

**MINUTES OF SENATE  
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY  
Fourth Regular Meeting of 2012-2013  
November 2, 2012**

**Humanities Division**

L. Burnett, M. DiSanto, D. Innes, R. Isard, W. Johnston, W. Newbigging, T. O’Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, C. Ross

(regrets: R. Rutherford, H. Webkamigad; on leave: A. Bondar, N. Boyle)

**Social Sciences**

G. Broad, J. Clarke, N. Cruickshank, K. DeLuca, D. Galotta, S. Gruner, J. Hermida, K. Kadiyala, P. Matthews, N. Shaw, D. Woodman

(regrets: R. Cameron, D. Jackson, L. Turner, A. Vaillancourt)

**Sciences**

P. Antunes, L. Bloomfield, D. Brodbeck, P. Dupuis (Speaker), Y. Feng, M. Garcia-Ruiz, I. Imre, I. Molina, C. Reed-Elder, B. Schamp, S. Xu, C. Zhang

(regrets: J. Foote, E. James, W. Osei)

**Other Members**

T. Fabiano, K. Hernden, S. Kitts, R. Linklater, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. Myers, A. Oluwatosin, A. Perlini, J. Reid, R. Rickard, D. Schantz, R. Totime

(regrets: L. Williams; absent: E. Benton-Benai, K. Drew, H. McClure)

**Guests**

C. Denomme, M. Graydon, J. Mantello, J. Syrette

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:03pm.

**12.11.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Speaker informed Senate that the agenda requires an amendment to allow for the approval of new senators. He asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

***Moved (Brodbeck/Newbigging): that the agenda for the October meeting be amended to allow for the approval of new senators.***

Motion carried.

***Moved (Reed-Elder/Clarke): that Senate approve Professor Dave Galotta to replace Dr. Henry Hornstein as a member of Senate representing the Social Science Division.***

Motion carried.

***Moved (Reed-Elder/Brodbeck): that Senate approve Sherri Kitts as a member of Senate from APC.***

Motion carried.

**12.11.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of October 5, 2012**

***Moved (Brodbeck/Clarke): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of October 5, 2012.***

Motion carried.

**12.11.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)  
12.11.03.01 Nominations for Honourary Degree**

Dupuis reminded Senate the deadline for nominations for the Honourary Degree, the Senate Award and the Distinguished Faculty Award is Friday, November 16, 2012 (investiture June 8, 2013). Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Paul Dupuis, Speaker of Senate and David Marasco, Secretary of Senate.

**12.11.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)  
12.11.04.01 Curriculum Committee – course roster 2013SP**

***Moved (Schamp/Reed-Elder): that Senate approve the course roster for spring 2013.***

Marasco noted the omission of ECON 1006/1007, ECON 3076/3077 from the proposed spring 2013 course roster and asked that Senate approve the roster as amended.

Motion carried.

**12.11.04.02 Curriculum Committee – cross-listing policy**

***Moved (Schamp/Marasco): that Senate approve the Cross-listing Course Policy as submitted.***

Marasco spoke to the policy.

Reed-Elder asked for guidance for the policy regulations with respect to changes to a cross-listed course and who is responsible.

Galotta asked about the guidelines, specifically, the last bullet which explains internal reporting.

Marasco clarified that depending on what course the student registers for, the internal FTE reporting would be assigned to that specific department.

Reed-Elder asked that the policy be referred to the committee.

***Moved (Reed-Elder/Clarke): that Senate refer the Cross-listing Policy back to the Curriculum Committee.***

Motion carried.

#### **12.11.04.03 Curriculum Committee – motions**

***Moved (Burnett/Ridout): that Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of English:***

***ENGL 2706 Biography: Writing Lives***

***This course will examine biography, a popular, influential, and yet, understudied genre of literature. Students will explore forms of narratives based on real lives by reading a selection of representative books on a range of persons (i.e. artists, authors, musicians) written during different historical periods. Essays on the genre will also be used to illuminate its aims and significance. No pre-requisite. (lec 3) 3 cr***

Reed-Elder suggested that i.e. be revised eg.

Motion carried.

***Moved (Galotta/Matthews): that Senate approve the course additions of ADMN 1016 and ADMN 1126 to the winter 2013 roster at Brampton.***

Galotta commented that the courses were necessary to appeal to a broader cohort of students at the Brampton campus.

Motion carried.

#### **12.11.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (for action)** **12.11.05.01 APPCOM – hiring priorities**

Schantz reported that the committee is still reviewing the data provided by the Registrar and the individual departmental requests.

#### **12.11.05.02 APC report**

Reed-Elder welcomed Sherri Kitts to Senate as a member representing the Aboriginal Peoples Council (APC). She added that the Anishinaabe Student Success Division hosted a cross-cultural workshop, APC hosted an Elders Day and that the council is currently working on a strategic plan.

## **12.11.06 STANDING REPORTS**

### **12.11.06.01 Board of Governors Representative Report**

Galotta informed Senate the next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2012.

### **12.11.06.02 President's Report**

The President reported on the following items:

- Meetings were held this week with officials at SKG in an effort to expand ANIS programming. Some progress has been made aimed at finalizing an agreement.
- The mayor of Brockville, ON has contact Algoma indicating interest for block programming as a feeder system for upper year programming at the main campus.
- The visits to North University of China and the University of Jinan in early November were quite successful with the signing of 2+2 agreements with each institution in the area of Computer Science. Thanks for the work of Dr. Simon Xu and David Marasco on the agreements.
- Renovations to the faculty lounge are complete.
- A successful convocation ceremony was held in Brampton in late October. Former premier Bill Davis gave the convocation address.

### **12.10.06.03 Dean's Report**

The Dean submitted a written report.

## **12.10.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD**

Schantz addressed concerns with some of the academic challenges international students were facing this term. He informed Senate that work is currently underway with programming to assist students for academic preparedness. He added that the faculty are attempting to accommodate a variety of international student skill sets in an effort for them to succeed.

The situation requires additional support systems to have the students accumulate the requisite knowledge/skill sets including analytical skills. Some students are struggling in remedial courses offering significant challenges which will affect their academic progression. A university foundation program will allow these students the necessary skills in identify the gaps and meet the needs of the students. There is an immediate need to be addressed and the faculty have been very supportive in the transition program. The program will provide for a creative learning environment.

With respect to the curriculum of the foundation program, the process will follow the current senate approvals and will ensure that academic programs are not comprised during the approval process.

**12.10.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**12.10.09 AJOURNMENT**

***Moved (Brodbeck/Newbigging): that Senate adjourn.***

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 2:35)