



**Algoma University Senate
Second Regular Meeting of 2023-24
October 6, 2023 at 1:00 pm via Zoom video conference**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Science: Chalykoff, DeLuca, Douville, Nyaga, Tchir [Deputy Speaker], Torres, Turgeon
[absent/regrets: Burnett, Ridout]

Faculty of the School of Business and Economics: Aziz, Matthews, Roberts [PTF], Ryan
[absent/regrets: Ryan]

Faculty of Cross-Cultural Studies: N. Cameron, B. Gordon [PTF], Gruner, Meades, Steeves
[absent/regrets: Gruner]

Faculty of Science: Bloomfield [Speaker], Dew, Dupuis, Keough, Lemieux, Rahman, Schamp, Xu, Zhang
[absent/regrets: Ho-Tassone [PTF], Madliger]

Other Members: Al-Krenawi, Kosuta, Scullion, Twiss, Wei, Withers
[absent/regrets: S. Khan, Patel, Piercey-Normore, Ryall, Spurway, Vezina]

Guests: Imre, Quesnele, Sengupta, Turco, Wyper

CALL TO ORDER

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

23.10.01 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved [Roberts /Meades]: that the agenda for the October 6, 2023 meeting of the Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

23.10.02 APPROVAL OF MINUTES, from the meeting September 8, 2023 [\[link\]](#)

Moved [Scullion / Meades]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the minutes from the Senate meeting of September 8, 2023.

Motion carried. 1 abstention.

23.10.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information) - N/A

23.10.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

23.10.04.01 Updated Senate Membership [\[link\]](#)

Moved [Lemieux / Roberts]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the revised Senate membership effective July 1, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried.

Discussion:

- A Senator asked about the vacancy in the SASA Representative position; the Speaker will reach out again.

23.10.04.02 Updated Senate Committee Membership [\[link\]](#)

Moved [Nyaga / Withers]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the revised Senate committee membership beginning July 1, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried.

Discussion:

- Senator discussed the vacancy on the Research Advisory Committee with respect to the representative from any of the Faculties with a good understanding of Indigenous cultures and education. It was suggested that Demi fill this role and that a different representative from the FHSS be selected. The Speaker will reach out to the Faculty Chair to discuss this.

23.10.04.03 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee [\[link\]](#)

Moved [Nyaga / Lemieux]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the tenure-track hire in the area/expertise of Health Psychology in Brampton, to replace the approved tenure-track hire in Clinical Psychology in Brampton as requested and approved at AppCom.

Motion carried.

Discussion: None

23.10.04.04 Curriculum Committee [[link](#)]

Moved [Schamp / Meades]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of Law and Politics:

- JURI4XXX Mental Health, Addictions and the Law

Motion carried.

Discussion:

- A Senator expressed their excitement for this approval given that this will be a first course of its kind to focus on the law and mental health.

Moved [Turgeon / Meades]: that the Algoma University Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of History:

- HIST 1001: Introduction to Canada, Past and Present

Motion carried.

Discussion:

- A Senator expressed their excitement for this approval given the inclusion of rich, diverse histories included in the course that will aid in truth telling and decolonization.
- A Senator inquired about a group of courses with respect to certificates in the Faculty of Science that require changes to entrance averages. It was determined that this item would first be brought to the Quality Assurance Committee, then sent to the Senate Executive Committee for consideration on the next Senate agenda.
- It was clarified that all requests for Senate agenda items must be first submitted to the Senate Executive Committee in advance of their regularly scheduled meetings (on Wednesdays 10 days prior to Senate meetings) for consideration of Senate agenda inclusion.

23.10.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees) - N/A

23.10.06 STANDING REPORTS

23.10.06.01 Board of Governors Representative Report [[link](#)]

Dupuis advised that his report was submitted. No questions.

Discussion: None

23.10.06.02 Decanal Reports [[link](#)]

The three deans provided an overview of their reports.

Discussion:

- Senators discussed opportunities to bring multiple units within the university together to focus on health sciences in a unique manner.
- Senators also broadly discussed current research and activities related to climate change that are underway.

23.10.06.03 Vice-President Academic and Research's Report [\[link\]](#)

Piercey-Normore (VPAR) sent regrets in advance of the meeting.

Discussion: None

23.10.06.04 President and Vice-Chancellor's Report [\[link\]](#)

Vežina sent regrets in advance of the meeting.

Discussion: None

23.09.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

- The Secretary introduced the new Board Member on Senate, Sonja Kosuta, and provided an opportunity for brief remarks.
- Senators discussed the university's relationships with third party recruitment agencies and requested that a presentation be provided at an upcoming Senate meeting with respect to how these partnerships can better serve the needs of the university and the preparation of students. It was suggested that Craig Fowler (Vice-President, Growth & External Relations) and Brent Krmpotich (Associate Vice-President, International Affairs and Recruitment) be invited to present to Senate on such. It was also suggested that third party agents perhaps be included in such presentation. Senators also discussed potential opportunities to engage the Board and Senate, and wider university community on this topic to include other members of faculty (perhaps a special meeting or town hall format).

23.10.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- Senators discussed the potential for incorporating more trees on campus to aid in the climate change issues and that a holistic view of such with cultural implications would be prudent.

23.10.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meades announced an event hosted by a special topics course on November 2, 2023 focused on housing law and tenant rights and invited all to attend and promote to students who may benefit from such.

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- N. Cameron reminded Senators of the raised garden beds on campus that are a result of numerous partnerships internal and external to the university.
- Torres announced a Brown Bag Seminar entitled “Unpacking the Menace of Islamophobia: The Role of Social Workers” scheduled for October 2, 2023.

23.10.10 ADJOURNMENT

Moved [N. Cameron / Meades]: to adjourn the Senate meeting 2:06pm.

Motion carried.