

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Second Regular Meeting of 2015-2016
October 2, 2015**

Humanities Division

N. Boyle, M. DiSanto (Speaker), R. Gaywish, T. O’Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, C. Ross, R. Rutherford, E. Turgeon

Social Sciences

G. Broad, R. Cameron, C. Denomme, D. Galotta, H. Luitel, D. Woodman
(regrets: J. Hermida, V. Jimenez-Estrada, T. Tchir)

Sciences

L. Bloomfield, G. Davies, P. Dupuis, J. Foote, M. Garcia-Ruiz, I. Molina, C. Reed-Elder, C. Zhang
(regrets: W. Osei)

Other Members

C. Chamberlin, R. Commanda, P. Dingle, R. Isard, M. Lajoie, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. McCutcheon, K. Politano, S. Redmond, R. Scott,
(absent: D. Boissoneau, A. Cassar, K. Snape)

Guests

S. Choudhury, J. Clarke, D. Elmore, M. Graydon, D. Helwig, C. Hiller, H. Hornstein, W. Johnston, B. Leahy, S. Petz, D. Rice, Z. Tursunova

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:04pm.

15.10.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (Davies/Turgeon): that the agenda for the October meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

15.10.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of September 11, 2015

Moved (Bloomfield/Broad): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of September 11, 2015.

Ridout requested that comments under the President’s report regarding the relationship of the Board of Governors and Senate be revised.

Motion carried (as amended).

15.10.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)
15.10.03.01 Senate Membership 2015 – 16

Moved (Davies/Turgeon): that Senate approve the following as members of Senate for the 2015 – 2016 senate year:

- ***Part-time teaching staff: Professors Paul Dingle, Michael Lajoie, Dr. Sheila Redmond***
- ***Social Science Division: Dr. Rose Cameron (Social Work vacancy)***

Motion carried.

15.10.03.02 Senate Committee Membership, 2015 – 2016

Moved (R. Cameron/Boyle): that Senate approve the following additions to the senate committee membership:

- ***Academic & Technical Support Committee – Professor Howard Webkamigad representing the Humanities division***
- ***Appeals Committee – Dr. Pedro Antunes and Dr. Edna James as alternates representing the Science division.***

Motion carried.

15.010.03.03 AU By-laws – Ad hoc committee

Moved (Galotta/Bloomfield): that the Senate Executive committee recommends the following membership for the Ad hoc committee to study the Algoma University By-laws and make recommendations to the Senate Executive by May 2016:

- ***one full-time faculty representative nominated from each division;***
- ***one student representative nominated by the Algoma University Students Union;***
- ***one representative (not full-time faculty member) at large from Senate (optional)***

Lajoie commented that two years ago when the Ad hoc committee was first constituted, the part-time teaching staff had one member serving on the committee – he asked if the motion could be amended to reflect PT teaching representation.

Many members of the Senate supported the inclusion.

Marasco suggested that clarification would be required to determine whether the part-time teaching member would represent Senate or would be selected from the PT teaching staff at large.

Broad suggested that instead of a member at large from Senate a part-time faculty member be nominated.

The Speaker commented that prior discussion at the Senate Executive determined that a smaller committee would be more effective than a larger committee and confirmed staying with the motion the way it was presented.

Motion carried (two abstention).

15.10.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)
15.10.04.01 Curriculum Committee – motion

Moved (McCutcheon/Denomme): that Senate approve the course additions of ADMN 3127N Services Marketing (Brampton) and ADMN 4976 Industrial and Labour Relations in Canada to be offered during the winter 2016 term (16W).

Motion carried.

15.10.04.02 Office of the Registrar – Fall Graduands 2015

Moved (Broad/Lajoie): that Senate admit to their respective degrees in-course the following students who have completed all the requirements of their respective degrees and that diplomas for the degrees be conferred.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Alahdal, Ali	Finance and Economics
Alrefaee, Ahmed	Finance and Economics
Aref, Rasha*	Finance and Economics
Lei, Xinyi	Finance and Economics
Scott, Robyn	English
Solis, Nicole	Community Economic & Social Development

Bachelor of Arts (four-year)

Alsef, Mobark	Finance and Economics
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Bachelor of Arts (General)

Benacquista, Alexandra	Sociology
Fremlin, Dylan	Law and Justice
Marks, Ronald	Psychology
Miller, Erin	Anishinaabemowin/Sociology
Quenneville, Jennifer*	Community Development
Shikama, Natsuho	Music
St. Jules, Donna*	Community Economic & Social Development
Vachon, Marquise	Sociology
Wei, Wei	Economics

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours)

Baird, Kernesha	Accounting/Human Resources Management
De Brou, Anniesa	Human Resources Management
Khan, Aliya	Accounting
Levy-Harari, Roy	Accounting

Musial, Wendy
Potvin, Olivia
Rhode, Gazal
Thind, Balraj
White, Alexis

Business Administration
Human Resources Management
Business Administration
Accounting
Economics/Human Resources Management

Bachelor of Business Administration (four-year)

Al-Saraf, Muhannad
Osei, Brian
Singh, Gurjinder

Human Resources Management
Marketing
Human Resources Management

Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

Alhamdan, Hamdan
Iskandarani, Rayan

Computer Science
Computer Science

Bachelor of Computer Science (four-year)

Alabdulall, Hussain
Almehdar, Hussein
Alsuhaihani, Khalid

Computer Science
Computer Science
Computer Science

Bachelor of Science (General)

Jang, Jessica
Maines, Lee
Xu, Feng*

Mathematics
Mathematics
Computer Science

Honours Bachelor of Social Work

Anglehart, Kayla*
Beaudoin, Jason*
Belliveau, Jessica*
Cavanagh, Kimberly*
Dumouchel, Tonia-Lynn*
Dukes, Heather*
Miller, Kelsey*
Moss, Mary*
Zahrebelny, Jennifer*

Social Work
Social Work
Social Work
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Social Work

**cum laude*

Motion carried.

