

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Second Regular Meeting of 2013-2014
September 13, 2013**

Humanities Division

N. Boyle, L. Burnett, W. Johnston, T. O’Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, C. Ross, E. Turgeon
(regrets: R. Isard, H. Webkamigad; on leave: A. Bondar, R. Rutherford)

Social Sciences

H. Allen, G. Broad, R. Cameron, J. Clarke, N. Cruickshank, K. DeLuca, M. Graydon, D. Jackson, K. Kadiyala, P. Matthews, N. Shaw, A. Vaillancourt
(regrets: C. Denomme, D. Galotta, S. Gruner)

Sciences

P. Antunes, D. Brodbeck, N. Cameron, M. Garcia-Ruiz, E. James, I. Imre (Speaker), S. Xu, C. Zhang
(regrets: P. Dupuis, Y. Feng, J. Foote, W. Osei, G. Townsend; absent: I. Molina, C. Reed-Elder)

Other Members

K. Hernden, S. Kitts, M. Lajoie, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. Myers, B. Peltsch, A. Perlini, J. Reid, D. Schantz, N. Stratton, K. Teller, L. Wurdemann
(absent: E. Benton-Benai, L. Connor, R. Linklater, R. Oklapa)

Guests

S. Crowell, T. Fabiano, A. Gordon, H. Hornstein, H. Luitel, B. MacKinnon, J. Mahar, M. McLellan, N. Robinson, M. Rossetto, B. Schamp, J. Syrette

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

13.09.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (Broad/Marasco): that the agenda for the September 2013 meeting of Senate be approved.

The Speaker informed Senate of a change to the agenda adding item 13.09.04.05 under Decision Items – awarding of a posthumous degree.

Motion carried.

13.09.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of June 7, 2013

Moved (Brodbeck/Broad): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2013.

Motion carried.

13.09.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)
13.09.03.01 Senate Executive – senate membership

Moved (Brodbeck/Hernden): that Senate approve the Senate membership for the 2013 senate year as submitted.

Johnston commented that Dr. Marisha Caswell should be added as a member of Senate from the Humanities division.

Marasco stated that the senate membership would be updated.

Motion carried.

13.09.03.02 Senate Executive – Senate committee membership

Moved (Broad/ Marasco): that Senate approve the Senate Committee membership for the 2013 senate year as submitted.

Marasco stated the changes to the committee membership for the 2013 senate year and informed members that the updated list would be forwarded.

Motion carried.

13.09.03.03 Decanal Review/Search committee

Moved (Lajoie/Marasco): that Senate approve of the change to the preamble of the Decanal Review/Search Committee as follows:

From:

*Senate shall recommend to the Board a candidate for appointment or reappointment as Academic Dean, normally once every three years. Senate shall select a Decanal Review/Search Committee to assist in this task; the Committee shall be formed not less than **nine** months prior to the conclusion of the serving Dean's term of office. The committee shall consist of:*

- a) One academic staff representative from each Division,*
- b) One representative from the sessional faculty,*
- c) One staff representative,*
- d) One student representative,*
- e) The Registrar,*
- f) The President (non-voting)*

To:

*Senate shall recommend to the Board a candidate for appointment or reappointment as Academic Dean, normally once every three years. Senate shall select a Decanal Review/Search Committee to assist in this task; the Committee shall be formed not less than **twelve** months prior to the conclusion of the serving Dean's term of office. The committee shall consist of:*

- a) One academic staff representative from each Division,*
- b) One representative from the sessional faculty,*
- c) One staff representative,*
- d) One student representative,*
- e) The Registrar,*
- f) The President (non-voting)*

Rationale:

This revision is necessary in order to allow the preamble of the membership to be consistent with the terms of reference of the Decanal Review/Search Committee, specifically, the 'appointment clause'.

'Senate shall recommend to the Board a candidate for appointment or reappointment as Academic Dean, normally once every three years. Senate shall select a Decanal Review/Search Committee to assist in this task; the Committee shall be formed not less than twelve months prior to the conclusion of the serving Dean's term of office.'

Motion carried.

