

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Fifth Regular Meeting of 2019 - 2020
January 10, 2020**

Humanities Faculty

M. Graydon, W. Johnston, T. O'Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, C. Ross, M. Ross [PTF], R. Rutherford, N. Shaw, D. Woodman

Social Science Faculty

N. Aziz, R. Cameron, K. DeLuca, C. Denomme, D. Galotta, A. Gordon, M. Mclellan [PTF], T. Tchir, L. Wyper
[absent: W. Lo]

Science Faculty

L. Bloomfield [Speaker], D. Brodbeck, S. Butler [PTF], N. Cameron, P. Dupuis, J. Foote, Y. Feng, D. Keough, S. Xu, C. Zhang

Other Members

D. Anaquod, M. Ditoro, M. Jones, D. Marasco [Secretary], E. Riauka, D. Rogers, S. Shaver, H. Stevenson, A. Trudeau
[regrets: C. Assiniwai, A. Vezina]

Guests

J. Syrette

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

20.01.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- ***Moved [Brodbeck/Keough]: that the agenda for the January 10, 2020 meeting of Senate be approved.***

Motion carried.

20.01.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of December 6, 2019

- ***Moved [Keough/Dupuis]: that Senate approve the minutes from the Senate meeting of December 6, 2019.***

A correction was requested regarding the Senate minutes, specifically, A. Trudeau opposed the December minutes and did not abstain.

Motion carried. [two abstentions for the record, D. Woodman, A. Trudeau]

20.01.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)
20.01.03.01 Algoma University Senate membership

- ***Moved [Graydon/Meades]: that Senate approve the following Senate membership for the remainder of the 2019-20 Senate year:***

Dr. Winnie Lo, member-at-large, Social Science Faculty;
Dr. Laura Wyper, member-at-large, Social Science Faculty;
Dr. Hugh Stevenson, Board of Governors' representative to Senate

Motion carried.

20.01.04 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)
20.01.04.01 Academic Planning - Department name change

- ***Moved [N. Cameron/Graydon]: that Academic Planning and Priorities recommends to the Algoma University Senate the following department name change:***

From

Department of Geography and Geology

To

Department of Geography, Geology and Land Stewardship

Background

The Department of Geography & Geology has now co-hosted (with the Anishinaabe Initiatives Division) three biennial Taking Care of Our Land Symposiums (Gdo Akiiminaan Ganawendandaan) in 2015, 2017, and 2019. Hosting these symposiums led to a partnership with the National Aboriginal Land Managers Association (NALMA). In September 2018, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with NALMA to offer Level 1 of the Professional Lands Management Certification Program (PLMCP) at Algoma University.

The Department launched Level 1 in May 2019 and the programming consists of 6 courses (18 credits) including intensive and online offerings. Students have an opportunity to take the Level 1 land stewardship courses for NALMA's Professional Lands Management Certification Program, Algoma University's Akii & Environmental Stewardship Certificate, and also as part of their Geography degree program.

Rationale

The addition of "Land Stewardship" to the Department's name (Department of Geography, Geology, and Land Stewardship) more accurately reflects the departmental offerings and better communicates the programming currently being offered.

Motion carried.

20.01.04.01 Quality Assurance Committee - Composition

- ***Moved [Rogers/Tchir]: that Senate approve the following membership change to the composition of the Quality Assurance Committee:***

From

Membership:

- The Chief Academic Officer;
- One representative from each Faculty with an established record in program administration elected by the Faculty for a 3-year term;
- The University Registrar;

- **The Manager, Academic Development and Quality Assurance;**
- Two students.

**To
Membership:**

- The Chief Academic Officer;
- One representative from each Faculty with an established record in program administration elected by the Faculty for a 3-year term;
- The University Registrar;
- **The Academic Support Officer;**
- Two students.

Rationale:

- 1) Enable the Committee to make comprehensive and explicit use of Academic Support Officer's quality assurance related knowledge and institutional memory
- 2) The Academic Support Officer's front-line insight and long-standing expertise would provide a reasoned, informed, comprehensive and expert input into all matters related to the Committee's work
- 3) A full input on and comprehensive engagement with Quality Assurance matters as part of Committee proceedings will positively contribute to Academic Support Officer's professional growth and advancement opportunities and enable her to take an increasingly broader role in the context of the Quality Assurance Office
- 4) The Academic Support Officer's increased contributions to the work of the Committee and the Quality Assurance Office will be very much needed over the coming year when we will be required to address in a timely, expert and comprehensive manner the recommendations of the External Audit Committee that paid us a visit and reviewing our IQAP compliance on November 28-29, 2019.

Motion carried.

20.04.04.03 Scholarship/Awards event [January 22, 2020] - Academic Amnesty

- ***Moved [Graydon/Gordon]: that Senate Executive encourages individual faculty members to consider granting academic amnesty during the***

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Scholarship and Awards event planned for Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 5:00 – 7:00pm. The academic amnesty is to be extended to all registered students of Algoma University who will be invited to participate during the event. The amnesty will include:

- o **No penalties for students absent from, and/or late to, lectures and tutorials with mandatory attendance;**
- o **Rescheduling assessment activities (including tests, exams, labs, and any other compulsory activities) to an earlier/later date;**
- o **Allowing students to attend alternate sections of labs and tutorials.**

Rationale:

The intent is to increase student participation during this important event when we celebrate student academic performance and scholarship while at the same time acknowledging the many donors who support various scholarships.

Motion carried.

20.01.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (for action or information)
20.01.05.01 Academic Success and Innovation

M. Ross highlighted how the ENGL 1801 students were being assisted by the Learning Centre, specifically, the Learning Strategist.

Trudeau mentioned how pleased she was to see more and more classes with indigenous content being delivered at Algoma University.

20.01.06 STANDING REPORTS
20.01.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

The Senate representative to the Board of Governors [Dr. Paul Dupuis] has not been to a Board meeting as of yet. His mandatory records check was recently approved earlier this week and his name should be approved prior to the January Board of Governors meeting.

20.01.06.02 Academic Dean

The Dean submitted a written report.

20.01.06.03 President

The President submitted a written report.

20.01.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked to the strategic direction of the University, specifically, how the strategic plan, SMA and academic plan play a part in the direction.

It was noted that the University continues to focus on four priorities including student experience, enrolment, special mission and experiential learning. It was also discussed that an effort needs to be made to ensure the institutional plans including the strategic plan, academic plan, and internationalization plan are aligned and able to work together.

20.01.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

20.01.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Anishinaabe scholar will be hosted by Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig in the Shingwauk Auditorium on March 23 -- more information will follow.

The grand opening of the Shingwauk Anishinaabe Student Association lounge will be held on January 29 at 11:00am. Invitations and itinerary will follow.

20.01.10 ADJOURNMENT

➤ ***Moved [Brodbeck/M. Ross]: that Senate adjourn.***

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 1:33pm)