

Present: M. Spence-Ariemma (Vice Chair); P. Hommersen (Speaker); C. Lawrence (Deputy Speaker); M. Bartlett; D. Braggins; F Chaze; J. Condie; K. Cummins; A. England; R. Geddes; J. Ginter; D. Greenwood; S. Hana; J. Hardisty; K. Hayward; A Hollenberg; S. Hood; J. Irwin; M. Komza; K. Kurich; M. Lemon; D. Liao; K. Lints; E. MacNeil; E. Mahmoud; K. Mahmud; S. McKean; S. McNabney; D. McQuarrie; Craig Milestone; P. Ogg; P. Palermo; L Phyllis; V. Picicci; R. Rosenberg; P. Sarkissian; J. Saunders; S. Saunders; S. Steele; J. Sweeney Marsh; T. Tarantini; C. terSteege; C. Tuck-Riggs; J. Urowitz; P. Wheeler; Amanda Pike; R. Piper; S. Shaver (Secretary); E. Williams; S. Aziz; R. Dube; D. Elizondo; A Hastir; H. Lee; G. Mubushar; M. Qureshi;

Guests: M. Bawtinheimer; J. Cupido; C. Hale; J. Hinchliffe; K. Madsen; J. Ngobia; S. Rumsey; W. Steffler; C. Szustaczek; J. Vallentin

Absent with Regrets: J. Morrison (Chair); L. Cipparrone; D. Fraser; Y. Katz; M. Khan; F. Koch; H. Lee; K. Lints; J. Mactaggart; M. Marsella; M. O'Leary; B. Osborne; S. Pirie; N. Sheppard; M. Stewart; A. Venkatapathy; M. Allcott; C. Altilia; N. Zia

Absent: A. Boshnakova; R. Giberson; D. Joron; M. Komza; M. Lucido Bezely; S. McGinness; D. Wackerlin; N. Al Shirawi

## 1.0 Call to Order

Quorum was confirmed, and the Speaker called the meeting to order. The Speaker invited those in the room to consider silently the ways that they personally live and work on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, the Anishinaabe Nation, the Huron-Wendat, and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. He then asked everyone to consider how we are honouring and respecting the land for those who are here and those who are yet to come.

## 2.0 Approvals

### 2.1 Senate Agenda – February 28, 2019

Moved by J. Hardisty; seconded by C. Tuck-Riggs:  
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the February 28, 2019 meeting agenda as presented.  
**Carried.**

### 2.2 Senate Minutes – January 24, 2019

Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by D. McQuarrie:  
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the January 24, 2019 meeting minutes as written.  
**Carried.**

### 3.0 Sheridan 2024 Strategic Planning Update

The Potential Group presented an update on the strategic planning process and general themes that have come from the exceptional engagement in the process to date.

A summary slide deck is posted on the Senate SharePoint site.

### 4.0 Speakers Remarks

The Speaker noted two important NEWS items now posted on the Senate SharePoint site; the Professor Emeritus call for nominations (deadline for submission is March 29/19), and the Call for Nominations for the Senate Elections (deadline for nominations is Friday, March 22, 2019).

### 5.0 President's Report

Provost, Melanie Spence-Ariemma provided a brief President's Report on President Morrison's behalf.

- An update was provided on the interrupted travel plans in India for Janet Morrison and Carol Altilia.
- Carol Altilia (VP, Student Experience and Enrolment Management) sent a message to the Sheridan community on the "Student Choice Initiative". No further updates have been received since that time.
- Chancellor McCallion met with the Sheridan Student Union to hear their concerns related to the Student Choice Initiative. Chancellor McCallion agreed to advocate provincially on the student's behalf with respect to the short timeline to implement the changes to OSAP and student ancillary fees as well as the absence of consultation.
- The Oscar nominations and winner of the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film were celebrated, along with other good news as Sheridan's EDGE innovation hub at HMC received an investment of \$1.5 million from FedDev Ontario.

### 6.0 New Business

#### 6.1 October 2019 Convocation Dates

Deanna McQuarrie outlined the issue of a recent announcement of the dates for the College Information Fair overlapping with Sheridan's previously approved Fall Convocation dates. To avoid the strain on priorities and resources the overlap would create, alternate Fall Convocation dates have been presented.

Moved by John Hardisty; seconded by Doug Greenwood:

THAT Senate approve changing the October 2019 convocation dates as reflected in the 2019-20 Academic Calendar to Wed. October 16 and Thursday, October 17, 2019.

***Carried.***

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6.2 Scholarship of Research and Creative Activities (SRCA) Standing Committee of Senate

Kirsten Madsen and Ronni Rosenberg, co-chairs of the SRCA Standing Committee presented on the structure and work of the committee.

The slide presentation is available on the Senate SharePoint site.

7.0 Question Period

A question was raised asking how Sheridan will support the student union given the current government decisions on many fees being optional for students. It was agreed that Carol Altilia, Vice President Student Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management would provide information in response at the March Senate meeting.

A student Senator raised a question specific to the work of the Office of the Registrar. Deanna McQuarrie and the student connected and Deanna will provide the information directly to the student.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Shady Hana  
THAT the February 28 meeting of the Sheridan Senate adjourn.  
***Carried.***