

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF 2011-2012
DECEMBER 2, 2011**

Humanities Division

N. Boyle, M. DiSanto, D. Innes, W. Johnston, W. Newbigging, T. O'Flanagan, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, V. Simedoh, H. Webkamigad
(regrets: L. Burnett; absent: R. Isard, R. Rutherfordale)

Social Sciences

G. Broad (Speaker), R. Cameron, N. Cruickshank, K. DeLuca, C. Denomme, J. Hermida, H. Hornstein, D. Jackson, K. Kadiyala, P. Matthews, L. Savory-Gordon, A. Vaillancourt, D. Woodman
(regrets: S. Gruner; absent: N. Shaw)

Sciences

P. Antunes, L. Bloomfield, D. Brodbeck, N. Cameron, P. Dupuis, Y. Feng, I. Imre, E. James, D. Keough, I. Molina, W. Osei, C. Reed-Elder, B. Schamp, G. Townsend, S. Xu

Other Members

K. Hernden, R. Linklater, D. Marasco (Secretary), R. Myers, A. Perlini, D. Schantz, C. Suggashie, L. Thunder, L. Williams
(regrets: J. Boyer; absent: E. Benton-Benai, A. Fabiano, D. MacDonald, M. Neveau, K. Potter, N. Sahadat)

Guests

D. Galotta, H. Luitel, D. Kennedy, J. Syrette,

Dr. Broad called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:01pm.

11.12.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (Brodbeck/Williams): that Senate approve the agenda for the December meeting of Senate.

Motion carried.

11.12.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of November 4, 2011

Moved (Brodbeck/Williams): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of November 4, 2011.

Motion carried.

11.12.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)
11.12.03.01 Senate Executive – Senate membership

Moved (Savory-Gordon/Kadiyala): that Senate approve Dr. Nicola Shaw as a member of Senate for the 2011 academic year representing the Social Science Division.

Motion carried

Moved (Schamp/R. Cameron): that Senate approve Dr. Laurie Bloomfield and Dr. Nicola Shaw as members of the Senate Committee on Academic Regulations and Petitions (ARP) representing the Science Division and Social Science Division respectively.

Motion carried.

Moved (Keough/Williams): that Senate approve the following membership to the Research Ethics Board (REB):

Dr. David Schantz, Dr. Dwayne Keough, Dr. Isabel Molina, Dr. Jennifer Foote, Dr. Kelly DeLuca, Dr. Neil Cruickshank, Rebecca Keown (external), Dr. Robert Rutherford, Dr. Rose Cameron, Professor Anita Vaillancourt, Professor Sheila Gruner, Dr. Tom Noland (external), Dr. Warren Johnston and Dr. Michael Graydon.

Motion carried.

11.12.03.02 Senate Executive – Honourary Degree, Senate Award, DFA

The Speaker entertained a motion to move in camera to discuss the nominations for the Honourary degree, Senate Award, and Distinguished Faculty Award.

Moved (Brodbeck/Schamp): that Senate move in camera.

Motion carried.

Moved (Brodbeck/Keough): that Senate move out of camera.

Motion carried.

Senators are reminded that the names of the recipients should be considered confidential until the University makes an official announcement.

11.12.03.03 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee – St. Thomas Initiative

Moved (Newbigging/Schamp): in consideration of Senate's approval (11.09.05.02) – in principle – of the St. Thomas initiative, that Senate support the recommendations of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (AppCom) for Extension Programming in the Bachelor of Arts "Two Years At Home" programs to be delivered in St. Thomas Ontario.

RATIONALE:

In June 2011, President Myers informed AppCom of the interest taken by the City of St. Thomas – together with a local benefactor – in Algoma University offering university programming in the community of 35,000 people. The provision of financial supports, as well as the associated infrastructure for course-delivery, makes possible an opportunity for the University to provide access to arts programming, in a “two years at home” model. Program offerings would position a student following two years of study in St. Thomas to transition into their 3rd year of study at the SSM campus of Algoma University. Options would be made available to students to select one of 4 disciplines to declare a major-in, as well as select a minor in a second discipline. Students would earn 30 credits in each of two years, with 6 credits earned at the year-one level, and 6-9 credits earned at the year-two level. Group requirements (*Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences*) would also be made available to students in their two years of study at-home.

