate year: Appeals and Academic Standards, Research Advisory Committee.***

Motion carried.

22.12.03.02 Distinguished Faculty Award, Senate Award

- ***Moved [Khan/Nyaga]: that the meeting of the Senate be moved in camera.***

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Nyaga/Khan]: that the meeting of the Senate be moved out of camera.***

Motion carried.

The Speaker reminded Senators that what was discussed in closed session should be considered confidential.

The Speaker asked for a motion to approve the motions that were approved while in camera.

- ***Moved [Dew/Ahmed]: that the motions approved by the University Senate while in camera be approved in open session.***

Motion carried.

22.12.04 **DECISION ITEMS (for action or information)**
22.12.04.01 **Curriculum Committee**

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

- ***Moved [Khan/Nyaga]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following revised courses as submitted by the School of Social Work:***

From:

SWRK3206 Critical Social Work Practice: Anishinaabe, Structural and Feminist Perspectives

This course enables students to critically analyze social realities and social work knowledge, theories and approaches, with an aim of developing a critical, reflexive, and anti-oppressive approach to social work practice. Theories of power, oppression, and resistance and processes of social change will be examined, with a focus on integrating structural, Anishinaabe and feminist perspectives. These critical approaches will be contrasted with dominant approaches to social work practice. The aim of this course is to equip students to address social injustice and engage in social change processes through social work practice in Indigenous, northern, rural, and remote contexts. Prerequisite: This course is restricted to students admitted into the professional years or permission from the instructor. (SEM/WIL 3) (3 cr)

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Rationale:

SWRK 3206 is a third year course for social work students. The original prerequisite for this course was the admission to the Professional Years of the BSW program. The School of Social

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Work removed the Professional Years admission process and this has been approved by the Senate. As a result, it is mandatory that students have the required prerequisites from second year to take this course (see details above).

From:

SWRK3456 Social Work Research and Program Evaluation

This course recognizes the ethical and professional responsibility of social workers to evaluate the effectiveness of their practice and the programs in which it takes place, to contribute to social work's knowledge base and to use research literature to guide decision-making in anti-oppressive practice and program development. Students will learn to critically evaluate the findings of social work research and to develop their competence in various approaches to qualitative and quantitative research. The course will consider the particular challenges of conducting research and program development in Northern, remote/rural, Anishinaabe and Franco-Ontarian communities. Prerequisites: SWRK 2106/2107. This course is restricted to students admitted into the professional years. (SEM/WIL 3) (3 cr)

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Rationale:

SWRK 3456 is a third year course for social work students. The original prerequisite for this course was the admission to the Professional Years of the BSW program. The School of Social Work removed the Professional Years admission process and this has been approved by the Senate. As a result, it is mandatory that students have the required prerequisites from second year to take this course (see details above).

From:

SWRK3596 Social Work Philosophy and Ethics

This course will examine social work ethics in the context of Social Work (particularly structural
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and anti-oppressive Social Work) and Anishinaabe world views and values. Students will become familiar with the CASSWE Code of Ethics as well as the IFSW Code of Ethics. They will learn to critically think about ethical issues in carrying out the tasks of Social Work practice, policy and research in the context of Northern and remote/rural settings. Models of ethical decision-making processes, critical thinking and problem-solving are explored and applied to micro, mezzo and macro levels of practice. Prerequisites: SWRK 2356. This course is restricted to students admitted into the professional years. (SEM/EXP 3) (3 cr)

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Rationale:

SWRK 3596 is a third year course for social work students. The original prerequisite for this course was the admission to the Professional Years of the BSW program. The School of Social Work removed the Professional Years admission process and this has been approved by the Senate. As a result, it is mandatory that students have the required prerequisites from second year to take this course (see details above).

Motion carried.

