

Present: M. Preece (Chair); J. Morrison (Vice Chair); M. Khan (Speaker); P. Hommersen (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); A. Boshnakova; D. Braggins; M. J. Carroll; M. Cassidy; L. Cipparrone; K. Cowie; S. Cumming; L. Dalton; M. Daniel; J. Ferguson; A. Flint; A. Gaston; R. Geddes; M. Ghalayini; R. Giberson; G. Grant; D. Greenwood; D. Hammond; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; A. Hollenberg; J. Humphreys; F. Koch; M. Kukhta; K. Kurichh; C. Lawrence; M. Lemon; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido Bezely; M. Lysack; J Mactaggart; K. Mahmud; A. Malik; H. Malik; I. Marley; M. Marsella; S. McGinness; I. McNab; S. McNabney; B. Pham; L. Phyllis; V. Picicci; L. Piccolo; A. Plante; K. Rankin; R. Rosenberg; K. Rukszto; P. Sarkissian; D. Shalimo; N. Sheppard; A. Sher; M. Spence-Ariemma; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Tamas; T. Tarantini; C. terSteege; T. Tracewicz; C. Tuck-Riggs; J. Urowitz; A. Venkatapathy; C. Wollen

Guests: A. Abiscott; E. Benson; B. Dawson; M. Frazer; C. Knudsen; R. Piper; S. Pirie

Absent with Regrets: M. Bartlett; J. Irwin; B. Jarvis; Y. Katz; A. Lightbody; M. Melymick; H. Overhill; P. Stubbs;

Absent: Z. Dirse; A. Gopaul; N. Gukhool; K. McMullen; Z. Sayyed; C. Somerville

1.0 Call to Order 4:05 p.m.

Quorum was confirmed and the Speaker called the meeting to order. The Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Anishinaabe Nation, Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – March 23, 2017

The agenda was amended to include the names of the presenters under section 5.3 Academic Freedom Policy (Christian Knudsen, Fred Koch, Shannon Pirie and Joan Sweeney Marsh).

Moved by G. Grant; seconded by I. McNab:

THAT Sheridan Senate approve the March 23, 2017 meeting agenda, as amended.

Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – February 23, 2017

The February 23, 2017 Senate minutes were amended under section 5.2 Honours Bachelor of Computer Science Degree Program to include the words “SharePoint website” in the second sentence to read: “The PowerPoint is available on the Senate SharePoint website.”

Moved by M. Lysack; seconded by A. Gaston:
 THAT Sheridan Senate approve the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes, as amended.
Carried.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Senate Evaluation Survey – Deputy Speaker

Senate Executive has begun to review the consolidated results of the Senate Evaluation Survey and plans to bring the themes and recommendations forward at the April Senate meeting.

4.0 President's Report

The Professional Accounting Ontario College Graduate Certificate program as well as the budget for 2017-2018 was approved by the Board of Governors on March 22nd, 2017.

The Sheridan-incubated musical, ***Come from Away***, had its official Broadway premiere in New York City on March 12th, 2017. Several members of the Sheridan community were in attendance.

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development announced on March 14th that Ryerson University's joint proposal with Sheridan to explore a university presence was the only one received for Brampton as part of the new provincial opportunity, and is now under review. The proposal is being led by Ryerson who will present to the Ministry on March 29th. It is now Ryerson's responsibility to prepare the full application, and Sheridan will continue to be part of these discussions. Academic programming will come through both the Sheridan and Ryerson Senate.

The Sheridan Bruins men's basketball team won a silver medal at the national championship game at the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship on March 18. The team won gold at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championship two weeks ago. Mary congratulated the team and their coaches, and recognized Jim Flack's pivotal role in the success of the team and Sheridan's athletics program.

Farzad Rayegani was featured on CBC Metro Morning on March 20, as part of a story on Iranian-Canadian engineers to coincide with Nowruz, the Iranian New Year.

On March 17, The Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour and MPP for Oakville, visited Sheridan's Skilled Trades Centre to announce \$282,300 in new funding for Sheridan's pre-apprenticeship training programs.

Friday, March 24th will mark the official opening of HMC B-wing with a morning event for supporters and dignitaries, and an afternoon open house for students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

With the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) template received from the Ministry, we are working to populate and validate the information. The blank SMA template will be posted on the Senate website along with a link to the previous SMA. The draft SMA will be presented at the May Senate meeting and then go to the Board on May 31st. The draft SMA will likely include a coordinated statement on being part of the potential Ontario colleges polytechnics movement. We will also work with Ryerson to include a statement regarding our potential partnership in Brampton. The expectation from the government is that all SMAs will be signed by summer.

The Vice President, Finance and Administration position has been posted. The process for the presidential search is underway.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Building the Academic Plan – Janet Morrison

Janet Morrison presented the Academic Plan and answered questions. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the Senate website.

Moved by C. Tuck-Riggs; seconded by J. Humphreys:

THAT Senate recommend for approval to the Board of Governors the Academic Plan as presented.

Carried.

5.2 Update – Academic Policy Development Process – Paul Hommersen

As part of the official academic policy development process first draft policies are presented to Senate and then sent out to LACs and other stakeholders for review and feedback. It has been practice at Senate to vote on a motion during this step. Upon reviewing the process it has been acknowledged that no vote is required or appropriate at this step in the consultation process. Draft policies will continue to be presented to Senate for information with the opportunity for questions of clarification before the LACs and other stakeholders then review and discuss it more thoroughly in order to send their feedback in to the Academic Policy Standing Committee of Senate. The revised draft policy then returns to Senate for approval at stage 7.

5.3 Academic Freedom Policy – Christian Knudsen, Fred Koch, Shannon Pirie, Joan Sweeney-Marsh

The Academic Freedom Policy was presented to go forward to stakeholders for consultation and questions were answered. The policy working group offered to attend any stakeholder meetings, if invited. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

6.0 Question Period

No questions were asked.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by S. Lowndes:

THAT the March 23, 2017 meeting of the Sheridan Senate adjourn at 5:30pm.

Carried.