

Present: J. Zabudsky (Chair); M. Preece (Vice Chair); M. Lysack (Speaker); M. Khan (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); V. Amarnath; C. Benak; L. Biondi; D. Braggins; M. Burnside; L. Butler; J. Callaghan; M. Cassidy; K. Chorney; L. Dalton; L. De Jong; C. Dunlop; M. Enciso; R. Finch; A. Flint; K. Forest; M. Frazer; R. Geddes; J. Ginter; J. Goveas; G. Grant; D. Greenwood; P. Grevstad; D. Hammond; K. Hayward; J. Irwin; M. Kukhta; M. Lemon; A.L. Longmore; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido Bezely; T. Magbitang; I. McNab; S. McNabney; L. Mendez; S. Parfeniuk; S. Pirie; K. Rankin; R. Rosenberg; P. Sarkissian; S. Saunders; D. Shalimo; H. Simkins; C. Somerville; M. Spence-Ariemma; M. Stewart; P. Stubbs; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Tamas; T. Tarantini; T. Tracewicz; C. Tuck-Riggs; J. Urowitz; C. Wollen;

Guests: A. Abiscott; A. Baas-Anderson; E. Benson; E. Brown; E. Demarsh; J. Ferguson; M. Garbutt; J. Hance; B. Jervis; K. Mahmud; P. McBride; D. Metrakos; M. Nelson; P. Palermo; M. Saari; S. Shepley; M. Traynor; E. Ursel; S. Woods

Absent with Regrets: D. Cerri; Z. Dirse; L. Elliott; A. Gaston; J. Hardisty; Y. Katz; M. Melymick; Z. Montague; C. Pappas; L. Piccolo; A. Plante; T. Rankin; P. Salehi; C. Ter-Steege

Absent: M. Evans; T. Lefebvre; I. Marley; K. Nosek; H. Overhill; B. Pham

1.0 Call to Order 4:05 p.m.

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

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – November 26, 2015

Moved by S. Lowndes; seconded by M. Frazer:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda for the November 26, 2015 meeting.
Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – October 22, 2015

Moved by C. Somerville; seconded by J. Goveas:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the October 22, 2015 meeting minutes.
Carried.

3.0 Guest Speaker

3.1 Academic Freedom - Leesa Wheelahan

Invited by Joan Sweeney-Marsh, Chair of the Academic Freedom Policy Working Group, Leesa Wheelahan (William G. Davis Chair in Community College Leadership, OISE, UofT) spoke to academic freedom.

4.0 Senate Photo Session

A photograph of the Senate body was taken.

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Journey Related Expenditures Budget Report – Steven Parfeniuk

As agreed to by Senate, this agenda item was presented subsequent to item 6.0 President's Report.

Steven Parfeniuk presented the Journey Related Expenditures Budget Report. Detailed budget documents are available on Sheridan's website.

Discussion ensued regarding journey related expenditures. A few Senators noted that they would have liked to see additional items included in the Journey Related Expenditures Budget Report. Due to agenda time allocation, the Senate Speaker asked the will of the Senate to continue the discussion.

Moved by K. Forest; seconded by L. Butler:
THAT Senate extend the discussion by 10 minutes.

Defeated.

An alternative motion was suggested from the floor.

Moved by I. McNab; seconded by S. Saunders:
THAT any questions for the Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration be collected and brought back to Senate.

Carried.

Several Senators advised that the Senate SharePoint website documents for October and November had disappeared at some point during the last day or so.

ACTION – The Senate Recording Secretary will re-upload the Senate documents to the webpage and investigate the issue.

6.0 President's Report

As agreed to by Senate, this agenda item was presented prior to item 5.1 Journey Related Expenditures Budget Report.

The President discussed the Journey referencing the Q & A document recently distributed to the Sheridan community.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Ad Hoc Governance Committee of Senate – Terms of Reference Approval – Jeff Zabudsky

Given that not all Senators were able to access the Senate documents online, it was suggested that this agenda item and associated motion be deferred to the next Senate meeting.

Moved by S. Saunders; seconded by P. Grevstad:

THAT agenda item 7.1 (Ad Hoc Governance Committee of Senate Terms of Reference Approval) be deferred to the next Senate meeting.

Carried.

7.2 Academic Credit Hour Practice – Linda Dalton and John Ferguson

Given that not all Senators were able to access the Senate documents online, it was suggested that this agenda item and associated motion be deferred to a future meeting.

Moved by R. Geddes; seconded by P. Stubbs:

THAT agenda item 7.2 (Academic Credit Hour Practice) be deferred to the next Senate meeting.

Carried.

8.0 Question Period

Due to an inquiry from a Senator, Linda Dalton (Registrar) detailed why the 2015-2016 academic calendar dates (approved by Senate on June 19, 2014) had been revised delaying the date for official Grades and Academic Standing to be viewable to students. The revision leaves a shorter turnaround time for faculty members to submit grades before the Christmas Break. Another Senator followed up to ask what autonomy faculty members have with the last week of classes in relation to the short turnaround time. Is there a requirement to teach and/or run exams right until the end? The Provost provided her viewpoint/understanding that as long as the learning outcomes and the requirements of course outlines are satisfied, what is done with those particular classes is up to the professional judgement of the faculty member.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by M. Frazer:

THAT the November 26, 2015 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 6:05p.m.

Carried.