MINUTES OF OCAD UNIVERSITY’S SENATE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015, 3:00 – 6:00pm
ROOM 322, 230 RICHMOND STREET WEST

Present: Keith Rushton (Chair); Lillian Allen; Annette Blum; Frederick Burbach; Nicole Collins; Sara Diamond (via teleconference); Jim Drobnick; Andrea Fatona; Deanne Fisher; Richard Fung; Simon Glass; Julian Goss; Lynne Heller; Johanna Householder; Richard Hunt; Camille Isaacs; Martha Muszycka-Jones; Selmin Kara; Jacqueline Lee; Alexander Manu; Gerald McMaster; Dorie Millerson; Gabrielle Moser; Lewis Nicholson; Gayle Nicoll; Elisabeth Paradis; Paulette Phillips; Helmut Reichenbächer (via teleconference); Ryan Rice; Carol Roderick; John Semple; Gillian Siddall; Vladimir Spicanovic; Jennie Suddick; Evan Tapper; Marie-Josée Therrien; Virginia Trieloff; Dot Tuer; Natalie Waldburger; Emma Westecott; Ryan Whyte; b.h. Yael (Chair in-Transition)

Regrets: Tom Barker; Catherine Delaney; Keith Bresnahan; Judith Doyle; Michelle Forsyth; David Griffin; Roderick Grant; Chantelle Hope; Luke Painter

In Attendance: Nicky Davis, Director, Human Resources (Item #8); Susan G. Wright, Wright Management Consulting (Item #8)

Secretary: Hillary Barron

1. Welcome and Updates from the Chair
The Chair reported that the Senate Orientation for new and returning senators took place on November 16, 2015 with approximately 15 senators in attendance. He noted the meeting of the Joint Senate-Board of Governors Liaison Sub-Committee meeting on November 23, 2015 which President Diamond, as Committee Chair, would elaborate on in her remarks later in the agenda. Lastly, he informed members that senate committees will continue to meet throughout December and January and therefore it is anticipated that there will be a number of items of business coming forward to the January 2016 Senate meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda for November 30, 2015
The Chair presented the agenda for November 30, 2015, and called for a motion for approval.

Motion to approve, moved by Simon Glass, seconded by Elisabeth Paradis.
Motion carried, unanimously.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda Information Items and Minutes of October 26, 2015**

The Chair presented the Consent Agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting of October 26, 2015, and called for a motion for approval.

**Motion to approve**, moved by Johanna Householder, seconded by Annette Blum.

**Discussion**: More detail was requested on the fall outreach campaign to new students regarding student support led by Student Advising as noted in the information report of the Interim Vice-President, Academic. Gillian Siddall invited Deanne Fisher, Associate Vice-President, Students to provide more information. Deanne reported that as a first stage, all new students were contacted by a phone recording and then as second stage, they were contacted by an individual. It was explained that email was not as effective and students are more likely to respond to an actual person.

**Motion carried** with 36 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

4. **Senate Committee Reports**

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

4.1.1. **Report from the Continuing Studies Committee**

The Committee Chair referred to the information report on new approved Continuing Studies courses and non-credit certificate and invited questions. Evan Tapper, Director, Continuing Studies noted a correction in the report, stating that their annual increase in net revenue was 53% and not 93%.

4.2. **Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee (SAPPC)**

4.2.1. **Information Report from SAPPC**

The Committee Chair referred members to the information report and reiterated the activities of the SAPPC currently in progress. Questions were then invited.

4.3. **Senate Quality Assurance Committee (SQAC)**

4.3.1. **Information Report from SQAC**

The Committee Chair referred to the information report on the recent activities of the SQAC and invited questions.

4.4. **Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC)**

4.4.1. **New and Revised Curriculum form the Faculty of Art**

4.4.2. **New and Revised Curriculum from the Faculty of Design**

4.4.3. **New and Revised Curriculum from the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Interdisciplinary Studies**

The Committee Chair referred members to the summary materials and invited questions.
5. **Information Presentation on OCAD University and ArtTracks150**

Vladimir Spicanovic, Dean, Faculty of Art, spoke of the ArtTracks150 project across Canada. He noted that OCAD University had collaborated with Partners in Art (PIA) resulting in a nomadic artist residency program, leading to an international presence of artists, theorists and critics at the University. He continued that through this collaboration, President Diamond and himself approached PIA to lead the project of ArtTracks150. An overview of the project was provided including the selection of five national curators hired to participate at various art and design schools offering the course across Canada. It was explained that the course will respond to curatorial themes and produce research and work to be staged in June 2016 across national parks in Canada as well as online. Dean Spicanovic informed members that his role included engaging participating Canadian universities through the Deans of Canadian Fine Arts universities, a group which he chairs. Fifteen universities were stated to be involved in the endeavor and on November 20, 2015, OCAD University hosted a retreat for the five curators with Partners in Art to launch the project at the University, an event that attracted over 200 people. It was noted that the special topics course could become a regularized course. Laura Millard and Min Sook Lee were thanked in leading the development of the initiative which involved representation across all faculties. The goal stated is to create 150 art works to coincide with the 150th anniversary of Canada with curatorial themes including identity, land, environment, and ecological stewardship with one of the core principles of integrating indigenous epistemologies in art making.

