

Present: J. Zabudsky (Chair); M. Preece (Vice-Chair); M. Rust (Speaker); M. Khan (Deputy Speaker); L. Easton (Parliamentarian); S. Shaver (Secretary); K. Arena; S. Arora; K. Austin; V. Badiani; P. Barnwell; A. Bodor; L. Butler; J. Callaghan; K. Cameron; D. Cerri; A. Chernysh; K. Chorney; J. Condie; K. Cummins; L. Dalton; L. De Jong; S. Dimech; M. Garbutt; R. Geddes; J. Goveas; L. Grightmire; L. Hamilton; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; M. Hayward; W. Holmes; J. Jones; Y. Katz; A. Katzman; T. Kettanah; T. Kostiw; M. Kukhta; D. Lawless; M. Lemon; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido-Bezely; A. Mahamoud; A. Maknyik; H. Malik; T. McCormack; I. McNab; L. Mendez; L. Mununga; S. Murray; H. Overhill; D. Piedra; C. Ramraj; T. Rankin; P. Salehi; S. Samboo; L. Sasaki; D. Shalimo; H. Simkins; H. Singh; M. Spence-Ariemma; H. Stewart; M. Stoica; A. Stukator; E. Sykes; C. Ter-Steege; J. Urowitz; D. Wackerlin; C. A. Waite; P. Wheeler; S. Woods; P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary)

Absent with Regrets: L. Bell; C. Benak; A. Bodor; R. Finch; P. Grevstad; M. Grewal; S. Parfeniuk; L. Piccolo; A. Plante; R. Rosenberg; T. Tracewicz

Absent: C. Berge; T. Calafati; M. Lapointe-Melo; I. Marley; E. Rodrigues; J. Sweeney-Marsh

1.0 Call to Order 4:04 p.m.

The Speaker determined that quorum was met and called the meeting to order.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – November 28, 2013

Moved by S. Lowndes; seconded by B. Holmes:  
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda for the November 28, 2013 meeting.  
**Carried.**

2.2 Senate Minutes – October 24, 2013

Moved by H. Malik; seconded by L. Hamilton:  
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the October 24, 2013 meeting minutes.  
**Carried.**

3.0 Business Arising from the October 24, 2013 Minutes

3.1 Use of a discussion board on Senate SharePoint Site – Jeff Zabudsky

The Senate Chair reported that after discussing this issue at Senate Executive, the recommendation is that the business of the Senate should be conducted face-to-face and the online site should be used to clarify processes and disseminate information.

Discussion ensued.

ACTION – It was agreed that a steward would be needed to monitor online discussion. The Senate site steward will be discussed at the next Senate Executive meeting.

The Senate Secretary advised that Senate highlights are included in the *Sheridan Insider*. The *Insider* is not emailed to students but it is accessible to them from Access Sheridan.

A Senator pointed out that the governance and administration portion of Sheridan's new website does not list Senate.

ACTION – The Senate Secretary will work with Marketing/Communications to add essential Senate information to the Sheridan public website.

### 3.2 Senate Standing Committee and LAC Update – Mary Preece

The Vice-Chair advised that she and the Senate Secretary had met with Committee Chairs and spoke with them about presenting committee reports to Senate at the November meeting. These reports will outline membership, function, goals and accomplishments. LACs will present reports to Senate at the November meeting as well.

### 4.0 Report from President

The President discussed Sheridan's strategic plan and journey towards Sheridan becoming a university. Brampton is a fast growing community and has expressed a desire to have a university. The President and Board of Governors' Chair have presented to the City of Brampton's Council. The Council voted unanimously to endorse and support Sheridan in its Journey. The City of Brampton met and discussed this university option with the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne.

The President recently visited British Columbia with the Board of Governors' Chair in order to garner feedback from four former colleges that are now universities. Met with the Presidents and Board Chairs to discuss their experience and what is involved from a Board standpoint. There were two consistent themes from all institutions: the importance of working through role distinctions between the bicamerally governed Senate and the Board of Governors, and the importance of having internal and external community support to assist in the transition.

ACTION – The President will document the visit and provide a more detailed report to Senate at a future meeting.

Sheridan received Substantial Equivalence through the National Association of Schools of Art and Design signifying that Sheridan is equivalent to the premier art institutions in the United States. Sheridan is the first institution to receive this in Ontario and the second in Canada.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME) deemed Sheridan a Centre of Excellence and placed Sheridan on their website. Sheridan has now heard interest from premier engineering schools around the world.

A Senator mentioned that, as per the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, we are the only college in Canada with a Student Chapter of Advancement. The President also noted that Sheridan

is the only college in the world granted membership to Conceive-Design-Implement-Operate (CDIO), out of MIT.

The original production of *Marathon of Hope* launches tonight with the Fox family present.

A Senator asked which group at Sheridan will be writing bylaws delegating authority to the Senate or the Board of Governors. The Governance Committee of the Board will draft the principles to be included in the legislation. This document will be presented at a future Senate meeting for input from Senators. The Senator then asked if there is any opportunity for Senators to sit on this committee. The President advised that a Committee of the Board must be made up of Board Members, although, Senators could potentially attend meetings as a resource.

A Senator asked how the former colleges handled the difference/increase in faculty involvement once they became universities. The President advised that faculty involvement will be reflected through the Senate which will have clearly defined responsibilities within the legislation.

ACTION – When documenting his visit to British Columbia, the President will include any other relevant information regarding this topic in his report.

#### 5.0 Reports from Senate Standing Committees

##### 5.1 Sheridan Senate Executive Committee

Minutes are available online at the Senate Executive Committee SharePoint website.

##### 5.2 Academic Policy

Report presented by Linda Dalton.

##### 5.3 Learning Partnerships & Academic Pathways

Report presented by Stephanie Samboo.

##### 5.4 Program Quality Assurance

Report presented by Melanie Spence-Ariemma and Magdin Stoica.

##### 5.5 Teaching & Learning

Report presented by Stephanie Dimech.

##### 5.6 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities

Report presented by Bill Holmes and relevant questions answered.

6.0 Reports from Faculty Local Academic Councils (LACs)

6.1 FHASS – Humanities and Social Sciences

Report presented by Has Malik.

6.2 FCAPS – Continuing and Professional Studies

Report presented by Dan Piedra and relevant questions answered.

6.3 FOB – Business

Report presented by Mark Rust and relevant questions answered.

6.4 FAST – Applied Science and Technology

Report presented by Dave Wackerlin and relevant questions answered.

6.5 FAHCS – Applied Health and Social Studies

Report presented by Kathryn Cameron.

6.6 FAAD – Animation, Arts and Design

Report presented by Angela Stukator and relevant questions answered.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm - all other November 28, 2013 Senate Agenda items to be brought forward to the January 2014 Senate meeting.