



OCAD UNIVERSITY SENATE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016; 3:00PM – 6:00PM
ROOM 322, 230 RICHMOND STREET WEST

Present: b.h. Yael (Chair); Annette Blum; Frederick Burbach; Nicole Collins; Maya Desai; Sara Diamond; Sylvia Evans; Andrea Fatona; Deanne Fisher; Simon Glass; Kate Hartman; Lynne Heller; Bruce Hinds; Johanna Householder; Richard Hunt; Camille Isaacs; Selmin Kara; Colette Laliberté; Martha Ladly; JJ Lee; Dorie Millerson; Lewis Nicholson; Elisabeth Paradis; Jill Patrick; Justin Platnar; Michael Prokopow; Nick Puckett; Nicholas Pye; Barbara Rauch; Charles Reeve; Ryan Rice; John Semple; Gillian Siddall; Vladimir Spicanovic; Jennie Suddick; Evan Tapper; Marie-Josée Therrien; Elizabeth (Dori) Tunstall; Ann Urban; Emma Westecott; Natalie Waldburger; Ryan Whyte

Guests: Lillian Allen; Alexander Manu (Item #5)

Regrets: Adam Antoszek-Rallo; Heather Coffey; Catherine Delaney; David Griffin; Caroline Langill; Maria-Belén Ordóñez; Carol Roderick; Amy Swartz; Virginia Trieloff; Sylvia Whitton

Minutes: Hillary Barron

1. Welcome and Updates from the Chair

The Chair welcomed new and returning senators including the new Dean of Design, Dori Tunstall. She then thanked those senators who engaged in the review and approval of academic administrative appointments that occurred over the summer months. The Chair also recognized and congratulated those faculty members who were recently appointed to these administrative positions. Newly elected faculty senators Maya Desai and Maria Belén Ordóñez were recognized as were recently elected student senators Justin Platnar, Sylvia Evans and Adam Antoszek-Rallo.

Members were informed that a Senate orientation would take place in October and that an additional meeting of Senate would occur on November 14, 2016. The Chair then briefed members of their role and responsibilities. Lastly, the Senate was informed of the call for nominations for the position of University Chancellor as the current Chancellor will be completing her second term in June 2017.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair presented the agenda and called for a [motion for approval](#).

Motion to approve the September 26, 2016 meeting agenda of Senate, moved by Lewis Nicholson, seconded by Richard Hunt.

Motion carried, with 40 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda and Information Items and Minutes

The Chair referred members to the minutes and consent agenda and called for separate motions for approval.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, 2016, moved by Colette Laliberté, seconded by Nicole Collins.

Motion carried with 27 in favour, 0 opposed and 14 abstentions.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, moved by Johanna Householder, seconded by Lewis Nicholson.

Discussion: The Vice-President, Academic and Provost provided an update on teaching assignments stating that steps are being taken to ensure that teaching assignments are completed earlier than in past years. She spoke to past challenges and noted that the Deans are currently working on hiring plans and have initiated the process of appointments and reappointments for the positions of Associate Deans, Graduate Program Directors and Chairs.

Motion carried, unanimously.

4. Information Update from the President and Vice-Chancellor

The President thanked Deanne Fisher, Vice-Provost, Students and International, Sean Baker, Manager, Student Recruitment and others who were present at the Ontario University Fair. She spoke of the successful event, large attendance and great experience.

5. Presentation of OCAD University's Vision and Mission Statement

The President reviewed the process of creating the vision and mission statement for the university, including the consultants involved and the composition of the reference group. She spoke of extensive internal and external consultation and data collection as well as the recent meeting with the Academic Planning Steering Committee. The mission and vision statement was then presented to the Senate and four members of the advisory group reviewed different sections of the statement.

Members discussed the statement at length providing the following feedback:

- Include the word "craft" in the statement as it is another methodology of art and design and speaks to the intimate engagement with material practices
- The statement needs a definition of "excellence".
- Debate occurred regarding the inclusion of the words "joyful" and "audacity" with their different connotations, both positive and negative. Likewise, the inclusion of the word "ethically" in the statement was suggested to be problematic in terms of being unclear.
- Include "indigenous knowledge" and "diversity", "well-being" and "wellness", "resourcefulness" and "collaboration"
- Provide a definition of what is meant by "unique research"

Overall members were in support of the meaning of the statement and the President stated that the suggestions would be reviewed by the working group. The Chair called for a motion of support.

Motion of support, in principle, of the new Vision and Mission statement, moved by Sara Diamond, seconded by Martha Ladly.

Motion carried, with 38 in favour, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.

6. Approval of 2016 Undergraduate and Graduate Spring/Summer Grades

The University Registrar presented the grade report. The Chair called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Elisabeth Paradis, seconded by Jill Patrick.

Motion carried, unanimously.

7. Senate Committee Reports

7.1. Senate Executive Committee

IN CAMERA SESSION

Commenced at 4:13pm.

Motion to move to an in camera session, moved by Richard Hunt, seconded by John Semple.

Motion carried, unanimously.

The following business was discussed In Camera:

7.1.1. Recommendation of Faculty Senator Appointee to the Board of Governors

7.1.2. Recommendation of the Interim Chair of Senate from January 1 to June 30, 2017¹

7.1.3. Recommendation of the Appointment of Graduate Program Director for Inclusive Design

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Resumed at 4:57pm.

7.1.4. Continuing Studies Certificates and Courses

The Chair called for a motion for approval of the certificates and courses enclosed in the meeting materials.

Motion to approve, moved by Lynne Heller, seconded by Natalie Waldburger.

It was suggested that the course description for CSDI 1N23: Introduction to Design Thinking, be revised to include the following important aspects of design thinking: observation and critical analysis.

