MINUTES OF OCAD UNIVERSITY’S SENATE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015, 3:00 – 6:00pm
ROOM 322, 230 RICHMOND STREET WEST

Present: Keith Rushton (Chair); Christine Bovis-Cnossen; Keith Bresnahan; Sara Diamond; Rosemary Donegan; Paul Epp; Michelle Forsyth; Kate Hartman; Bruce Hinds; Johanna Householder; Richard Hunt; Simone Jones; Simran Kaur; Selmin Kara; Caroline Langill; Laura Millard; Sandy Kedey; Lewis Nicholson; Elisabeth Paradis; Kiri Piotrowski; Steve Quinlan; Charles Reeve; Helmut Reichenbächer; Lenore Richards; Peter Sramek; Dot Tuer; Michèle White; b.h. Yael

(non-voting) Carole Beaulieu; Ian Clarke; Deanne Fisher; Colette Laliberté; Jana Macalik; Michael Prokopow; Colleen Reid; Evan Tapper

Regrets: Lillian Allen; Tom Barker; Frederick Burbach; Nicole Collins; Catherine Delaney; Jim Drobnick; Andrea Fatona; Richard Fung; Simon Glass; Archie Graham; Barbara Anne Jackson; Tony Kerr; Jeffrey Litwin; Alexander Manu; Gerald McMaster; Gayle Nicoll; Nick Puckett; Jill Patrick; Ryan Rice; Alan Simms; Marguax Smith; Virginia Trieloff; Natalie Waldburger

Invited: Zev Farber, Manager, Centre for Emerging Artists and Designers (Item #6.2.4.)

1. Welcome and Updates from the Chair
   No formal remarks were made.

2. Approval of the Agenda
   Motion to approve, moved by Simone Jones, seconded by Helmut Reichenbächer.
   Motion carried, unanimously.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda Information Items and Minutes
   Motion to approve, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Helmut Reichenbächer.
   Motion carried, unanimously.

4. Information Update from the President
   President Diamond reported that the Board of Governors unanimously voted to renew Catherine Delaney’s term as Chancellor for another two years.

4.1. Funding Formula Update
   President Diamond referred to the Background Note on the Funding Formula in the appendix of her information report. She spoke about the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) consultation and the forming a reference group for the funding formula review led by former Deputy Minister Sue Herbert. Next steps in the process were outlined, including the development of a comprehensive position paper by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU)
with the involvement of the Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents (OCAV), which are supportive to many of the concerns of OCAD University, including the need for sustainability and an understanding of the impact of changes. It was explained that OCAD University’s Background Note on the Funding Formula would be further refined to respond to MTCU questions and that a meeting will occur with a COU internal task force of university presidents to ensure the argument is understood.

President Diamond responded to questions regarding program prioritization stating that both OCAV and university presidents are in strong opposition to the idea. Discussion ensued regarding OCAD University’s challenges and strengths with the use of metrics in such areas as time-to-completion and student experience.

5. **Approval of 2015 Undergraduate and Graduate Winter Semester Grade Report**

   **Motion to approve** the 2015 undergraduate and graduate winter semester grade report, moved by Elisabeth Paradis, seconded by Richard Hunt.

   The University Registrar reported that some Associate Deans have found a significant increase in grades compared to norms in the past. The need for improved faculty mentorship and to explore trend analysis since the introduction of the Grading Policy was discussed.

   **Motion carried**, unanimously.

6. **Senate Committee Reports**

   6.1. **Senate Academic Policy & Planning Committee (SAPPC)**

   6.1.1. **For Approval: Renewal of Articulation Agreements between:**
   
   6.1.1.1. Georgian College and OCAD U BFA Criticism & Curatorial Practice
   6.1.1.2. Georgian College and OCAD U BFA Drawing & Painting
   6.1.1.3. Georgian College and OCAD U BFA Integrated Media
   6.1.1.4. Georgian College and OCAD U BFA Printmaking
   6.1.1.5. Georgian College and OCAD U BFA Sculpture & Installation

   **Motion to approve** the renewal of the articulation agreements between of Georgian College and OCAD University BFA in Criticism & Curatorial Practice; Georgian College and OCAD University BFA in Drawing & Painting; Georgian College and OCAD University BFA in Integrated Media; Georgian College and OCAD University BFA in Printmaking; and Georgian College and OCAD University BFA in Sculpture & Installation, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Sara Diamond.

   General discussion occurred regarding the number of students articulating through these agreements and opportunities for additional articulation agreements for other programs.

