

**MINUTES OF SENATE  
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY  
Fifth Regular Meeting of 2016-2017  
January 13, 2017**

**Humanities Faculty**

M. DiSanto (Speaker), W. Johnston, T. O’Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, E. Turgeon  
(regrets: L. Burnett; absent: R. Gaywish)

**Social Science Faculty**

N. Cruickshank, H. Hornstein, V. Jimenez-Estrada, H. Luitel, D. Woodman, B. Waterfall  
(regrets: S. Gruner; absent: C. Denomme, J. Hermida)

**Science Faculty**

P. Antunes, L. Bloomfield, I. Imre, W. Osei, C. Reed-Elder, S. Xu, C. Zhang  
(regrets: G. Townsend; absent: E. James)

**Other Members**

B. Asghar, D. Boissoneau, M. Case, P. Dingle, K. Hernden, M. Lajoie, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. McCutcheon, M. Nadeau, E. Otten, C. Ross, A. Sayers  
(regrets: D. Friyia, T. Gallivan; absent: G. Dusanjh)

**Guests**

M. Graydon, J. Syrette

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:02pm.

He asked that two items be added to the Senate agenda, under 17.01.05 Information Items, reports from the Decanal Search Committee and the Senate Board Liaison Committee.

**17.01.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- ***Moved (Lajoie/Turgeon): that the agenda for the January meeting of Senate be approved as amended.***

Motion carried.

**17.01.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of December 2, 2016**

- ***Moved (Bloomfield/Lajoie): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of December 2, 2016.***

Motion carried.

**17.01.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)**  
**17.01.03.01 Acknowledgement of traditional territories**

The Speaker updated Senate on the progress of the acknowledgment of traditional territories. He informed senate the draft language is currently being reviewed the Metis Nation of Ontario as well as Garden River and Batchewana First Nations.

**17.01.03.02 Humanities Faculty Chair**

- ***Moved (Johnston/Otten): that Senate approve Dr. Linda Burnett as Chair of the Humanities Faculty for the remainder of the 2016 – 17 Senate year.***

Motion carried.

**17.01.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)**  
**17.01.04.01 Department of Fine Arts and Music**

- ***Moved (Reed-Elder/Pinheiro): that Senate approve the following department name change from the Department of Fine Arts and Music to the Department of Music and Visual Art.***

A question was raised as for the rationale for the requested departmental name change.

Pinheiro informed Senate the change in names is more reflective of what the department is teaching and includes some redirection of the curriculum the department is currently planning.

Motion carried.

**17.01/04.02 Entrance and In-course scholarships**

- ***Moved (Marasco/McCutcheon): that Senate approve the Algoma University Entrance and In-courses scholarships lists for the 2016-2017 academic year as submitted.***

Motion carried.

**17.01.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)**

**17.01.05.01 Academic Colleague report**

Brodbeck submitted a written report.

**17.01.05.02 Decanal Search Committee**

The Acting President updated Senate on the Decanal Search Committee. She added that the committee had its first meeting on January 12 reviewing the Terms of Reference and planning its agenda according to the committee's mandate.

**17.01.05.03 Senate Board Liaison Committee**

The Speaker informed Senate that a meeting will be scheduled during the month of January.

**17.01.06 STANDING REPORTS**

**17.01.06.01 Board of Governors Representative**

The next meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors is scheduled for Thursday, February 2.

Antunes informed Senate that a high priority for the Board is the implementation of the Algoma University Strategic Plan.

**17.01.06.02 Dean's Report**

The Dean submitted a written report.

**17.01.06.03 President's Report**

The President submitted a written report. She informed Senate that the planning process to operationalize the strategic plan is underway and that faculty will be a critical part of the process.

**17.01.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD**

There was some discussion regarding faculty hires and the hiring priorities as recommended by Academic Planning and approved by Senate.

**17.01.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **17.01.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

January 24 – Dr. Karl Hele will be launching his new book on the Robinson-Huron treaty

January 31 – deadline for a call for papers for the second Bi-Annual Symposium on Gdo Akiiminaan Ganawendandaan (Taking Care of Our Land).

Case informed Senate on a variety of SKG sponsored cultural activities available on the website

Nadeau informed Senate that Joe Roberts is walking across Canada to support the end of youth homelessness. On February 1, it is expected that Mr. Roberts will arrive in Sault Ste. Marie.

## **17.01.10 ADJOURNMENT**

➤ *Moved (Case/Otten): that Senate adjourn.*

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 1:48pm)