In September 2011, the President informed the University Senate of the prospect of extension offerings in St. Thomas, Ontario. Work has been in progress over the past year to explore the possibility of boosting enrolments in our BA program by delivering the first two years of study on an extension basis in cities that have no direct access to university education. The expectation is that students who complete their first two years in their home community will then transfer to Sault Ste. Marie to complete their degree in Sault Ste Marie, filling spaces in upper-level courses that are struggling to attract sufficient numbers. One promising location is St. Thomas, where City officials as well as a private donor have offered the University incentives to deliver AU programs. Senate was asked to approve in principle a plan to offer courses in St. Thomas starting in September of 2012. Academic departments interested in the initiative would need to be engaged in order for the University to deliver programming in St. Thomas. [A motion followed that Senate approve in principle the St. Thomas agreement. Motion Carried.]

In October 2011, the Dean informed department chairs to consider participation in the St. Thomas offering and to advise on their willingness to support their department’s engagement for program offerings in St. Thomas.

In November 2011, the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee of Senate was provided with the following *project parameters* for the St. Thomas Project:

1. The course offerings must be delivered/scheduled in a compressed one-course-at-a-time (i.e., block) delivery, though maintain the conventional contact hours (36 hours) for each three-credit course
2. The course offerings must include group requirements for the degree programs (e.g., Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences) outside of the areas of declared major.
3. The course offerings would number 30 credits in year-one and 30 credits in year-two, for a total of 60 credits of offering over two years
4. The course offerings would allow a student to select 6-credits within their major in year-one, and 6-9 credits of program-specific courses in year-two of their program major
5. The course offerings would allow a student to earn a minor by selecting 12-15 credits prior to year-three study on the AU campus.
6. The program offerings must be part of a Bachelor of Arts degree offered at Algoma University
7. The program offerings would number between three and four academic programs
8. The program offerings would target students direct from high school (101s) applying through OUAC, as well as adult learners and 105s
9. The program offerings would allow a student to complete an AU degree in four-years, with only 12-15 credits available in the discipline in the first two years of study at St. Thomas
10. The program offerings (within the first two years of study in St. Thomas) are not equipment-intensive

The selection of the disciplines/programs to be offered in St. Thomas was guided by an alignment between existing program structural elements (e.g., course requirements, prerequisites, sequence, program complexity, etc) and the project parameters detailed above. Following the analysis of program structural elements and project parameter, four academic programs were identified as being structurally well-aligned with project parameters. Electives will be determined to satisfy *group requirements* for the degree programs (e.g., Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences). The four recommended programs are: GEOG, HIST, PSYC, SOCI.

The Speaker asked Senate for discussion of the motion.

Savory-Gordon stated that the Social Science Division had many concerns stemming from the motion submitted by Academic Planning and Priorities. She recommended that a friendly amendment be added to the motion.

The Speaker asked the mover and seconder if they were amenable to a friendly amendment to the motion.

Moved (Newbigging/Schamp): in consideration to the following:

- 1. Senate's approval (11.09.02) in principle of the St. Thomas initiative***
- 2. That the approval process for new program initiatives go through the division, Curriculum Committee and Academic Planning and Priorities prior to reaching Senate.***
- 3. That the approval for this initiative must not be interpreted in any way as approval for block plan delivery on campus in Sault Ste. Marie***

That Senate support the recommendation of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee for Extension Programming in the Bachelor of Arts 'Two Years at Home' programs to be delivered in St. Thomas, ON.

Matthews questioned whether the courses were approved at the level of the Curriculum Committee.

Cruickshank asked for clarification of the course approvals at Curriculum, specifically, whether all courses were to be approved.

Myers indicated that he was comfortable with CURCOM approving the delivery format including revised course outlines consistent with block delivery.

Perlini added that the Curriculum Committee reviews all course outlines including how courses are to be delivered. New programs are vetted through CURCOM prior to Academic Planning and Priorities.

Savory-Gordon suggested the division was concerned with due process and attention to the quality of programming at St. Thomas.

Vaillancourt asked for clarification as to what senators are being asked. The motion indicates block delivery, however, the Block Plan report has yet to be sent to Senate.

