

Present: J. Zabudsky (Chair); M. Preece (Vice-Chair); M. Rust (Speaker); M. Khan (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); V. Badiani; D. Braggins; L. Butler; J. Callaghan; M. Cassidy; D. Cerri; A. Chernysh; L. De Jong; K. Forest; M. Frazer; M. Garbutt; A. Gaston; R. Geddes; C. Gillett; D. Greenwood; P. Grevstad; M. Grewal; D. Hammond; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; W. Holmes; Y. Katz; T. Kostiw; M. Kukhta; D. Lawless; K. Lee; E. Liu; M. Lemon; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido Bezely; M. Lysack; T. Magbitang; A. Maknyik; I. McNab; L. Mendez; L. Mununga; A. Nabywaniec; L. Phyllis; S. Pirie; A. Plante; T. Rankin; K. Rivera; S. Samboo; D. Shalimo; E. Sykes; T. Tarantini; C. Ter-Steege; T. Tracewicz; J. Urowitz; D. Wackerlin; C. A. Waite; R. Wang; S. Woods;

Guests: A. Abiscott; K. Barnwell; S. Dimech; A. Houghton

Absent with Regrets: C. Benak; K. Chorney; K. Cummins; L. Dalton; Z. Dirse; R. Finch; H. Malik; S. Parfeniuk; L. Piccolo; R. Rosenberg; P. Salehi; H. Simkins; M. Spence-Ariemma; J. Sweeney Marsh; C. Tamas

Absent: C. Berge; M. Evans; J. Goveas; S. Mansour; I. Marley; G. McClement; M. Melymick; H. Overhill; L. Sasaki; M. Wilkshire

1.0 Call to Order 4:15 p.m.

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

The Senate Chair welcomed new Student Senators: Aleksandra Nabywaniec, Timothy Magbitang, Kyungjoo Lee, and Rujina Wang.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – November 27, 2014

Moved by C.A. Waite; seconded by S. Lowndes:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda, as revised, for the November 27, 2014 meeting.
Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – October 23, 2014

Moved by M. Frazer; seconded by J. Urowitz:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the October 23, 2014 meeting minutes, as revised.
Carried.

3.0 Business Arising/Unfinished Business - Sheila Shaver

3.1 Senate Membership Renewal

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

THAT Senate progress to a formal election process to fill vacant Senate membership positions each year.

Carried.

Moved by A. Gaston; seconded by C.A. Waite:

THAT the current Draft Terms of Reference for Senate be changed to read as follows: 3.6 (b) Senators shall normally serve for three (3) years (one renewable), with roughly one-third (1/3) to be elected each year.

Discussion ensued. Ross Geddes proposed an amendment to the above motion for clarification.

Moved by R. Geddes; seconded by J. Urowitz:

THAT the current Draft Terms of Reference for Senate be changed to read as follows: 3.6 (b) Senators shall normally serve for a three (3) year term (one term renewable), with roughly one-third (1/3) to be elected each year.

Carried.

The Senate Secretary presented a PowerPoint regarding Sheridan Senate Membership. The PowerPoint is available on the Senate website.

ACTION - Each Faculty LAC Chair must provide the Senate Secretary with a list of two retiring full-time faculty Senators. Please provide the list by the second week of January.

A Senator asked what the process should be if not enough Senators volunteer to retire from Senate. LACs should discuss how they would like to handle this situation. Initially there was a desire that processes at the Faculty level be appropriate and specific to each Faculty LAC; this does not need to remain the case as long as people are comfortable that there is a democratic process in place.

ACTION – During January LAC meetings, LAC members to give thought to how the Senator retiring process should be managed and whether it should be prescribed. If necessary, this will be a Senate agenda item during the January meeting.

4.0 President's Report

Sheridan recently received a gold medal from the Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition. Faculty member Keith Barnwell received the Award of Excellence.

At the Premier's Awards during the Higher Education Summit, Sheridan alumni won 2 of the 6 awards out of 24 competing colleges: Tibor Major for Creative Arts and Design, and James Forbes for Technology.

On November 26th, the Board of Governors approved the new MASSIVE program, the re-activation of the Emergency Management Program, and the Student Assessment and Evaluation Policy.

In order to assess readiness for membership in AUCC, Sheridan intends to hold a dress rehearsal. Sheridan has identified three assessors for our mock accreditation team.

Sheridan received top marks from degree program students via the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). A press release is available on Sheridan's website.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Review and Discussion of Next Steps from October 20th, 2014 Research Day

Feedback from the October 20th, 2014 Research Day has been reviewed. Six themes were identified: issues related to faculty, curriculum, resources to support curriculum, scholarship defined, community engagement, and students.

Short-term next steps: finish the analysis and pull together with Institute for Creativity initiatives; discuss possible next steps in January with the URCA Committee of the Senate; and return to Senate in January with this item. Representatives from each faculty (URCA Ambassadors) will facilitate the conversation between the URCA Committee, Senate, and the Faculties.

5.2 Speaker of Senate

Moved by A. Plante; seconded by W. Holmes:

THAT upon the resignation of the existing elected Speaker of Senate, an election for the replacement Senate Speaker be held at the January 2015 Senate meeting. Should the Deputy Speaker decide to run for the Speaker position, and be elected, an election will take place for the Deputy Speaker position at the January 2015 meeting.

Carried.

Please email nominations to the Senate Secretary by December 15th, 2014.

Discussion ensued. Jack Urowitz put forward the following motion from the floor.

Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by C.A. Waite:

THAT when the Senate body acquires dedicated room space, pictures of past Senate Speakers be hung in the room.

Carried.

6.0 Question Period

A Senator asked whether long-serving part-time faculty members would be eligible to receive a long service award.

ACTION – The President will discuss possibilities with Human Resources and will address this at a future Senate meeting.

A Senator asked if students will need to run for election in order to become a Senator. The Senate Secretary advised that this is currently handled differently according to each faculty and that further discussion on this topic will take place at a future Senate meeting.

ACTION – Senate Secretary to bring this item forward at a future Senate meeting.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by C.A. Waite:

THAT the November 27, 2014 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Carried.