

Present: J. Zabudsky (Chair); M. Preece (Vice-Chair); M. Rust (Speaker); M. Khan (Deputy Speaker); L. Easton (Parliamentarian); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); K. Arena; K. Austin; V. Badiani; P. Barnwell; C. Benak; C. Berge; A. Bodor; L. Butler; J. Callaghan; K. Cameron; A. Chernysh; K. Chorney; J. Condie; K. Cummins; L. Dalton; L. De Jong; L. Easton; R. Finch; M. Garbutt; R. Geddes; J. Goveas; P. Grevstad; L. Grightmire; L. Hamilton; Y. Katz; A. Katzman; T. Kettanah; T. Kostiw; D. Lawless; M. Lemon; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido-Bezely; M. Lysack; A. Mahamoud; A. Maknyik; H. Malik; I. Marley; I. McNab; L. Mendez; L. Mununga; S. Murray; H. Overhill; D. Piedra; A. Plante; T. Rankin; R. Rosenberg; S. Sambo; D. Shalimo; H. Simkins; H. Singh; M. Spence-Ariemma; M. Stoica; A. Stukator; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Ter-Steege; T. Tracewicz; J. Urowitz; D. Wackerlin; C.A. Waite; P. Wheeler; S. Woods

Absent with Regrets: D. Cerri; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; B. Holmes; J. Jones; P. Salehi; L. Sasaki

Absent: S. Arora; L. Bell; T. Calafati; M. Grewal; M. Hayward; M. Kukhta; M. Lapointe-Melo; T. McCormack; S. Parfeniuk; C. Ramraj; E. Rodrigues; H. Stewart

Guests: E. Dickson; M. Evans; B. Jervis; D. Lindner; E. Rees Johnstone

1.0 Call to Order 4:05 p.m.

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

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – January 23, 2014

Moved by M. Stoica; seconded by K. Cameron:

THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda for the January 23, 2014 meeting.

Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – November 28, 2013

By show of hands, Senators agreed to use the term “Senator” in future meeting minutes.

Moved by S. Lowndes; seconded by L. Hamilton:

THAT Sheridan Senate approve the November 28, 2013 meeting minutes.

Carried.

3.0 Unfinished Business Arising from the November 28, 2013 Senate Meeting

7.0 New Business

No new business.

8.0 Question Period

No questions.

4.0 Business Arising from the November 28, 2013 Meeting Minutes

4.1 Steward for Senate SharePoint working site

The Senate Executive Committee agreed that the Senate Secretary and Senate Recording Secretary will function as stewards of the discussion board on the Senate website. Senate Speaker will be alerted to comments/questions when necessary.

4.2 Senate presence on the Administration and Governance section of the Sheridan Website

The Board of Governors Secretary and Senate Secretary in cooperation with the Sheridan Executive team will be working with Sheridan's Marketing department to revise the Administration and Governance section of Sheridan's website by March.

5.0 Reports from the President

The President issued a report (available on Senate website) on his recent trip to Western institutions that were former colleges and now universities.

Policy One was approved by the Board of Governors on January 22nd, 2014. Senate will no longer approve procedures.

The Board of Governors approved the budget for 2014/2015 on January 22nd, 2014. Planning and approval in advance of the next fiscal year allows Sheridan to include anticipated increases in fees.

A slide show was presented by the President that outlined the monetary investment Sheridan is making in the Journey to become a university.

Sheridan's Library is currently ranked 4th amongst colleges. With the investments being made, Sheridan expects to be ranked 1st by 2016. Province funded support for Sheridan is falling and is now under 39% yet Sheridan continues to persevere via other avenues (i.e. international recruitment). The Minister of International Trade intends to double the number of international students in Canada by 2022.

Ultimately, legislation will be changed to empower Sheridan Senate to be able to make academic decisions. The Journey to Sheridan University is creating a stronger Sheridan. All of the investments being made will have positive effects on Sheridan regardless of whether Sheridan becomes a university.

One of the commitments Sheridan has made is to become a creative campus. In keeping with this mandate, Sheridan is working to add displays of public art at each campus.

Discussion ensued regarding whether PD Funding is now a taxable benefit since funding may be used for scholarships and tuitions.