   **Motion carried**, with 26 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

   6.1.2. **For Approval: New Articulation Agreements between:**

   It was reported that the new articulation agreements were thoroughly reviewed by the Faculty of Art, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Faculty Curriculum & Development Centre to ensure correct curriculum mapping of required courses.

   6.1.2.1. **Georgian College and OCAD U Digital Painting and Expanded Animation specialization in Drawing and Painting**
Motion to approve the new articulation agreement between Georgian College and OCAD University Digital Painting and Expanded Animation specialization in Drawing and Painting, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Sara Diamond. Motion carried, unanimously.

6.1.2.2. Georgian College and OCAD U Digital Painting and Expanded Animation specialization in Integrated Media
Motion to approve the new articulation agreement between Georgian College and OCAD University Digital Painting and Expanded Animation specialization in Integrated Media, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Sara Diamond. Motion carried, unanimously.

6.1.3. For Approval: Revisions to the OCAD University Senate By-Laws
Motion to approve the revisions to the OCAD University Senate By-Laws, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Elisabeth Paradis.

An overview was provided of the work involved in revising the by-laws as well as the membership of the working group who undertook the review. Concern was raised with the reduction in the number of Graduate Program Directors on the Senate Graduate Studies Committee. It was explained that the change is intended to ensure a good balance in the committee composition between faculty and administrators as well as parity with the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee. In addition, members were informed that all Senate Committee meetings are open, allowing non-members to attend.

Senators then proposed the following friendly amendments to the By-Law revisions:

Motion to approve the amendment to the Senate By-Laws that the Canada Research Chairs be limited to up to two individuals in the Research Committee membership, moved by Helmut Reichenbächler, seconded by Sara Diamond. Motion carried, unanimously.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Senate By-Laws that the Admissions, Recruitment and Retention Committee membership include one Chair from each Faculty or their equivalent, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Sandy Kedey. Motion carried, unanimously.

It was further reported that the position of Director, Admissions no longer exists and therefore is no longer included in the composition of the Admissions, Recruitment and Retention Committee. Furthermore, it was explained that the Manager, Undergraduate Admissions and the Manager, Student Recruitment report directly to the Associate Vice-President, Students, who is Committee Chair and both individuals are invited to committee meetings.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Senate By-Laws that the Senate appointees to the Board of Governors remain on the Board for as long as they are Senators with the exception that they may continue beyond their Senate term end date until their successors are appointed, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Simone Jones. Motion carried, unanimously.
Motion to approve the amendment to the Senate By-Laws that the appointment of the Board of Governors representative to Senate shall be made in accordance with the Board by-laws with regards to timing, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Simone Jones.
Motion carried, unanimously.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Senate By-Laws to return to the original article of stating that the President appoints the permanent Secretary of Senate, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Simone Jones.
It was pointed out that the Secretary is considered a management position, over which the President has jurisdictional authority, as per the OCAD University Act.
Motion carried, unanimously.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Senate By-Laws that the Senate Annual Nominating Committee shall prepare the slate of committee memberships by August, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Sara Diamond.
Motion carried, with 26 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Senate By-Laws that the Senate Annual Nominating Committee be revised to include a designated graduate faculty senator, moved by Helmut Reichenbächer, seconded by Lenore Richards.
Motion carried, unanimously.

The Chair called for a motion for approval of the revised Senate By-Laws.
Motion to approve the revisions to the Senate By-Laws, including the approved friendly amendments, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Simone Jones.
Motion carried, with 26 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

6.2. Senate Academic Standards Committee (SASC)

6.2.1 For Approval: 2015 Spring Graduands
Motion to approve the 2015 Spring Graduands, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Helmut Reichenbächer.
Motion carried, unanimously.

Motion to approve that the University Registrar is given delegated authority to add to the list of 2015 Spring Graduands, as per common practice, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Michèle White.
Motion carried, unanimously.

6.2.2 For Approval: Graduate Degree Level Expectations
Motion to approve the OCAD University Graduate Degree Level Expectations, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Richard Hunt.
Motion carried, unanimously.

6.2.3 For Approval: Revisions to Policy 1016: Prior Learning Assessment
Motion to approve the revisions to policy 1006: Prior Learning Assessment, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Simone Jones.
Motion carried, unanimously.

6.2.4. For Approval: Revisions to Policy 3005: Experiential Learning Program

Motion to approve the revisions to policy 3005: Experiential Learning Program, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Elisabeth Paradis.

A change to the title of the policy was recommended to include the word “placement” since the policy specifically addresses this subject.

Motion to approve the amended policy title Experiential Placement Learning Program, moved by b.h. Yael, seconded by Rosemary Donegan.

A sub-amendment was also proposed to provide better clarity to the title.

