MINUTES OF OCAD UNIVERSITY’S SENATE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015, 3:00 – 6:00pm  
ROOM 322, 230 RICHMOND STREET WEST  

Present:  Keith Rushton (Chair); Lillian Allen; Annette Blum; Keith Bresnahan; Frederick Burbach; Nicole Collins; Judith Doyle; Jim Drobnick; Andrea Fatona; Deanne Fisher; Michel Frappier; Richard Fung; Simon Glass; Julian Goss; David Griffin; Roderick Grant; Lynne Heller; Chantelle Hope; Johanna Householder; Richard Hunt; Camille Isaacs; Selmin Kara; Jacqueline Lee; Dorie Millerson; Lewis Nicholson; Gayle Nicoll; Luke Painter; Elisabeth Paradis; Jill Patrick; Paulette Phillips; Helmut Reichenbächer; Ryan Rice; Gillian Siddall; Vladimir Spicanovic; Jennie Suddick; Evan Tapper; Marie-Josée Therrien; Dot Tuer; Natalie Waldburger; Emma Westecott; b.h. Yael (Chair In-Transition)  
Regrets:  Tom Barker; Catherine Delaney; Sara Diamond; Michelle Forsyth; Alexander Manu; Gerald McMaster; Gabrielle Moser; Marth Muszycka-Jones; Carol Roderick; Virginia Trieloff; Ryan Whyte  
In Attendance:  Nicky Davis, Director, Human Resources (Item #5); John Semple, Vice-Chair, Board of Governors  
Secretary:  Hillary Barron  

1. Welcome and Updates from the Chair  
Members were informed that the Senate Secretariat will issue an invitation for a Senate Orientation session, particularly targeted at new Senators, although all Senators are welcome to attend. In addition, the Chair reported that the Senate Secretariat will reconstitute regular meetings of all the Chairs of Senate Committees to ensure communication and information sharing across the committees. Lastly, the Chair welcomed Dr. John Semple, Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors.  

2. Approval of the Agenda of October 26, 2015  
The Chair put forward the Senate agenda of October 26, 2015, for approval.  

   **Motion to approve**, moved by Jill Patrick, seconded by Helmut Reichenbächer.  
   **Motion carried**, with 29 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda Information Items and Minutes of September 28, 2015**
   The Chair put forward the consent agenda and the minutes from the Senate meeting of September 28, 2015, for approval.

   **Motion to approve**, moved by Elisabeth Paradis, seconded by Nicole Collins.
   **Motion carried**, unanimously.

4. **Senate Committee Reports:**

   **4.1. Senate Executive Committee**

   The Chair called for a motion to move to an In Camera session.

   **Motion to move to an in camera session**, moved by Richard Hunt, seconded by Lewis Nicholson.
   **Motion carried**, unanimously.

   **IN CAMERA SESSION**
   Commenced at 3:17pm.

   The following business was discussed In Camera:

   **4.1.1. SEC Recommendation for the Faculty Senator Board of Governors’ Appointees**

   **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF SENATE**
   Commenced at 3:42pm.

   **4.2. Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee**

   **4.2.1. Information Report from SAPPC**

   The Committee Chair referred to the written report which outlined some of the Committee’s discussion around striking the Annual Nominating Committee as well as the process around academic planning, and invited questions. Senators commended the SAPPC on recognizing the need to proceed with robust consultation process for academic planning and emphasized the importance of analyzing information from both students and faculty.

   **4.3. Senate Academic Standards Committee**

   **4.3.1. Fall 2015 List of Graduands**

   The Committee Chair provided an updated list of graduands and reported that there is now a total of 83 students to be graduated effective October 30, 2015. The number of students pertaining to the degrees to be conferred was outlined. In addition, it was noted that one student was ineligible at present to graduate but if they met the requirements, it was requested they be approved by Senate. The Committee Chair then put forward the Fall 2015 List of Graduands, as amended, for approval.
Motion to approve, as amended, moved by Gayle Nicoll, seconded by Richard Hunt.  
Motion carried, unanimously.

