MINUTES OF OCAD UNIVERSITY’S SUMMER AUTHORITY MEETING OF SENATE 
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014, 3:00 – 6:00pm
ROOM 284, 100 MCCAUl STREET

Present: Keith Ruston (Chair); Christine Bovis-Cnossen; Ananda Chakrabarty; Ian Clarke; J. J. Davis; Bonnie Devine; Sara Diamond; Rosemary Donegan; Andrea Fatona; Roderick Grant; Bruce Hinds; Simone Jones; Sandy Kedey; Tony Kerr; Caroline Langill; J.J. Lee; Laura Millard; Gayle Nicoll; Jill Patrick; Michael Prokopow; Nick Puckett; Diane Pugen; Steve Quinlan; Colleen Reid; Charles Reeve; Helmut Reichenbächer; Lenore Richards; Naseer Roopani; Vladimir Spicanovic; Peter Sramek; Evan Tapper; Virginia Trieloff; Dot Tuer; Natalie Waldburger; Michèle White

(non-voting) Deanne Fisher

Invited: Ian Tudhope, Chair, Board of Governors (Agenda Item #4); John Semple, Vice-Chair, Board of Governors (Agenda Item #4); Zev Farber, Manager, Centre for Emerging Artists & Designers (Agenda Item #7.1.1.1)

Regrets: Catherine Delaney; Paul Epp; Michel Frappier; Lynne Milgram; Elisabeth Paradis; Alan Simms

Absent: Lisa Frost; Simon Glass; Archie Graham; Thomas Hart

Secretary: Hillary Barron

1. Welcome and Updates from the Chair

The Chair informed members that the faculty Senate election period had been extended and a memo with the results would be circulated at a later date.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair referred the Senate membership to the Senate Summer Authority Meeting Agenda for June 19, 2014, and called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Vladimir Spicanovic, seconded by Diane Pugen. 
Motion carried, unanimously.
3. **Approval of the Consent Agenda Information Items and Minutes**

President Diamond highlighted an item in her report regarding the recent provincial elections. She spoke of the Liberal majority, indicating some stability ahead and noted that several re-elected candidates already have strong roots with OCAD University. President Diamond spoke of some of the positive aspects of the election which included the sign-off of the Strategic Mandate Agreement, a three-year contract now in place with the Liberal government. She indicated that the funding formula and the future allocation of both undergraduate and graduate funded seats will be the next focus. President Diamond also spoke about the challenges of a recessionary mode that the Ontario government continues to be in. She pointed out that the Liberals had not been enthusiastic about elevating community colleges to university status but have highlighted collaborations and articulations. President Diamond then invited questions.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda**, moved by Vladimir Spicanovic, seconded by Helmut Reichenbächer.

**Motion carried**, with 33 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

Minor revisions to the minutes within the consent agenda were raised.

**Motion to approve the minutes**, as amended, moved by Michèle White, seconded by Lenore Richards.

**Motion carried**, with 29 in favour, 0 opposed and 5 abstentions.

4. **Report from the Board of Governors on the Presidential Review and Leadership Update**

The Senate Chair invited Board of Governors Chair, Ian Tudhope and Vice-Chair, John Semple to address the Senate membership. Before proceeding with the report, the Senate Chair called for a motion to move in camera.

**Motion to move in camera**, moved by Laura Millard, seconded by Sara Diamond.

**Motion carried**, unanimously.

**IN CAMERA SESSION**
Commenced at 3:24pm.

**REGULAR BUSINESS SESSION**
Resumed at 5:03pm.

5. **Information Updates from the President**

No further updates were provided.

6. **Report from the Vice-President, Academic**

6.1. **2014/15 Academic Administrative Appointments Update**

The Vice-President, Academic, reported that a process for hiring the Dean position for the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Interdisciplinary Studies had been finalized and submitted to Human Resources with the intention to advertise internally for the position.
starting July 2, 2014. She noted that the closing date would be July 25, 2014 and that the successful candidate would start on September 2, 2014. She informed Senators that the Interim Dean’s contract would be extended as necessary during this process. She then reviewed the members of the search committee, who would meet in late July or early August, and invited questions.

Questions arose regarding the search committee composition, particularly the Office Manager as a voting member and whether this was setting a precedent. In order to avoid a perceived conflict of interest, Senators agreed that the Office Manager should be a non-voting member of the committee. In addition, Senators requested that the faculty representation to the committee be increased by one member. The Vice-President, Academic, agreed to accept the recommendations and make changes to the search committee composition accordingly.

7. Senate Committee Reports:

7.1. Senate Academic Policy & Planning Committee (SAPPC) – Christine Bovis-Cnossen, Chair

7.1.1. For Approval:

7.1.1.1. Experiential Learning Program Policy

The Committee Chair introduced the Experiential Learning Program Policy, a new major policy for the university and invited Zev Faber, Manager, Centre for Emerging Artists & Designers to provide an overview.

