

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; J. Callaghan; M. Cassidy; D. Cerri; A. Chernysh; K. Chorney; K. Cummins; L. Dalton; 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; M. Lemon; E. Liu; S. Lowndes; T. Magbitang; A. Maknyik; H. Malik; G. McClement; I. McNab; M. Melymick; L. Mendez; L. Mununga; A. Nabywaniec; H. Overhill; A. Plante; T. Rankin; R. Rosenberg; P. Salehi; S. Samboo; H. Simkins; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Tamas; T. Tarantini; C. Ter-Stege; T. Tracewicz; J. Urowitz; D. Wackerlin; C. A. Waite

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

Absent with Regrets: L. Butler; L. DeJong; R. Finch; S. Parfeniuk; L. Piccolo; D. Shalimo; M. Spence-Ariemma

Absent: Z. Dirse; M. Evans; J. Goveas; M. Lucido Bezely; S. Mansour; I. Marley; L. Phyllis; S. Pirie; K. Rivera; L. Sasaki; R. Wang; M. Wilshire; S. Woods

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.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – March 26, 2015

Moved by A. Plante; seconded by W. Holmes:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda for the March 26, 2015 meeting.
Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – February 26, 2015

Moved by A. Gaston; seconded by S. Lowndes:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the February 26, 2015 meeting minutes.
Carried.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Sheridan Senate 2015/16 Elections – Jeff Zabudsky

There are three 2015/2016 Senate election positions that are vacant due to the Senate Secretary not receiving notification of candidates prior to the close of the nomination period. The Senate Chair asked for discussion on whether these positions should remain vacant until the next election year. Discussion ensued.

ACTION - The Senate Chair will consider the options that were raised in deliberating the final decision and advised that, for future, a Senate process regarding this scenario will be written into the Senate Terms of Reference.

4.0 President's Report

The President addressed agenda items 5.4 Academic Governance Review and 5.5 Senate Attendance. Minutes are recorder further in this document.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Human Participants Policy – Kirsten Madsen

Kirsten Madsen presented the Human Participants Policy. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the Senate website.

Moved by H. Overhill; seconded by S.Lowndes:

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

Carried.

5.2 Union Local 244 Election – Jack Urowitz

Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by K. Forest:

THAT should a Presidential election be required for the Local 244, that the Senate be the forum for a debate amongst the candidates, halfway between the March and April Senate meetings, on Thursday, April 9, 2015, and that all Faculty Senators be excused from their committee work to attend.

Carried.

5.3 Program Mix – Mary Preece

The Senate Vice-Chair discussed a new conception and organization of the program mix. The PowerPoint document is available on the Senate website.

5.4 Academic Governance Review – Jeff Zabudsky

Sheridan has asked Academia Group to evaluate the current state of academic governance by asking those involved. Academia Group will hold a one-on-one with the Senate Chair and Vice-Chair as well as focus groups that will be made up of the following categories: Senators who are on a standing committee, Senators who are not on a standing committee, Local Academic Council members, student Senators, and administrators. Individual feedback from participants will remain confidential and the final report of the results will return to the Senate.

5.5 Senate Attendance – Jeff Zabudsky

The Senate Chair discussed the importance of Senators’ attending Senate meetings, and if unable, to provide regrets in advance.

5.6 Policy Review Schedule Update – Linda Dalton

Linda Dalton presented the Academic Policy Committee Review Schedule Update. This document is available on the Senate website.

Policy ideas that should be considered by Sheridan should be sent to the attention of Linda Dalton (Chair of the Academic Policy Committee) and Alexa Abiscott (Chair of the Administrative Policy Committee) who will help determine the committee that would manage the policy.

6.0 Question Period

A Senator asked if, due to end of term activities, Senate could be rescheduled to an alternate day in April.

ACTION - The Senate Secretary will poll Senators in advance to determine if quorum will be met for the April 23rd Senate meeting.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by T. Tarantini; seconded by H. Simkins:

THAT the March 26, 2015 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 5:50p.m.

Carried.