Moved (Denomme/Lajoie): that Senate approve the following students who have completed the requirements of their respective certificate program.

Baird, Kernesha
Carmichael, Phillip
Sinibaldi, Lauren

Cooperative Education
Business
Business

Motion carried.

15.10.04.03 Strategic Plan for Research

Moved (Bloomfield/Molina): that Senate approve the Strategic Plan for Research in both short and long versions as submitted.

Woodman asked if the Department of Business and Economics felt represented in the Strategic Plan for Research.

Luitel commented that there was not enough time to review the documents with colleagues in the department. Overall, he was not opposed to approving, however, there are some specific departmental concerns not being addressed in the body of the plan.

Denomme agreed that the department wasn't represented and that there is no mention of significant research initiatives in the department. She stated their work is relevant and should be recognized.

Bloomfield stated that the Department of Psychology is mentioned only once in the document. She indicated that she will support the plan.

R. Cameron commented that Cluster 1, Anishinaabe and Indigenous Communities, should not be isolated into one and that research is about establishing relationships within the broader community.

Woodman asked for an explanation of how the Strategic Plan for Research was written.

Chamberlin stated that it was not meant to be an inclusive document but to emphasize the mandate and mission of the University, expressing clusters where they fit accordingly – it was not meant to restrict or redirect research.

Luitel commented that Cluster #4, the Northern, Rural, and Remote Communities title should be retitled.

Broad thanked the President for his explanation. She stated that everyone should be able to identify with one of the research clusters described. She also asked about the issue raised by Professor Denomme, that the Department of Business and Economics did submit something that was not included in the plan.

The Speaker asked for a member on the committee to comment.

Molina stated that the Research Advisory Committee did not want to identify a particular cluster to a particular academic unit and that there are two instances of grant applications where the university needs to identify the overall institutional research plan.

Redmond agreed that there is nothing mentioned about business/economics in the plan and when applying for grants, a department needs to fall into one of the clusters.

Chamberlin commented on Cluster #4, and asked how it is not reflective of the Department of Business and Economics?

Luitel asked to retitling Cluster #4, from *Northern, Rural, and Remote Communities* to *Socio-economic Issues of Northern, Rural and Remote Areas*.

Both Drs. Bloomfield, Molina agreed with the friendly amendment to change the title of cluster #4 to Socio-economic Issues of Northern, Rural and Remote Areas.

Motion carried (against: Denomme, Woodman; abstentions: Ridout, Scott, Gaywish, Galotta, Politano, Redmond)

15.10.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)
15.10.05.01 Senate representative on APC

The Speaker informed Senate that he will be serving as a member on APC.

15.10.05.02 Honorary Degree, Senate Award, Distinguished Faculty Award

The Speaker informed members of the deadline date of November 20, 2015 to submit nominations for the honorary degree, senate award, and distinguished faculty award (investiture June 11, 2016). Nominations should be submitted to the Speaker and Secretary of Senate.

15.10.06 STANDING REPORTS
15.10.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for October 8, 2015.

15.10.06.02 Dean

The Dean submitted a written report.

McCutcheon asked members to think about the topic of recognizing the importance of the teaching of 'indigenous knowledge'. He raised questions for the institution to work through as a community to further understand indigenous knowledge in the academy and how the university can address the mandate to understanding this knowledge. He asked members to consider how the institution can support indigenous teaching and research.

Gaywish expressed encouragement regarding the Dean's remarks commented on respect for integration of indigenous knowledge into higher education. She mentioned that values inherited in indigenous knowledge are greater than what is exposed to society.

15.10.06.03 President

The President submitted a written report.

He commented that the heart of any institutional strategic plan is the academic teaching staff, and that a plan should come from within the faculty. He indicated that he would like to move the process forward but is currently working on identifying a faculty member to take leadership role with a facilitation team, supported by an external facilitator.

Galotta asked what was meant by 'international programs' in the President's report.

The President answered that international programs refers to recruitment, exchange agreements, academic success and student support. An external person will come in to look at all elements.

15.10.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

The Speaker opened the floor and asked members to engage in conversation discussing the role of Chancellor related to Senate and if the Chancellor should attend major meetings such as town halls/Senate meetings to provide opening and closing remarks.

Moved (Boyle/Lajoie): that Senate be extended for fifteen minutes until 3:15pm.

Motion carried.

15.10.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

15.10.09 ACCOUNCEMENTS

Announcements included:

- Sobey Art Award winner Duane Linklater will be giving a public talk on Monday, October 5th at 7:30 at MILL SQUARE.
- Algoma Fall Festival, Group of Seven in Algoma, will take place October 2/3, 2015 in the upper level of MILL SQUARE.
- Friday November 13th, NORDIK will be giving a free workshop on 'Research on the Collective Impact'.
- October 5th is World Teachers' Day
- Department of Law and Politics is pleased to announce that Dr. Volkmar Lauber will be giving a guest lecture on Monday October 5th in the Doc Brown lounge at 5:30pm.

15.10.10 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Lajoie/O'Flanagan): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 3:07pm)