



Sheridan Senate

Sep 26, 2013

MINUTES

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; P. Barnwell; L. Bell; C. Benak; C. Berge; A. Bodor; L. Butler; T. Calafati; D. Cerri; A. Chernysh; K. Chorney; J. Condie; K. Cummins; L. Dalton; L. De Jong; S. Dimech; J. Ferguson; R. Finch; M. Garbutt; R. Geddes; J. Goveas; P. Grevstad; L. Grightmire; L. Hamilton; K. Hayward; K. Karcz; Y. Katz; A. Katzman; T. Kettanah; T. Kostiw; M. Kukhta; D. Lawless; M. Lemon; S. Lowndes; K. Madsen; A. Maknyik; H. Malik; T. McCormack; L. Mendez; L. Mununga; S. Murray; H. Overhill; S. Parfeniuk; L. Piccolo; D. Piedra; A. Plante; M. Preece; C. Ramraj; T. Rankin; N. Robb; P. Salehi; S. Sambo; L. Sasaki; D. Shalimo; H. Simkins; M. Spence-Ariemma; H. Stewart; 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; P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary)

Absent with Regrets: M. Evans; W. Holmes; J. Jones; M. Lucido Bezely; I. Marley; R. Rosenberg

Absent: J. Hardisty; R. Harris; M. Hayward;

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome 4:10p.m.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The Deputy Speaker and Speaker determined that quorum was met.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – September 26, 2013

Moved by M. Stoica; seconded by M. Kukhta:

THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda for the September 26, 2013 meeting.

Carried.

2.2 Speaker and Deputy Speaker – Nominations, Candidates Moment and Vote

The Chair stated that one nomination was received in advance for the position of Speaker – Mark Rust. The Chair called for nominations from the floor three times. No nominations from the floor were made. Mark Rust was elected to the position of Senate Speaker by acclamation.

The Chair advised that one nomination was received in advance for Deputy Speaker – Mozammel Khan. The Chair called for nominations from the floor three times. No nominations from the floor were made. Mozammel Khan was elected to the position of Deputy Speaker by acclamation.

2.3 Senate Minutes – June 20, 2013

Moved by A. Plante; seconded by J. Urowitz:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the June 20, 2013 meeting minutes.
Carried.

3.0 Business Arising from the June 20, 2013 Minutes

3.1 Code of Ethics – John Hardisty/Peggy Barnwell

Moved by J. Hardisty; seconded by M. Stoica:
THAT Sheridan Senate adopt the Senate Code of Ethical Conduct as presented to become part of the Senate rules for the conduct of its affairs as an appendix to the Draft Senate Terms of Reference.

John Hardisty and Peggy Barnwell presented the Code of Ethics for approval.

Discussion ensued on the need for each member of Senate to sign the *Code of Ethical Conduct*. “Duty of Loyalty” and the reference to “other interest groups” included in 3.1b of the *Code of Ethical Conduct* were also discussed.

The question was called. Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by T. Kostiw:
THAT Sheridan Senate move to a vote on the *Code of Ethical Conduct* as it has been presented.
Defeated.

It was discussed whether the *Code of Ethical Conduct* should include a mechanism to determine when members have not exercised their duty and what the consequences would be as well as who decides the consequences.

Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by T. Kostiw:
THAT the *Ethical Code of Conduct* be recommitted to the working group.
Carried.

3.2 Appeals Policy – Academic Policy Standing Committee

Moved by L. Butler; seconded by H. Malik:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the changes to the *Academic Appeals and Consideration Policy* as recommended by the Sheridan Senate Academic Policy Standing Committee.

John Ferguson and Leslie Butler presented a summary of the major changes to the *Academic Appeals and Consideration Policy*. This summary can be found in the PowerPoint presentation available on the SharePoint Senate website titled “Academic Appeals Senate Sep 26 v2.”

A discussion ensued regarding the word “unfair” used on page two of the *Academic and Consideration Policy* as possibly being too vague.

An amendment was proposed to the wording on page two of the *Academic Appeals and Consideration Policy*.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment.

The question was called. Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by C. Waite:
 THAT Sheridan Senate cease discussion of the proposed amendment.

Carried.

Moved by M. Stoica; seconded by E. Sykes:
 THAT the wording on the *Academic Appeals and Consideration Policy* be amended from
 “students may appeal a final grade they believe to be unfair” to “students may appeal a final
 grade they believe to incorrectly reflect their achievement of the course learning outcomes in
 accordance with the evaluation plan.”

Defeated.

The question was called. Moved by A. Bodor; seconded by A. Stukator:
 THAT Sheridan Senate cease discussion of the proposed *Academic Appeals and Consideration
 Policy*.

Carried.

A vote was called on the main motion.

Carried.

3.3 Academic Appeals Procedure

Moved by L. Butler; seconded by A. Stukator:
 THAT Sheridan Senate approve the changes to the *Academic Appeals and Consideration
 Procedure* as recommended by the Sheridan Senate Academic Policy Standing Committee as
 revised by legal counsel.

Leslie Butler and John Ferguson presented a summary of the major changes to the *Academic Appeals
 Procedure*. This summary can be found in the PowerPoint presentation available on the SharePoint
 Senate website titled “Academic Appeals Senate Sep 26 v2.”

Linda Dalton, Chair of the Academic Policy Standing Subcommittee of Senate, brought to the attention
 of Senate that there were two last minute changes made by legal counsel on page four of the *Academic
 Appeals and Consideration Procedure*. “The panel will hear each party separately” has been removed
 since legal counsel advised that both parties be present in the same room. Also, the word “recall” was
 removed so the sentence reads “After hearing both sides, the panel may ask either party to clarify any
 points in question.”

A vote was called on the main motion.

Carried.

4.0 Report from President

The President gave a report to the group and invited questions and comments.

The President informed the Senate that the pilot role of Parliamentarian will be extended for another
 year. He also advised that the Senate will continue to rotate campuses for each meeting. For the next

Senate meeting, Senate members will have a draft Policy One in their package to provide input on. Until Policy One is approved, Sheridan Senate will approve procedure.

The President reviewed Kathleen Wynne's (Premier of Ontario) visit to Sheridan.

With reference to Sheridan's Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA), Sheridan has been advised that a special advisor has been appointed to meet with the President to discuss how our SMA aligns with a differentiation framework document the Province has produced.

5.0 Reports from Senate Standing Committees

As of next month, each committee will begin using the Sharepoint Senate website to post Senate related documents including meeting minutes and agendas. This website is open to all staff, not just the Senate. Sheila will advise when the upcoming Senate meeting documents are available on the website.

ACTION: The Senate Secretary will advise on whether a comment section will be available on the Sharepoint Senate website as well as whether students can access the site.

- 5.1 Sheridan Senate Executive Committee
- 5.2 Academic Policy
- 5.3 Learning Partnerships & Academic Pathways
- 5.4 Program Quality Assurance
- 5.5 Teaching & Learning
- 5.6 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities

6.0 New Business

No new business.

7.0 Question Period

A member raised the question of the role of the Governance Engagement Team. The President indicated that, as with all other former Engagement Teams, the Governance Engagement Team has been sunset; however, the work completed to date will be taken up by the Governance Subcommittee of the Board or Governors.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by A. Plante; seconded by A. Stukator:

THAT the September 26, 2013 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 6:06 p.m.

Carried.