ACTION – Ask Human Resources to provide clarification on this issue.

Discussion ensued on what may occur if Sheridan increases the number of faculty prepared at graduate levels and then does not become a university; specifically, if faculty layoffs are a possibility. The President advised that PhD hires are being driven primarily by PEQAB as opposed to solely by Sheridan's Journey. Regardless of the university title, Sheridan will be advancing the degree programs and will require the faculty.

A Senator referred to the President's report on the visit to Western universities. The report mentions a labour stoppage that Vancouver Island University encountered subsequent to transitioning to a university. The Senator would like to learn more about what caused that labour stoppage. The President advised that the labour stoppage could have been due, in part, to the transition but the province was also having fiscal challenges and, as we know in our own current system, labour stoppages are not unknown.

ACTION – Sheridan should learn more about the causes of the labour stoppage to avoid any potential pitfalls with our transition.

The Senator asked if Local 244 should be involved in looking into those issues in the Journey. The President advised that Local 244 could be involved in the proper context at labour and management committees.

A Senator asked if the feedback at the October Senate meeting was incorporated into Policy One that was recently approved.

ACTION – At the next Senate meeting, the President will advise what Senate feedback was reflected in Policy One.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Posthumous Awarding of Credentials Policy – L. Dalton

The Chair of the Academic Policy Committee presented the Posthumous Awarding of Credentials Policy.

6.2 Technology in Teaching and Learning Policy – M. Evans, E. Rees Johnstone

Michael Evans presented the Technology in Teaching and Learning Policy.

Moved by L. Dalton; seconded by M. Stoica;

THAT the two policies presented today – Posthumous Awarding of Credentials and Technology in Teaching and Learning be brought forward for discussion at the Local Academic Councils, and with other stakeholders to report back to the Academic Policy Subcommittee.

Carried.

6.3 Creating the Future Today – Conference Overview – Sara Rumsey

Sara Rumsey made a presentation on the inaugural conference Sheridan is cohosting with the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). The conference is titled Creating the Future Today: Navigating Change in Canadian Undergraduate Education and is taking place May 1st and 2nd of 2014. Sheridan is looking to explore how we, as educators, in unique undergraduate postsecondary institutions balance innovation with established university traditions. The conference will accommodate approximately 150-200 people including about 40 people from Sheridan. The conference committee will be working out how to have Senate representation at the conference.

6.4 Academic IT Systems and Impacts – Brian Jervis

Brian Jervis presented IT Systems and Impacts.

In 2014 there are five key areas of focus:

- 1) Work on a new system to help manage the curriculum planning process
- 2) Work focused on academic term planning
- 3) New E-Store for FCAPS
- 4) PeopleSoft Upgrade with SA and HR Systems
- 5) Teaching and Learning Technology

7.0 Question Period

A Student Senator asked how students could be more involved in decision making with regards to issues affecting students. The Senate Vice-Chair advised providing comments and suggestions on student involvement to the Student Union President. The Vice-Chair and Student Union President meet regularly to discuss how to get students engaged.

A Student Senator asked if, once Sheridan becomes a university, it is possible to get your parchment to read Sheridan University as opposed to Sheridan College.

ACTION – At a future Senate meeting the President will report back on this item.

The Senate Speaker asked that any person who is not a Senator leave the room before entering *in camera*.

Moved by D. Wackerlin; seconded by C. A. Waite;
 THAT Sheridan Senate move to an in camera session to discuss the professor emeritus nomination of candidate 201401PE being presented for 2014.
Carried.

8.0 In Camera – Professor Emeritus Nomination – Decision – 5:41pm [Closed Session]

The *in camera* discussion and motions are not recorded for public distribution with these minutes. They are available for review by contacting the Senate Recording Secretary, to members of the Senate only, as a Confidential Addendum to the minutes of January 23, 2014.

The *in camera* discussion concluded at 5:54pm.

Moved by H. Simkins; seconded by A. Stukator

THAT Sheridan Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the nomination of candidate 201401PE for the professor emeritus designation.

Carried unanimously.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by A. Plante; seconded by K. Austin:

THAT the January 23, 2014 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Carried.