13.09.03.04 Senate Executive – AD HOC committee to review Senate By-laws

Speaker asked for nominations from the Humanities and Social Science Division. Professor Brandon Schamp was nominated to represent the Science Division.

Broad stated that nominations from the Social Science Division would be brought forward after the next division meeting.

13.09.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

13.09.04.01 Office of the Registrar – registrarial dates/deadlines 2014 – 2015

Moved (Brodbeck/Johnson): that Senate approve the registrarial dates and deadlines for the 2013/2014 academic year as submitted.

Graydon asked if the 2015 fall term could begin the week after Labour Day as is the case this year and next.

The Registrar stated that it was prohibitive due to the fact that Labour Day during the 2015 calendar year is late.

Motion carried.

13.09.04.02 Curriculum Committee – motion

Moved (Broad/Perlini): that Senate approve the following transition and foundation course additions to the fall 2013 and winter 2014 terms:

2013F

ADMN 1016C, ADMN1016D, ADMN1016E, ADMN 1126C, ADMN 1126D

COSC 1101A

ECON 1006C

ENGL 1101B, ENGL 1101C, ENGL 1101D

MATH 1101A, MATH 1911B

UNFP 1101A, UNFP1101B, UNFP 1102A

2014W

ADMN 1016B, ADMN 1016C, ADMN 1126B, ADMN 1126C

COSC 1046A

ENGL 1101B

MATH 1101A, MATH 1911A

UNFP 1101A, UNFP 1102A

Motion carried.

13.09.04.03 Honourary Degree, Senate Award, Distinguished Faculty Award

Speaker of Senate reminded members to submit nominations along with rationale by Friday, November 22, 2013 to the attention of the Speaker and Secretary of Senate.

13.09.04.04 Academic Colleague – Council of Ontario Universities

Speaker stated that Dr. Edna James has served as the Algoma University's Academic Colleague and that her term has expired. To this end, nominations were in order.

Imre asked if she would like to stand for next term -- Dr. James stated she would like to be nominated for another term.

Hernden nominated Dr. Dave Brodbeck.

After a ballot vote, Dr. Dave Brodbeck was pronounced as the AU Academic Colleague.

The Speaker thanked Dr. James for her service at the Council of Universities.

13.09.04.05 Awarding of a degree posthumously – motion

The President reminded Senate that the university awarded a degree posthumously to a student at the June meeting of Senate. Moving forward to codify the approval process, he asked the Registrar to develop a policy on the Awarding of Posthumous Degrees – the policy is currently at the committee level. He also informed Senate that yet another current student has passed and asked Senate to award his degree posthumously.

Moved (Myers/Perlini): that Senate confer the degree of Honours Bachelor of Computer Science to William Battison.

Motion carried. (unanimous)

13.09.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (report of committees)

None.

13.069.06 STANDING REPORTS

13.09.06.01 Board of Governor Representative

Johnston stated the Board is scheduled to meet in October.

13.09.06.01 Dean

The Dean provided Senate with a written report.

13.09.06.03 VPAR

The VPAR provided an oral report. Schantz spoke of a number of action items at APPCOM.

Research Advisory Committee:

- helping guide university in research pursuits
- informed faculty to watch for emails that would be circulated regarding funding opportunities
- application for funding to support small universities
- additional research funding information.

He also spoke of different initiatives:

- Resources Canada, Ontario Group and Sault College working together – cooperative adventures.
- Sault College initiatives - working with faculty to improve programs and ideas
- Discussion with Northern Ontario School of Medicine of opportunities that they see in the region.
- Further developing of the foundation/transition program

McLellan asked for a confirmation of NSERC application deadline.

Schantz stated that timelines would be forwarded to faculty by email.

13.09.06.04 President

The president provided Senate with a written report.

13.09.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

Jackson informed Senate members of Gary Miller's Art Display that would be available for viewing all month.

The President informed Senators that Dr. Newbigging has resigned after 20 years of service and thanked him for the time he had worked at Algoma University.

The Speaker reminded committee chairs to submit all minutes of committees to the Secretary of Senate.

Reid reminded Senate of Algoma U's Open House for prospective students taking place Saturday, November 16th, 2013.

13.09.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

13.09.09 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Brodbeck/Johnson) that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 1:47pm)