Motion carried, as amended, with 37 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

7.1.5. Curriculum Approvals at Senate

Members were informed of past practice of curriculum review at Senate and the rationale for why the full Senate should be the final arbiter for these decisions.

Motion to approve that effective immediately (all new or revised curriculum) approved at the Senate Standing Committee level be recommended to Senate for final approval, moved by Dori Tunstall, seconded by Nicole Collins.

It was stressed that if further curriculum changes need to occur, it would not occur at Senate and instead be referred back to the committees who are more aware of the implications. Members discussed past debates on this issue regarding the appropriateness of curriculum being approved at Senate. It was reiterated that Senate would not be redoing the work of the committees.

¹ The Senate referred this item back to the Senate Executive Committee.

Motion carried, with 35 in favour, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.

7.2. Senate Academic Standards Committee (SASC)

7.2.1. List of Fall 2016 Graduands

The Committee Chair noted that one additional Bachelor of Design student should be added to the number of graduands in the memo previously circulated. The Chair called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve that 77 students be graduated effective October 28, 2016, moved by Elisabeth Paradis, seconded by Sara Diamond.

Motion carried, unanimously.

Motion to approve that the University Registrar has authority to add the four remaining students to the list of approved graduands, should they meet their requirements, moved by Elisabeth Paradis, seconded by Richard Hunt.

Motion carried, unanimously.

7.2.2. Revisions to Policy 1031: Reinstatement

The Committee Chair noted the changes in language to the policy and that reinstatement is now only applicable to students who have attended OCAD U for more than two years and therefore students withdrawn for one year can automatically return without applying for reinstatement. The Chair called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Elisabeth Paradis, seconded by Michael Prokopow.

Motion carried, unanimously.

7.2.3. Revisions to the Policy 1023: Undergraduate Student Mobility/Exchange Program

It was explained that the policy was revised to include the statement that grades from mobility exchange will be included in calculations when assessing graduation with distinction. It was clarified that pass/fail grades are not included. The Chair called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Elisabeth Paradis, seconded by Natalie Waldburger.

Motion carried, unanimously.

7.3. Senate Quality Assurance Committee (SQAC)

7.3.1. Revisions to OCAD University's Institutional Quality Assurance Process Policy (IQAP)

An overview of the revisions as outlined in the meeting materials was reviewed and summarized as mainly affecting IQAP processes and governance procedure for new programs and major modifications. The Chair called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Gillian Siddall, seconded by Vladimir Spicanovic.

Discussion: General discussion occurred regarding the strengthening of processes and more robust assignment of responsibilities in the policy. It was also clarified that the revisions would

be effective moving forward and no action would be required to reassess processes that have already occurred in the past.

Motion carried, unanimously.

7.4. Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee (SAPPC)

7.4.1. Open Access Statement

The Chair called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve the OCAD University statement of support for Open Access, moved by Jill Patrick, seconded by Dori Tunstall.

Discussion: The President commented that the evaluation of institutional performance is in part enabled through the ability to access this kind of material and therefore it is important for the institution to move to an open access environment. The University Librarian thanked members for their support and commented on the numerous items of content that have already been contributed. It was also noted that the repository is open to any digital projects that may not fit within classical categories.

Motion carried, unanimously.

7.4.2. Articulation Agreement Renewal with Humber College's Interior Decorating Program and OCAD University's Environmental Design Program

The Chair called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Marie-Josée Therrien, seconded by Bruce Hinds. Members were informed that there were no substantial changes to the agreement and instead a few updates to curriculum.

Motion carried, unanimously.

7.4.3. Information Report

The Committee Chair referred members to the information report concerning forthcoming Senate By-Law and governance revisions that will be reviewed by an SAPPC working group.

7.5. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC)

7.5.1. Business Report from SUSC

The Committee Chair referred members to the information report concerning items discussed at the SUSC including the course outline builder, Faculty of Art focused streaming and strategic priorities for 2016/17.

7.6. Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)

7.6.1. Business Report from SGSC

The Committee Chair referred members to the information report concerning items discussed at the SGSC including updates on admission statistics, supervision statistics and the Academic Plan as well as reminders about senate deadlines for curriculum and the role of the Graduate Studies Curriculum Committee.

8. Presentation from the Academic Plan Steering Committee for Consultation and Discussion

The Vice-President, Academic and Provost provided a brief update stating that since the last presentation to Senate in May, the Academic Plan Steering Committee has worked hard over the summer months and are close to a draft to circulate to the university community. She continued that this would start the consultation phase where meetings with various stakeholders will occur including Senate at its next meeting. It was explained that after revisions are made based on feedback from these consultations, a revised draft would be circulated.

9. Report from the Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague

Vladimir Spicanovic, Dean, Faculty of Art spoke of the Academic Colleagues meeting with the Council of Ontario Universities' President David Lyndsay in August 2016. He also reported on various discussions including Bill 132, the Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Act and the associated policy required by all universities; the Funding Formula; eCampus Ontario; and the Faculty Work project initiated in 2014. It was also highlighted that there is great focus on data and the student experience with a task force on quality indicators being formed concerning undergraduate learning experience to discuss possible metrics for teaching quality. Likewise, it was reported that there is great emphasis on experiential learning opportunities within university education in Ontario. The next COU Academic Colleague meeting was reported to be on October 12, 2016.

10. Other Business

The Chair reported that as a follow-up initiative to her Senate Chair report, another round of meetings will be held for Chairs and Graduate Program Directors. An update was provided regarding the Presidential Task Force on Underrepresentation, noting that it would come to the October 31, 2016 Senate meeting and then to the Board of Governors in December.

11. Adjournment

Motion to approve, moved by Emma Westecott, seconded by Lewis Nicholson.

Motion carried, unanimously at 5:51pm.