5. For Consultation Pt. 2 – Preliminary Draft Policy on Academic Administration Appointments

Nicky Davis, Director, Human Resources provided an update on policy discussions following the last Senate meeting. She reported that feedback from the Senate, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Sustainability Initiatives (ODESI) and the OCAD Faculty Association (OCADFA) was incorporated into the document and that the Deans of Faculty and Vice-President, Academic were also further consulted. The process for policy approval was clarified that it will be reviewed by the Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee who will bring it forward to Senate for approval. After Senate approval, it was stated that the policy would then be presented to the Board of Governors. Areas of change were highlighted including section 3.1.6 Academic Tenure in terms of the process of how tenure may be granted; clarification and details regarding interim and acting appointments in section 6 and 7; and general improvements to the language addressing conflict of interest around the selection process and improvement in how diversity and equity are embedded in the document. Nicky then invited comments on the revisions presented.

Discussion: Senators engaged in lengthy, in-depth discussion on various areas of the policy including training and frequency of training for search committee members; clarification of general and internal searches when appointments are accorded faculty rank and the related concerns of faculty complement in certain programs; the process of approval by the President and Vice-President, Academic for different appointments; differing procedures for interim appointments; and lastly, which governing body should have authority to make academic administrative appointments and have authority over the policy itself. In addition, the idea to review legal counsel on the OCAD University Act to resolve the issue of authority was suggested.

Action: Nicky Davis advised that she will consult governance advice for next steps. Furthermore, the Chair stated that consultation for the policy would continue within the Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee and the timeline for approval would be adjusted accordingly.


Vladimir Spicanovic provided a brief overview of activities of the COU Academic Colleagues, and gave an account of the recent meeting on October 14-15, 2015 with the executive heads/Presidents of Ontario Universities. He reported that the following issues were key topics of conversations: the funding formula, where Presidents have engaged the Ministry to reconsider the formula to represent the different needs of each university; the Strategic Mandate Agreement and the creation of a specific matrix to assess the performance outputs of different universities; and efforts made across Canadian universities to coordinate events.
for the 150th anniversary of Canada in 2017, for which OCAD University is engaged in the ArtTracks150 project. Lastly, Vladimir Spicanovic spoke about the positive presentation by the Academic Colleagues to the Presidents on the topic of experiential learning, outlining its importance, student interest, demands, and sustainability in terms of resources and training. Members were informed that the next COU Academic Colleagues meeting would be in April. Vladimir also noted that he will also be serving on a government and media relationship committee of the COU.

7. Information Report on Registration Process
Elisabeth Paradis, University Registrar, presented a report to Senate. She spoke about the successful migration of data into the new student system and the seamless registration that students experienced in the spring/summer and fall/winter. The interface students see on the system was outlined including a personal progress page to help map out their four years of courses. The waitlist feature and immediate update of financial statements was also highlighted. It was noted that the system is updated regularly by the vendor and a mobile app version of the system is currently being developed.

Discussion: Ways in which to see elective options were reviewed and details surrounding the functionality of the wait list were discussed. Elisabeth also pointed out that issues that have come up with the system have mostly revolved around communication. Student Senators Jacqueline Lee and Chantelle Hope spoke of their positive experience with the new system, citing improvements with the user-friendly interface.

8. Other Business
The Chair congratulated faculty Senators Roderick Grant (Faculty of Design) and Nicole Collins (Faculty of Art), who were elected in the In Camera portion of the meeting, as the Faculty Senator Board of Governors’ Appointees, along with the incoming Senate Chair, b.h. Yael.

An update on the redevelopment of 230/240 Richmond Street West as well as the University’s budget was requested. The Vice-President, Finance and Administration reported that an update could be presented to Senate at its January or February meeting.

9. Adjournment

The Chair then called for a motion of adjournment.

Motion to approve, moved by Vladimir Spicanovic, seconded by Helmut Reichenbächer. Motion carried, unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.