

Present: J. Zabudsky (Chair); M. Preece (Vice Chair); M. Lysack (Speaker); M. Khan (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); V. Badiani; C. Benak; D. Braggins; L. Butler; J. Callaghan; M. Cassidy; A. Chernysh; K. Chorney; K. Cummins; L. Dalton; L. De Jong; M. Evans; K. Forest; M. Frazer; M. Garbutt; A. Gaston; R. Geddes; C. Gillett; D. Greenwood; D. Hammond; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; Y. Katz; T. Kostiw; M. Kukhta; K. Lee; J. Lemon; E. Liu; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido Bezely; T. Magbitang; A. Maknyik; H. Malik; S. Mansour; G. McClement; I. McNab; L. Mendez; L. Mununga; A. Nabywaniec; H. Overhill; S. Pirie; A. Plante; T. Rankin; P. Salehi; S. Samboo; H. Simkins; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Tamas; C. Ter-Steege; J. Urowitz; D. Wackerlin; S. Woods

Guests: C. Appleby; K. Barnwell; H. Craig-Morton; J. Cupido; L. Dalton; E. Dickson; S. Dimech; J. Ginter; D. Lindner; S. McNabney; M. Rempel; S. Saunders

Absent with Regrets: D. Cerri; Z. Dirse; R. Finch; J. Goveas; P. Grevstad; D. Lawless; M. Melymick; S. Parfeniuk; L. Piccolo; D. Shalimo; T. Tracewicz; C. A. Waite

Absent: M. Grewal; W. Holmes; I. Marley; L. Phyllis; K. Rivera; R. Rosenberg; L. Sasaki; M. Spence-Ariemma; T. Tarantini; R. Wang; M. Wilkshire

1.0 Call to Order 4:05 p.m.

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

The Speaker addressed a question that was raised during the previous Senate meeting and advised that abstentions serve no purpose and are not recorded. Any dissenting opinions should be voiced during Senate discussion.

Another question that was addressed was that motions will be moved and seconded prior to a Senate presentation taking place. After the presentation the motion will be repeated and the question will be called when Senators are ready.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – April 23, 2015

Moved by S. Lowndes; seconded by M. Kukhta:

THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda for the April 23, 2015 meeting.

Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – March 26, 2015

Moved by J. Hardisty; seconded by J. Urowitz:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the March 26, 2015 meeting minutes.
Carried.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Sheridan Senate 2015/16 Elections – Jeff Zabudsky

The Senate Chair reported on an item that had been discussed during the previous Senate meeting regarding unfilled Senate election positions after the nomination period had closed. The two FAAD seats will be filled by accepting the nomination that was delayed in an administrative glitch and the retirement that was rescinded. The FAHCS seat will remain unfilled until the next annual election cycle.

A Senator asked whether a current Senator from FAHCS that had resigned and wanted to rescind their retirement would be allowed to do so if they wanted to continue for another term to fill the position. The Senate Chair advised that this would be considered.

3.2 Academic Governance Review Project Update – Mary Preece

Academica Group has been contracted to perform a review of the Senate using a random sample of Senators. Those that have accepted an invitation to a focus group will receive further communication from Academica Group to advise whether their original date and time has been confirmed. Those that declined or did not respond will receive further communication regarding what alternative dates are being offered.

4.0 President's Report

Michael Kukhta was congratulated for being elected as a representative on the Board of Governors for the Faculty constituency.

The 2015 Provincial budget includes increased funding for the capital budget (e.g. renewal of existing spaces) for postsecondary institutions. This funding will increase to one hundred million dollars by 2017/2018.

Sheridan's Musical Theatre program production Brantwood has been well reviewed by the media. The Sheridan production of Come From Away will be opening at La Jolla Playhouse in California and the Sheridan production The Theory of Relativity is playing at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Admission Policy – June Cupido

Linda Dalton presented a revised version of the Admission Policy that was provided in advance of the meeting showing track changes due to non-substantive changes that were raised prior to the Senate meeting. The modified review process for policies was outlined. June Cupido presented the content of the new Admission Policy. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

Moved by M. Kukhta; seconded by A. Gaston:

THAT the Senate recommend for approval to the Board of Governors the proposed Admission Policy, as revised through the modified review process and the discussion of the Academic Policy Standing Committee.

Carried.

5.2 Academic Standing Policy – (Newly Revised) – Diana Lindner, Heather Craig-Morton

Linda Dalton, Heather Craig-Morton and Diana Lindner presented the Academic Standing Policy. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

Moved by M. Frazer; seconded by A. Gaston:

THAT Senate recommend for approval to the Board of Governors the proposed (*new*) Academic Standing Policy, as revised through the full review process and the discussion of the Academic Policy Standing Committee.

Discussion ensued. A Senator suggested that section 4.2.4 of the Academic Standing Policy, for clarity, have the words “following admission” added to read:

“Academic Suspensions will not be issued to first semester students following admission.”

ACTION – Linda Dalton advised that this clarification will be made in the Policy and Procedure.

Further discussion ensued. Mardy Frazer and Alison Gaston withdrew their motion. A new motion was proposed.

Moved by Dave Wackerlin; seconded by Kevin Forest:

THAT Senate recommend for approval to the Board of Governors the proposed (*new*) Academic Standing Policy, as revised through the full review process, the discussion of the Academic Policy Standing Committee and Senate.

Carried.

5.3 Academic Standing Policy – (Current) – Linda Dalton

Linda Dalton presented the proposed change to the current Academic Standing Policy. The documentation is available on the Senate website.

Moved by L. Dalton; seconded by J. Urowitz:

THAT Senate approve the (*current*) Academic Standing Policies (both the Academic Standing Policy for Baccalaureate Degrees, and Certificate and Diploma programs) be modified effective immediately to reflect the following change:

Students in the first semester of their program following admission will not be issued a “may not continue” academic standing at the end of that term. First semester students, whose cumulative GPA falls below 1.2 will be required to see an Academic Advisor. All others whose cumulative GPA falls below 1.2 must withdraw from the program for a minimum of one academic year.

Carried.

5.4 Grading Policy – Carol Appleby

Carol Appleby and Linda Dalton presented the Grading Policy. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

Moved by L. Dalton; seconded by M. Frazer:

THAT the draft policy presented today – Grading Policy - be referred to the Local Academic Councils, and other Stakeholders for review and report back to the Academic Policy Standing Committee.

Carried.

Due to faculty vacation schedules, it was suggested and agreed that the Stakeholder feedback date be extended until September.

5.5 Policy and Procedure Quick Changes – Linda Dalton

Linda Dalton spoke regarding non-substantive, quick changes that are being made to the following policies: the Academic Appeals and Consideration Policy and Procedure, the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Procedure, and the Liberal Arts and Science (Breadth) Degree Requirements Policy. It was stressed that policies and procedures should always be reviewed online directly from Sheridan's Policy website as opposed to printed copies that may be out of date.

6.0 Question Period

No questions were asked.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by H. Simkins; seconded by A. Plante:

THAT the April 23, 2015 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 6:00p.m.

Carried.