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

POLI4506 Resistance and Revolution

This course explores the meanings, causes, strategies, and effects of political revolution and resistance to regimes of power. We will study the lasting influence of Socratic critical thinking and Aristotle's notion of political action (praxis), civil disobedience, violent vs. non-violent forms of resistance, Hegel's master-slave dialectic, decolonizing practice, psychological and spiritual dimensions of political struggle, indigenous resistance to settler state and capitalist hegemony, Marx's account of revolution and teleological history, Arendt's account of modern republican

revolutions, and contemporary cases of resistance. Prerequisite: Restricted to students in an honours degree program offered by the Department of Law and Politics or permission of the department. (SEM 3) (3 cr)

Rationale:

This course was an interesting addition to the POLI course offerings two years ago, as a topics course in the spring session. POLI wants to offer it again this spring, and again every 3 springs, so would like to change it from a topics course to a permanent one. Resistance and revolution are core concepts within the study of politics.

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Torres/Tchir]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following program revision to the specialization in Political Thought [minor modification as per the IQAP] as submitted by the Department of Law and Politics:***

To:

The addition of POLI4506 Resistance and Revolution to the approved course list for the specialization in Political Thought.

Rationale:

POLI4506 Resistance and Revolution [new course] has been added to the approved course list for the specialization in Political Thought [subdiscipline]

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Wyper/Nyaga]: that the Algoma University Senate accept the recommendation from the Curriculum Committee of Senate to approve the proposed course rosters for the 2023-24 academic year as follows:***

FACULTY OF CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES

Department of Community Economic and Social Development [CESD ROSTER](#)

Department of Geography, Geology and Land Stewardship [GEOG GEOL ROSTER](#)

Department of Sociology [SOCI ROSTER](#)

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Department of English and History [ENGL HIST ROSTER](#)

Department of Law and Politics [JURI POLI ROSTER](#)

Department of Modern Languages [MODL ROSTER](#)

Department of Music and Visual Art [MUSC VISA ROSTER](#)

School of Social Work [SWRK ROSTER](#)

FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

School of Business and Economics [SBE ROSTER](#)

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Department of Biology [BIOL ENVS ROSTER](#)

Department of Psychology [PSYC ROSTER](#)

School of Computer Science and Technology [SCST ROSTER](#)

Motion carried.

22.12.04.02 Senate Adjunct Professors - School of Life Science and the Environment

- ***Moved [Wyper/Foote]: that the Algoma University Senate approved Dr. Naomi Delventhal to the rank of Senate Adjunct Professor for a three-year term effective July 1, 2022 as submitted by the School of Life Science and the Environment.***

Motion carried.

- ***Moved [Keough/Dupuis]: that the Algoma University Senate approve Dr. Elaine Ho-Tassone to the rank of Senate Adjunct Professor for a three-year term effective July 1, 2022 as submitted by the School of Life Science and the Environment.***

Motion carried.

22.12.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (for action or information)

22.12.05.01 Innovation in Teaching and Research

Dr. Nathan Murray and Dr. Paulette Steeves presented to the Senate.

22.12.05.02 Honorary Degree, Distinguished Faculty Award, Senate

Award

Nominations for Honorary degree have been extended until December 23, 2022. Nominations should be forwarded to the Speaker of Senate, Dr. Laurie Bloomfield and the Secretary of Senate, David Marasco. [investiture June 10, 2023].

22.12.06 STANDING REPORTS

22.12.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Dr. Dupuis informed the Senate of the following that was discussed at the last meeting of the Board of Governors:

- Higher Education Strategies Associates [HESA] presentation regarding EDI climate study
- Dr. Nirosha Murugan provided Board members with her research
- Financial policies were approved

22.12.06.02 Decanal Report

The Deans provided the Senate with a written report.

22.12.06.03 Vice-President Academic and Research

The VPAR provided the Senate with a written report.

21.12.06.04 President and Vice-Chancellor

The President provided the Senate with a written report.

22.12.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

None

22.12.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

22.12.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Garcia informed the Senate of the collaboration with Unity Industries regarding software tools for games.

Dr. Nyaga informed the Senate of the planned international conference on Mental Health and Addictions to be held at the end of April 2023. Anyone interested in being part of the planning committee should contact the School of Social Work.

Dr. Deschenes informed the Senate of the successful Jazz Ensemble evening held earlier this week.

22.12.10 ADJOURNMENT

➤ ***Moved [Steeves/Aziz]: that the Senate adjourn.***

Motion carried. [Senate adjourned at 2:11 pm]