

Present: J. Zabudsky (Chair); M. Lysack (Speaker); M. Khan (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); S. Albers; C. Benak; L. Biondi; D. Braggins; J. Callaghan; D. Cerri; L. Dalton; C. Dunlop; L. Elliott; M. Evans; A. Flint; K. Forest; M. Frazer; A. Gaston; R. Geddes; C. Gillett; J. Ginter; J. Goveas; G. Grant; D. Greenwood; P. Grevstad; D. Hammond; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; J. Humphreys; J. Irwin; F. Koch; Y. Katz; M. Kukhta; M. Lemon; S. Lowndes; M. Lucido Bezely; T. Magbitang; I. Marley; S. McGinness; S. McNabney; M. Melymick; L. Mendez; C. Pappas; S. Parfeniuk; L. Piccolo; S. Pirie; A. Plante; K. Rankin; T. Rankin; R. Rosenberg; P. Salehi; P. Sarkissian; S. Saunders; H. Simkins; C. Somerville; M. Spence-Ariemma; M. Stewart; P. Stubbs; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Tamas; T. Tarantini; C. Ter-Steeger; T. Tracewicz; C. Tuck-Riggs; J. Urowitz; C. Wollen;

Guests: A. Abiscott; E. Benson; B. Dawson; J. Ferguson; B. Jervis; J. Perron

Absent with Regrets: L. Butler; L. De Jong; Z. Dirse, I. McNab; H. Overhill; M. Preece

Absent: M. Cassidy; R. Finch; B. Pham; D. Shalimo

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. The following people were welcomed as new Senators: Fred Koch (PSB), Stuart McGinness (FAAD), Samantha Albers (FAHCS – student), James Humphreys (FAHCS), and James Irwin (in error - FAAD).

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – January 28, 2016

Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by P. Salehi:

THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda for the January 28, 2016 meeting.

Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – November 26, 2015

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

THAT Sheridan Senate approve the November 26, 2015 meeting minutes.

Motion deferred to the next meeting.

A Senator requested an addition to the November 26th, 2015 Senate meeting minutes under the Question Period section regarding faculty members submitting grades with a shorter turnaround time.

Another Senator requested an addition to the November 26th, 2015 Senate meeting minutes under the Journey Related Expenditures Budget Report regarding capturing that additional items were expected in the report.

ACTION – The Senate Recording Secretary will revisit the recording and add to the November Senate minutes. The minutes will be brought forward to the February Senate meeting for approval.

3.0 Acknowledge Traditional Territory – Paula Laing

Monica Lysack introduced Paula Laing and informed Senate that, in future, meetings would begin with an acknowledgment of the Traditional Territory. Paula acknowledged the Traditional Territory of the Ojibwe Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation and spoke to the work of Aboriginal Initiatives at Sheridan.

4.0 Unfinished Business from November 26, 2015 Senate Meeting

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

The Senate Chair presented the Ad Hoc Governance Committee of Senate Terms of Reference.

Moved by K. Forest; seconded by P. Salehi:

THAT Senate approve the proposed Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee of Senate as amended.

Carried.

4.2 Academic Credit Hour Practice – Linda Dalton, John Ferguson

Linda Dalton and John Ferguson presented the Academic Credit: Creating Equity Across Sheridan Programs.

Moved by L. Dalton; seconded by M. Frazer:

THAT the Academic Credit: Creating Equity Across Sheridan Programs draft document be referred to the Local Academic Councils, and other stakeholders for review and report back to Linda Dalton and John Ferguson as Co-Chairs of the Academic Credit Working Group.

Much discussion ensued. A number of Senators raised questions with regards to the relevance and importance of this item being presented for stakeholder feedback. Discussion continued.

Moved by M. Kukhta; seconded by G. Grant:

THAT Senate extend the discussion by 10 minutes for the Academic Credit: Creating Equity Across Sheridan Programs

Carried.

Further discussion ensued.

Moved by M. Melymick; seconded by K. Forest:

THAT we defer the Academic Credit Hour Practice agenda item until further information is received regarding the objective, outcome and further clarification.

Carried.

Moved by J .Urowitz; seconded A. Plante:

THAT the Local Academic Councils provide the questions that need clarification to the Academic Credit Working Group.

Carried.

A Senator suggested that members of the Academic Credit Hour Working group attend LAC meetings to answer any questions that may come up.

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Report Back on Senate Website Missing Documents – Patricia Vivacqua

The Recording Secretary had followed up with the IT department as to the missing documents in the October 2015 and November 2015 folders on the Senate website. They advised that their attempts to trace what happened exactly was inconclusive. In order to prevent future mishaps, permissions on the SharePoint website have been changed so that the documents are protected. The missing documents were re-uploaded.

6.0 President's Report

The Self Study Feedback Report was distributed prior to the Senate meeting. This item will return to Senate for further discussion.

Consulting services will be used in the search for a new Provost and Vice President Academic (due to the December 2016 retirement of Dr. Mary Preece). Senate will be engaged in a conversation about the position as it currently stands and any potential refinements to it.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Liberal Arts and Science (Breadth) Degree Requirements Policy – Sean McNabney and Donna Braggins

Due to lack of time on the Senate agenda and due to the fact that a class was waiting outside for a 6:00pm class, the Liberal Arts and Science (Breadth) Degree Requirements Policy PowerPoint was not presented by Sean McNabney and Donna Braggins.

Moved by K. Forest; seconded by A. Gaston:
 THAT Senate call the question.

Carried.

Moved by S. Lowndes; seconded by J. Hardisty:
 THAT the policy presented today – Liberal Arts and Science (Breadth) Degree Requirements Policy – be brought forward for discussion at the Local Academic Councils, and other stakeholders, with a report back to the Academic Policy Standing Committee.

Carried.

8.0 Question Period

No questions were asked.

9.0 Adjournment

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

THAT the January 28, 2016 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 6:00p.m.
Carried.