

**MINUTES OF SENATE  
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY  
Fourth Regular Meeting of 2017-2018  
December 1, 2017**

**Humanities Faculty**

N. Boyle, L. Burnett, B. Douville [PTF], W. Johnston, T. O'Flanagan, A. Ridout, E. Turgeon  
(absent: P. Nadeau)

**Social Science Faculty**

R. Cameron, N. Cruickshank, C. Denomme, S. Gruner, H. Hornstein, V. Jimenez-Estrada, H. Luitel,  
P. Matthews, D. Woodman  
(regrets: P. Ostrowski [PTF], B. Waterfall; absent: J. Hermida)

**Science Faculty**

P. Antunes, L. Bloomfield, M. DeFazio [PTF], Y. Feng, C. Reed-Elder, I. Imre, W. Osei, B. Schamp, S. Xu,  
C. Zhang

**Other Members**

K. Armstrong, P. Danquah, K. Hernden, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. McCutcheon, A. Vezina  
(regrets: T. Gallivan; absent: B. Asghar, D. Boissoneau, M. Case, A. Idris, M. Nadeau)

**Guests**

D. Galotta, M. Graydon, D. Helwig, G. Mahar, P. Nyade, C. Ross, N. Shaw

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

He asked Senate to observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the fourteen women who lost their lives in an act of violence at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal (December 6, 1989).

The Speaker suggested a change to the agenda that 17.12.03.04 Honorary Degree, Distinguished Faculty Award, and Senate Award be moved to DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD since the item will be discussed in camera.

**17.12.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- ***Moved (Johnston/Bloomfield): that the agenda for the December meeting of Senate be approved as amended.***

Motion carried.

## 17.12.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of November 3, 2017

- ***Moved (Schamp/McCutcheon): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of November 3, 2017.***

A request was made that the names of the part-time teaching staff, one from each of the three Faculties be listed under the Faculties when the minutes are posted.

Another request was made for clarification regarding the First Nations Certificate approved at the November meeting of Senate. Under 17.11.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS, the sentence should read, 'It was also made clear by Academic Planning and Priorities that the certificate can be delivered without an increase of the current FTE complement of two in the CESD department'.

Motion carried (two abstentions, C. Denomme, D. Woodman)

## 17.12.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

### 17.12.03.01 Academic Planning and Priorities – membership

- ***Moved (Burnett/Matthews): that Senate approve Dr. Laurie Bloomfield, Dr. Kelly DeLuca, and Professor Tom O'Flanagan as the faculty-at-large to serve on Academic Planning and Priorities for the 2017-18 Senate year.***

#### Rationale:

The Senate approved three faculty-at-large, one from each of the three Faculties at the November 2017 meeting of Senate. As part of the rationale, the wider representation on APPCOM will be beneficial in having more faculty involvement in the decision-making process.

Motion carried. (abstentions, L. Bloomfield)

### 17.12.03.02 Quality Assurance Committee – membership

- ***Moved (Reed-Elder/Antunes): that Senate approve the Chief Academic Officer (Dr. Richard McCutcheon), Dr. Istvan Imre, Dr. Michael Graydon, Dr. Robert Rutherford, David Marasco, Dawn White, Avery Beall and Isobel Barker to serve on the Quality Assurance Committee for the 2017-18 Senate year.***

#### Rationale:

As part of the revisions to the Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP), the Quality Assurance Committee was created as a standing committee of Senate at the September 2017 meeting of

Senate. The addition of the Quality Assurance Committee will reduce the workload of Academic Planning intended to cultivate accountability and a central focus for quality assurance review processes, capacity building regarding learning outcomes, and monitoring the quality assurance standards.

A request was made to remove Dr. McCutcheon's name from the original motion since his tenure as Academic Dean will officially end on December 31, 2017. It was suggested that 'Chief Academic Officer (Dr. Richard McCutcheon)' be inserted as part of the motion for approval.

Motion carried.

### **17.12.03.03 Research Ethics Board (REB)**

The Speaker informed Senate that a member is required to serve on the REB after a resignation was received. The member should have expertise in research areas with human subjects.

### **17.12.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)**

#### **17.12.04.01 Curriculum Committee – 2018/2018 course rosters**

- ***Moved (Bloomfield/Schamp): that Senate approve the course rosters for the 2018 spring/summer terms including 18SF, 18SP, and 18SS as submitted.***

Motion carried.

- ***Moved (McCutcheon/Schamp): that Senate approve the course rosters for the 2018 fall/winter terms including 18F, 18FW, and 19W as submitted.***

The Registrar spoke to the motions thanking the academic units in submitting excellent course rosters for the 2018-19 academic year adding that the rosters were well received by the Committee. He stated that the number of cross-listed and joint enrolled courses suggests significant collaboration amongst departments within the Faculties as well as across Faculties.

Motion carried. (abstentions, D. Woodman)

### **17.012.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)**

None.

## **17.12.06 STANDING REPORTS**

### **17.12.06.01 Board of Governors Representative**

Antunes submitted a written report.

Antunes informed Senate that the Board of Governors is planning a board retreat for Friday/Saturday, January 26/27, 2018 and since he would be attending a research conference he would be unable to attend. Given the importance of the retreat, he suggested that someone from Senate with Board experience attend the retreat.

- ***Moved (Antunes/O'Flanagan): that Senate approve Dr. Warren Johnston to attend the Board retreat on behalf of Dr. Pedro Antunes.***

Motion carried.

### **17.12.06.02 Dean's Report**

The Dean provided Senate with an oral report.

### **17.12.06.02 President's Report**

The President submitted a written report.

The President thanked the Academic Dean for his work over the past three years. She informed Senate that she is coming to the end of her listening and understanding tour adding that she is impressed with the incredible talent and skills on this campus – we have to find ways to mobilize and empower the talent. Furthermore, she informed Senate that in conversations with students, they spoke very highly of their experience in the classroom.

The President thanked the faculty for their participation and feedback during the Decanal Search process. She informed Senate that although a candidate was recommended by the committee, there is a negotiations phase which is somewhat time consuming. Currently, a transition plan will be communicated as soon as a timeline can be finalized – the plan will go to the Senate Executive prior to Senate. She also thanked the members of the Decanal Search Committee for their work and due diligence during the deliberations.

A request was made to have the most recent report from the indigenization committee be made available.

## 17.12.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

None.

## 17.12.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

The Speaker entertained a motion to move in camera to discuss the nominations for Honourary Degree, Distinguished Faculty Award and the Senate Award.

- *Moved (Marasco/Matthews): that Senate move in camera.*

Motion carried.

- *Moved (Schamp/Bloomfield): that Senate move out of camera.*

Motion carried.

The Speaker requested a motion to approve the motions that were approved in camera.

- *Moved (Marasco/McCutcheon): that Senate approve the motions that were approved while the Senate was in camera.*

**The names of the Honorary Degree, Honourary Member of Algoma University (Senate Award) and the Distinguished Faculty Award nominations should be considered confidential and will not be published until it is deemed appropriate by the Office of the President.**

**Senators are reminded that the motions were voted in camera and the names of the nominations should not be made public by any member for any reason.**

## 17.12.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Treasures Open House Show is being held today at the Convergence Centre until 6:00pm.

## 17.012.10 ADJOURNMENT

- *Moved (Istvan/Antunes): that Senate adjourn.*

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 3:14pm)