Motion to approve the sub-amendment to revise the policy title to Experiential Learning Placement Program, moved by b.h. Yael, seconded by Sara Diamond

Motion carried, with 26 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

The Chair called the question for the revisions to the policy including the amended title.

Motion carried, unanimously.

6.2.5. For Approval: Revisions to Policy 1012: Special Studies, now Independent Study, Undergraduate

Motion to approve the revisions to policy 1012: Special Studies, now known as Independent Study, Undergraduate, effective September 2015, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Simone Jones.

Motion carried, unanimously.

6.3. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC)

6.3.1. For Approval: Revisions to the Interior Design Specialization

Motion to approve the revisions to the Interior Design specialization in the Environmental Design program in the Faculty of Design, moved by Michèle White, seconded by Christine Bovis-Cnossen.

It was highlighted in the revised proposal that the specialization has now adopted additional breadth courses. The differences in balance between studio and liberal studies courses in specializations were discussed, including the impact an accrediting body has on deciding appropriate courses.

Concern regarding the absence of a history of furniture course in the specialization was raised. It was explained that the subject matter is being addressed through applied studies in a studio course, in an effort to follow the recommendations from the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). Furthermore, it was stated that while CIDA does not dictate that students cannot take the course, they do not recognize it as counting towards breadth in the Interior Design specialization. Discussion ensued regarding the nature of accrediting bodies, CIDA’s specifications, and how the Faculty of Design worked within these requirements in comparison to the interdisciplinary nature of other specializations at the institution. It was further suggested that an understanding of all specializations at OCAD University be addressed through the Academic Plan.
Lastly, it was suggested that attention be given to the way that Interior Design specialization requirements are communicated to students, particularly language used to explain courses that they can take but do not count towards the breadth requirements of the specialization. 

**Motion carried**, with 26 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

**6.3.2. For Information: Program Guide Changes in the Faculty of Art**

Program guide changes regarding First-Year Art and the Digital Painting and Expanded Animation specialization were presented for implementation in Fall 2015.

**6.4. Senate Executive Committee (SEC)**

The Chair called for a motion to move to an *in camera* session of Senate to discuss the following items:

- **6.4.1. For Approval: Academic Administrative Appointment in the Faculty of Design**
- **6.4.2. For Information: Legal Comparison Chart**

**Motion to move in camera**, moved by Lenore Richards, seconded by Steve Quinlan.

**Motion carried**, unanimously.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**

Commenced at 4:30pm

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF SENATE**

Commenced at 5:00pm

**6.4.3. For Information: Senate Academic Business Planning Calendar for 2015/16**

Members were presented with a preview of the Senate business for 2015/16, to be re-circulated at the beginning of the next Senate session. Business highlighted included the scheduled reviews and approval of the Academic Plan and revisions to the IQAP policy. It was pointed out that a lot of the detail pertaining to committee business will not be known until next fall. Also, it was suggested that committees of Senate create work plans each year in order to work towards their goals.

**6.5. Update from the Joint Senate/Board of Governor’s Liaison Sub-Committee**

President Diamond provided a verbal report outlining the proceedings of the meeting including the remarks from the Senate and Board Chairs who both made mention of the funding formula review with differentiation in the university sector as being critical, as well as the assessment of both quality and quantity. President Diamond also reviewed her own presentation regarding the Presidential Task Force formed as a result of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the Action Plan. She discussed the need to refresh the vision and mission at the institution and the four intertwined processes in order to do so involving the Student Experience Working Group, Academic Plan Renewal; Capital Plan and the Presidential Task Force. Further, she reported that research would be done over the summer in terms of data gathering.

Next President Diamond reported on the presentation from the Vice-President, Finance and Administration on the budget process and principles through the Consolidated Budget Advisory Committee and the larger review of budget reform. Lastly, she stated that there was no time to discuss legal opinions on jurisdictions under the OCAD University Act.
The positive, honest and rich discussion between the Senate and Board committee members was noted. At the same time it was voiced that there is a need for Board members to be better integrated into the university experience, which would improve the cultural divide between the Senate and the Board. The need to fill the outstanding vacant seat of an external Board member on the Senate was reiterated in this regard. Lastly, it was recommended that the newly elected Senators be invited to the upcoming full Senate and Board of Governors meeting.

7. Other Business
   Student Senator Kiri Piotrowski updated members on the student presentation given to the Board of Governors about 24-hour access to studio facilities. She spoke about a student working group that had been created but noted that discussions are on hold alongside the budget process. She also discussed exploring whether certain specific timing for access was more ideal than 24 hour.

8. Adjournment
   Motion to adjourn, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Sara Diamond.
   Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.