

Present: M. Preece (Chair); J. Morrison (Vice Chair); M. Lysack (Speaker); P. Hommersen (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); M. Allcott; M. Bartlett; A. Boshnakova; D. Braggins; M. J. Carroll; F. Chaze; L. Cipparrone; K. Cummins; L. Dalton; M. Daniel; J. Ferguson; A. Flint; D. Ford; D. Fraser; R. Geddes; R. Giberson; J. Ginter; B. Gozkowski; G. Grant; D. Greenwood; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; A. Hollenberg; J. Irwin; J. Jatin; B. Jervis; Y. Katz; M. Khan. F. Koch; M. Komza; M. Kukhta; K. Kurichh; C. Lawrence; H. Lee; M. Lemon; E. MacNeil; J. Mactaggart; E. Mahmoud; K. Mahmud; I. Marley; M. Marsella; M. Mascarin; S. McGinness; I. McNab; S. McNabney; M. O’Leary; B. Pham; L. Phyllis; V. Picicci; A. Plante; K. Rankin; R. Rosenberg; P. Sarkissian; S. Saunders; N. Sheppard; M. Spence-Ariemma; W. Steffler; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; T. Tarantini; C. terSteege; C. Tuck-Riggs; J. Urowitz; A. Venkatapathy; C. Wollen

Guests: E. Benson; B. Dawson; R. Dubé; A. England; M. Frazer; R. Piper; S. Rumsey; C. Szustaczek; S. Wilson

Absent with Regrets: M. Ghalayini; M. Lucido Bezely; P. Stubbs

1.0 Call to Order 4:05 p.m.

Quorum was confirmed and the Speaker called the meeting to order. The Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, Anishinaabe Nation, Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

2.0 Welcome 2017/2018 Senate Year – Chair, Senate

The Senate Speaker introduced the members of the Senate Executive Committee as well as resource members of the Senate.

On behalf of the Senate, the Speaker thanked Mozammel Khan the previous Speaker of Senate.

The Speaker welcomed all new Senators: Michael O’Leary, Megan Mascarin, Wayne Steffler, El Sayed Mahmoud, David Fraser, Ferzana Chaze, Mark Komza, Hyein Lee, Kathleen Cummins, Eva MacNeil; and and new student Senators: Marina Daniel, Jatin Jatin, Derek Ford, Barbara Gorzkowski and observing student Roxanne Dubé.

3.0 Approvals

3.1 Senate Agenda – September 28, 2017

Moved by N. Sheppard; seconded by S. Saunders:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the September 28, 2017 meeting agenda.
Carried.

3.2 Senate Minutes – May 25, 2017

Moved by J. Hardisty; seconded by C. Tuck-Riggs:
 THAT Sheridan Senate approve the May 25, 2017 meeting minutes.

Carried.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Orientation, Review and What's New! – 2017-2018 – Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Chair, Vice Chair, and Chair, Board of Governors

The Speaker introduced Bryan Dawson (Chair of the Board of Governors). Bryan discussed college sector governance. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

The Speaker introduced the President, Dr. Mary Preece (Chair of the Senate) who provided the President's Report. The report is available on the Senate website.

A Senator asked how non-full-time faculty can be recognized for their years of service to Sheridan. The President outlined some areas of recognition:

- Employee Accomplishments are acknowledged annually at the Welcome Back event.
- the Centre for Teaching and Learning will be creating more awards for our faculty in 2017-2018 as part of a new educational development model and a commitment to supporting research in teaching. Part-time faculty will be included in this program (details TBD)
- a new recognition program is being launched in 2018 that will include a nomination process for specific awards which will be open to part-time employees (this is being organized through the Centre for People and Organizational Development)
- part-time employees are also recognized through inclusion in the employee access to Sheridan courses at a reduced rate (\$20) from day one, and annual PD funding for eligible employees (\$1000/year) after successfully completing 1000 hours of teaching time
- with regards to the possibility of implementing a long service award ceremony for non-full-time faculty, Human Resources and the Centre for People and Organizational Development will look at how to track individual faculty contracts and whether to consider years of service or volume of hours, etc in order to determine eligibility for an award

ACTION: The President will update Senate once there is new information regarding the long service awards for non-full-time faculty.

A Senator asked how much professional development funding was increased in order to include non-full-time faculty.

ACTION: Megan Mascarin to find out how much the professional development funding was increased in order to include non-full-time faculty.

A Senator suggested naming Sheridan buildings after Indigenous tribes. The Provost advised that Sheridan's Indigenous Education Council (which includes faculty members) is working on its 5-year plan with a full retreat day planned in October. The tentative areas of focus will be to look at student services, curriculum and pedagogy, and space and place. The President mentioned that there is also an Institutional Policy on naming protocols – Naming Buildings, Facilities or Spaces Policy.

A Senator asked if there are any upcoming timelines for the Ryerson partnership. The President advised that Ryerson must submit the proposal to the Ministry on Monday.

The Speaker introduced Dr. Janet Morrison who spoke about looking forward to putting the Academic Plan into place. Faculty members and decanal leadership are reviewing their internal plans to think about what the Academic Plan means for Faculties and faculty members.

A Senator asked whether we are capping the number of International students. The Provost advised that the Academic Plan makes a commitment to an Internationalization strategy. The enrolment plan will rest on the demography of the Province. Sheridan is working on diversification of country of origin, campus location, and program choice.

A Senator asked how we will, as a Senate, engage in assessing how successful we are with our Academic Plan. The Provost advised that we will collectively engage in conversations around assessment – this may look different for different Faculties.

The Speaker of Senate discussed the history of Sheridan's Senate, where Senate business comes from, how the agenda gets created, how the Senate conducts its business and responsibilities. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

The Deputy Speaker discussed the commitment to ongoing education regarding governance and the commitment to pause in order to evaluate effectiveness.

ACTION: Challenge to Senate – can you come up with a creative, meaningful way to present this Senate orientation information to new Senators so that it does not have to be presented from the podium during the first Senate meeting of the year?

4.2 Revised Senate Terms of Reference and Draft Procedures – Chair, Senate

Ross Geddes introduced the revised Senate Terms of Reference and draft Procedures and discussed the history that has brought them to where they are today.

ACTION: All Senators and the Faculty LACs were asked to review the documents and return feedback on the new content to the Secretary of Senate by October 31st, 2017.

5.0 Question Period

A Senator asked how other action items from the results of the Senate survey conducted the previous year would be addressed. The Deputy Speaker advised that he had presented the overarching results of the Senate survey last year and that the Senate orientation action item resulted in the Senate orientation that was conducted during this meeting. The Senate Secretary agreed that the survey action items were well underway and acknowledged the request that the issues and actions be reported back on with additional detail and approximate timelines.

A Senator suggested the possibility of completing another Senate survey with either the same or different questions.

The Senate Secretary advised that Marina Daniels, a returning student Senator, will be working with Janet and Sheila to develop a student Senator orientation to be conducted in October with the 2017/2018 student Senators.

6.0 Adjournment

Moved by J. Urowitz:

THAT the September 28, 2017 meeting of the Sheridan Senate adjourn at 5:45p.m.

Carried.