**Discussion:** The potential for the course to run beyond 2017 was discussed in terms of government interest in creating a legacy project and providing a platform for future student experiences and a sustained critical research base for Canadian identity. The budget for the project was estimated at $4 million and most of the fundraising would be provided by Partners in Art. The funds would mainly be used for the projection of art work, travel, and resources allocated to teaching and support. It was stated that a better sense of the budget would be ready by March 2016. The budget was also noted to include funding for documentation in terms of having a record of exhibition catalogues, data visualization, student generated research and online documentation of student work. Dean Spicanovic requested to provide an update about the course later in the spring and invited additional questions outside of Senate.

6. **Information Update from the President and Vice-Chancellor**

President Diamond first invited questions about her information report in the consent agenda. A request was made to have Senators review past IQAP cyclical reviews and aggregate recommendations to investigate themes which would provide value to the Academic Plan. President Diamond invited the Interim Vice-President, Academic to speak to this request. Members were informed that the Senate Quality Assurance Committee (SQAC) has already struck a working group to perform this same activity and that the Senate Academic Planning and Policy Committee also acknowledged the usefulness of this information for academic planning.
6.1. Report from the Joint Board of Governors – Senate Liaison Committee
President Diamond reviewed the agenda of the meeting that took place on November 23, 2015. She spoke of the remarks from herself and the Senate and Board Chairs including the Senate In-Transition Chair. It was reported that the meeting was comprised of an overview of the budget process redesign, presented by the Vice-President, Finance and Administration, which included good discussion on parameters to consider in the budget reform and the need to fully engage the Deans in budget planning; a presentation on capital planning including the current campus plan with 230 Richmond Street as well as major capital projects such as the Creative City Campus on McCaul and the Daniels Waterfront project; the Academic Plan and its timeline and process; clarification on the jurisdiction of the academic administrative hires, which will come back to the Senate and Board in 2016; the Funding Formula Review and lastly the schedule of committee meetings including a full meeting of the Board and Senate in March to ensure availability of faculty senators and students. The President stipulated that future meetings of the Joint Board of Governors – Senate Liaison Committee will focus on substantive strategic discussions that are relevant to the University.

President Diamond reported that the through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, they have selected the firm kinetic café which will engage in data analytics in early February in terms of where the university is situated. She continued that the university will be engaged in various ways, including the Associate Deans as well as the Vice-President, Academic to draw connections to the Academic Plan. Furthermore, it was stated that by January, the Senate will be provided with an overview of the schedule for the process.

Senators had a discussion around the need to go in camera regarding the topic to be presented. A motion to amend the agenda to not go in camera was made by Lillian Allen and seconded by Vladimir Spicanovic. After a 10 minute recess to discuss the confidentiality of the business to be presented, the motion was withdrawn by both the mover and seconder.

The Chair explained that the Senate would need to move to an in camera session for liability reasons and after consultation requested that the Associate Deans and Director, Human Resources be included in the session.

New Motion:

THAT the Associate Deans and the Director, Human Resources be allowed to remain in the room for the In Camera Session of Senate.

Motion to approve, moved by Johanna Householder, seconded by Richard Hunt. Motion carried, unanimously.
Motion to move to an in camera session moved by Richard Hunt, seconded by John Semple.  
Motion carried, with 39 in favour, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions

In Camera Session Commenced at 4:08pm. Regular Business Meeting of Senate commenced at 5:30pm.

9. Other Business
An issue with the academic calendar was raised with regard to the placement of the schedule of critiques resulting in some students presenting two weeks before others. From the point of view of the instructor, the work demand in submitting grades and course outlines for the next term was said to also be negatively impacted by the critique schedule. The impact of the fall semester break was also highlighted on how it affects the schedule of assignments and its impact for the scheduling at the end of the year.

The Chair of the Senate Academic Standards Committee, the committee that reviews the calendar, acknowledged the concerns and stated the reality of not being able to create a calendar that pleases everyone. She reminded Senators that there is still one more year of the calendar, as already approved by Senate. She noted the different components and concerns that the committee is reviewing including: orientation day; the placement and length of the fall break; scheduling parity between the critique and exam schedules in each term. Senators were then invited to provide comments about the calendars and send them to the SASC committee secretary, Natalie Nanton.

Some of the concerns were echoed and ideas offered around the scheduling of critiques and providing students with more time in the classroom. It was further questioned whether a consensus could be reached in time to amend the 2016/17 academic calendar.

10. Handing Over of the Senate Chair’s Gavel
The Chair of Senate, Keith Rushton, ceremonially handed over the gavel to new Senate Chair, b.h. Yael. Keith spoke of the importance of Senate and Board relations and Senate’s leadership role and the need for the governance body to continue its insightful discourse. b.h. Yael thanked the Senate for the trust they have instilled in her for the Chair position and thanked Keith for his guidance on Senate, Academic Council and various related committee.

The Senate acknowledged outgoing Chair Keith Rushton for his service with a standing ovation.

11. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.