

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Sixth Regular Meeting of 2012-2013
January 11, 2013**

Humanities Division

L. Burnett, W. Johnston, W. Newbigging, T. O'Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, C. Ross, R. Rutherfordale
(regrets: M. DiSanto, D. Innes, R. Isard, A. Ridout; absent: H. Webkamigad; on leave: A. Bondar, N. Boyle)

Social Sciences

G. Broad, R. Cameron, N. Cruickshank, D. Galotta, J. Hermida, D. Jackson, K. Kadiyala, P. Matthews, L. Turner, A. Vaillancourt
(regrets: K. DeLuca, S. Gruner, D. Woodman; absent: J. Clarke, N. Shaw)

Sciences

P. Antunes, L. Bloomfield, P. Dupuis (Speaker), J. Foote, M. Garcia-Ruiz, I. Imre, C. Reed-Elder, B. Schamp, S. Xu, C. Zhang
(regrets: Y. Feng, E. James, I. Molina, W. Osei; absent: B. Schamp)

Other Members

T. Fabiano, K. Hernden, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. Myers, A. Perlini, J. Reid, R. Rickard, D. Schantz, R. Totime
(regrets: L. Williams; absent: E. Benton-Benai, K. Drew, S. Kitts, R. Linklater, H. McClure, A. Oluwatosin)

Guests

C. Denomme, M. Graydon, H. Hornstein, G. Mahar, J. Syrette

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:01pm.

13.01.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (Brodbeck/Bloomfield): that the agenda for the January 11, 2013 meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

13.01.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of December 7, 2012

Moved (Bloomfield/Foote): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of December 7, 2012.

Galotta asked whether the minutes from the last meeting could reflect discussion regarding input from departments in determining the number of foundation credits that could be applied to a specific degree program.

Motion carried (as amended).

13.01.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

None.

13.01.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

13.01.04.01 Academic Planning – Brockville Initiative

Moved (Broad/Foote): that Senate approve in principle the Brockville initiative supporting the recommendation of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee for extension programming.

Schantz said the initiative has the opportunity to attract students to the main campus who would otherwise not attend. He added that the university has the support of the community of Brockville and resources/support services will be available to departments interested in participating in the program.

Matthews commented that the academic resources required to support the extension programs are a drain on departments in an effort to maintain high quality of delivery. He mentioned that mentorship of faculty, evaluation and program quality need to be monitored effectively.

O'Flanagan suggested with extension programming, the university is spreading itself too thin in program delivery.

Broad recommended that administration host a one day information session where we can explore the different models of extension programming that the university offers. She added each off-site is unique in program delivery and requires different resources/mechanisms to achieve academic quality.

Moved (Broad/Ross): that Senate request that the Academic Dean organize a workshop/information session for the university community regarding the different off-campus initiatives.

Motions carried.

13.01.04.02 Social Science Division – Professor Emeritus

Moved (Broad/R. Cameron): that Senate grant Professor Emeritus status to Dr. Linda Savory-Gordon.

Rationale

Dr. Linda Savory-Gordon has been a member of the Algoma University community since 1988 (formerly Algoma University College). Highlights of her career at Algoma include leading the development of two

programs, (Community Economic and Social Development and Social Work). In 2010, Dr. Savory-Gordon and was recognized by Senate as a Distinguished Faculty Member. Her retirement from the university as a full-time faculty member was effective December 31, 2012, but Dr. Savory-Gordon intends to continue her research and writing in association with NORDIK Institute. An ongoing university affiliation is highly desirable so that she may continue to apply for research grants and promote Algoma University in forthcoming publications. Therefore, the Social Sciences Division encourages Senators to grant Dr. Savory-Gordon the status of 'Professor Emeritus'.

Motion carried.

13.01.04.03 Senate Executive – notice of motion By-law change

Moved (/): that Senate approve the changes to the membership of the Senate Scholarship Committee as follows:

From:

- a) The University Registrar;
- b) An academic staff member nominated by Senate;
- c) VP Finance and Administration; and,
- d) Director of Recruitment

To:

- a) The University Registrar;
- b) An academic staff member nominated by Senate;
- c) VP Finance and Administration;
- d) Director of Recruitment; and
- e) Director of Anishinaabe Student Success

13.01.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)

13.01.05.01 Scholarship Committee

Moved (Marasco/Reed-Elder): that Senate approve the list of students who have been approved by the Scholarship Committee and have satisfied the criteria for the following scholarships and bursaries: Algoma University Continuing Scholarships, Algoma University Entrance Scholarships, Algoma University Bursaries.

Marasco noted that the committee approved the names of the recipients based on the criteria as followed by the Scholarship/Awards office. In addition, the chairs of each division had an opportunity to review the names of the AU entrance and continuing scholarship student prior to the release of the senate package. He informed Senate that three students forfeited their scholarship on the basis of a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, Academic.

Motion carried.

13.01.05.02 Budget presentation

Sean Dwyer, VP Finance and Administration provided Senate with an information session on the AU budget.

13.01.06 STANDING REPORTS

13.01.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Galotta informed Senate that the Board has not met since November with the next meeting scheduled as part of the Board retreat on February 9. The retreat will focus on internationalization.

13.01.06.02 Dean's report

The Dean submitted a written report.

13.01.06.03 VPAR

Schantz updated Senate on the work of the Academic Planning and Priorities committee. He reported that there are a couple of program initiatives including criminology and environmental science programs that are currently being vetted by some departments and that he is currently evaluating program opportunities that have student demand.

13.01.06.04 President

The President reported on the following:

- Discussion with SKG in finalizing an agreement
- New academic appointments following the recommendation of Academic Planning
- Enrolment direct from high school and the numbers provided by OUAC
- The recipients of the honorary doctorate and the Honourary Member of Algoma University have been contacted and are pleased to accept the awards

Moved (Bloomfield/Johnston): that Senate be extended for 5 minutes.

Motion carried.

Myers added that the agenda for the Board of Governors retreat will be submitted to Board Executive for approval. He added that the event will be open to the AU community at large.

13.01.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

13.01.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

13.01.09 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Brodbeck/Bloomfield): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 3:05pm)