Zev spoke about the consultation process through the committees of Senate and explained that the policy is an opportunity to formalize how the university approaches for-credit placements for undergraduate and graduate students. He discussed his consultation with other AICAD schools to validate assumptions and his intention to make the policy as inclusive and broad as possible. He spoke of the risk management policies attached and differentiation emerging in new courses in the faculties. He then outlined the section on key roles and responsibilities and a glossary of common terms for clarity in understanding. The Senate Chair then called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Christine Bovis-Cnossen, seconded by Simone Jones.

Discussion:
Members discussed what it meant to prioritize learning within the allotted placement hours. Concern was expressed regarding for-credit paid placements and the number of hours that would be compensated. Zev explained that in a paid internship the learning hours are unpaid, which he highlighted aligns with current legislation. The Associate Vice-President, Students, gave further context regarding the policy and informed members that there was a policy void with regard to internship courses. She explained that the new policy would address paid internships over the
summer, for example, ensuring that learning outcomes are met with the placement partner.

**Motion carried**, with 31 in favour, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

### 7.1.1.2. Articulation Agreements:

- **7.1.1.2.1.** Niagara College Computer Programmer Analyst to OCAD U DFI
- **7.1.1.2.2.** Seneca Computer Engineering Technology to OCAD U DFI
- **7.1.1.2.3.** Fanshawe College Computer Programmer Analyst to OCAD U DFI
- **7.1.1.2.4.** Conestoga College IT Innovation and Design to OCAD U DFI
- **7.1.1.2.5.** Conestoga College Software Engineering Technology (and Co-op) to OCAD U DFI
- **7.1.1.2.6.** George Brown City College Fashion Techniques and Design to OCAD U MAAD
- **7.1.1.2.7.** George Brown City College Jewellery Arts to OCAD U MAAD
- **7.1.1.2.8.** George Brown City College Game Development to OCAD U DFI
- **7.1.1.2.9.** George Brown City College Interaction Design to OCAD U DFI

The Committee Chair spoke of the due diligence of the committee in reviewing the agreements and the amount of time spent on mapping the articulations between the colleges and OCAD U. The Senate Chair then called for an omnibus motion of approval.

**Omnibus motion to approve**, moved by Tony Kerr, seconded by Sara Diamond.

**Discussion:**

Questions arose regarding the numbers of students anticipated to articulate. Caroline Langill informed members that they are not expecting large numbers of students through the DFI agreements and she pointed out that in general, for many of the agreements, students will already have first year equivalences in place and therefore will not be entering first year.

**Motion carried**, unanimously.

### 7.2. Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) – Helmut Reichenbächer

#### 7.2.1. For Approval:

**7.2.1.1. INCD Change to Admission Requirements**

The Committee Chair stated that the Master of Inclusive Design program is proposing to change the current GPA requirement of A- (80%) to B+ (75%). He explained that the GPA is similar to other graduate studies programs where the student body is mainly comprised of working professionals or students coming from a non-traditional academic background, including students with disabilities. The Senate Chair called for a motion for approval.

**Motion to approve**, moved by Helmut Reichenbächer, seconded by Rosemary Donegan.
Discussion:
Christine highlighted that a change to a program’s admission requirements constitutes an IQAP major modification. She informed members that this will be included in the report to the Quality Council regarding major modifications that have occurred this year.

Motion carried, with 33 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

7.2.2. Report for Information:

7.2.2.1. Thesis and MRP Dates and Deadlines
The Committee Chair presented the dates and deadlines for information, acknowledging the need to have them circulated and communicated widely.

Problematic communication from the past year was raised and it was suggested that every faculty member should be informed of the presented information. Michael Prokopow spoke further to the concern, explaining the need to formalize dates since often thesis defenses were scheduled too close to the end of term, not allowing adequate time for sometimes major revisions.

8. Other Business

Arising from the articulation agreement discussion, a question was raised concerning the number of students in the Digital Futures undergraduate program. It was explained that the articulation agreements were created through a grant by the Ontario Council of Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT), whose mandate is to increase pathways to universities and to accommodate the ministries attempt to increase the number of pathways from low affinity college programs. In addition, it was explained that articulations were created with the DFI program since there are a number of similar skills required with certain college programs. President Diamond added that the articulation agreements in part are to build Digital Futures and that the university has invested in a market study to review what the market is for this program and how to shape outreach and recruitment. A report on student numbers and the general health of the program was requested for the fall. The Vice-President, Academic proposed that the numbers be brought to Senate after the September meeting so all program numbers can be reviewed including Digital Futures.

Discussion returned to the President’s action plan and Senate’s actions in response.

NEW MOTION

On motion made by Michèle White and seconded by Bonnie Devine THAT the President submit her Action Plan presentation to the Senate membership in a written form so that Senate may have time to consider it and respond to it at the next meeting of Senate at which time the President will be invited to present said Action Plan.

Discussion:

President Diamond expressed that she would like to have the opportunity to present her plan in order to have fulsome conversation. She acknowledged that it would be sent in advance to Senators.
Motion carried, with 32 in favour, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention.

9. Questions and Answer Period

No further questions were raised.

10. Adjournment

The Senate Chair then called for a motion for adjournment.

Motion to adjourn, moved by Tony Kerr, seconded by Vladimir Spicanovic.
Motion carried, unanimously at 6:00pm.