Reed-Elder argues that it was appropriate for the motion to be split into three motions.

The Speaker ruled that a motion cannot be severed after an amendment has been made.

DiSanto commented that for some reason English is not listed as part of the St. Thomas programming. As well, there appears to be some anxiety approving St. Thomas and the block delivery.

Marasco added that after the original motion from Academic Planning and Priorities which listed GEOG, HIST, PSYC and SOCI as deliverable in St. Thomas, the English Department requested to be part of the programming. After deliberation with the department and a commitment to course splitting and a program revision, ENGL was added as part of the St. Thomas initiative. It would be appropriate that a friendly amendment be part of the original motion adding English to the compliment of programming.

Denomme added that number seven of the rationale should be revised to reflect the program offerings.

James asked why the block delivery was so important in the St. Thomas initiative.

Myers answered the reason is two-fold. First, to secure qualified academic staff, the block delivery will be more appealing and secondly, it is important to knit the St. Thomas students with the main campus. This can be done by an alternative delivery method.

Cruickshank asked for a determination on whether a 'rationale' to a motion could be amended.

The Speaker ruled that a rationale cannot be amended, therefore, a second motion would need to be made if English were added to the St. Thomas offerings.

Motion carried

Moved (Cruickshank/Schamp): that Senate approve the offering of English programming at St. Thomas.

Motion carried.

11.12.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

11.12.04.01 Social Work Specific Behaviour Policy

Moved (Savory-Gordon/R. Cameron): that Senate approved the Social Work Specific Behaviour Policy as submitted.

Savory-Gordon spoke to the motion.

Motion carried.

11.12.04.02 Academic Regulations and Petitions Committee – Certificate programs

Moved (Marasco/Perlini): that Senate approve the following academic standing requirement for certificate programs at Algoma University:

'To be eligible for a certificate program, students are required to complete the requirements of the program with a minimum overall average of 60 percent.'

Marasco spoke to the motion adding that currently there is no provision for specific academic standing requirements in certificate programs.

Motion carried.

Broad vacated the Speaker's position, and Dr. Dupuis assumed the duties of Speaker of Senate.

11.12.04.03 Academic Planning and Priorities – CESD program review

Moved (Perlini/Reed-Elder): in consideration of the self-study, external program review and department response to the review, that Senate accept the recommendations of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPCOM) for programs in CESD.

Broad requested that the motion be tabled to the January meeting of Senate in the spirit of time.

Moved (Savory-Gordon/Williams): that the motion regarding the CESD program review be tabled to the January 2012 meeting of Senate.

Motion carried.

Dupuis vacated the Speaker's position and Boyle assumed the duties of Speaker of Senate.

11.12.04.04 Curriculum Committee – new/revised courses

Moved (Newbigging/Reed-Elder): that Senate approve the following as submitted by the Curriculum Committee including:

- ***Revised course ADMN 2906 Occupational Health and Safety Management***
- ***Revised courses ENGL 1906/1907 Introduction to Popular Literature I/II***
- ***Revised course ENGL 3136 Early Victorian Literature, Thought and Culture, 1830 – 1865***
- ***Revised course ENGL 3137 Later Victorian Literature, Thought and Culture, 1865 – 1900***
- ***New courses ENGL 2326/2327 Critical Approaches I/II***
- ***New course ENGL 3116 English Literature, Thought and Politics, 1789 – 1830***
- ***New course ENGL 3117 English Romantic Fiction and Poetry, 1789 – 1830***
- ***Revised course VISA 2586 Printmaking I***
- ***Revised course VISA 4005 Senior Exhibit***
- ***New courses VISA 1026/1027 Visual Fundamentals I/II***
- ***New courses VISA 2006 Modernism and VISA 2007 Late Modern to Post-Modernism and Contemporary Art***
- ***New courses VISA 3106 The Art of Canada and VISA 3107 Post-Modernism in Canada***
- ***New courses VISA 3586/3587 Printmaking II/III***
- ***Banked courses including ENGL 2166/2167, HIST 3826, 3836, NAAC 2006, PHIL 2245, VISA 2026/2027, 2206, 3686/3687, 4696/4697***
- ***Deleted courses VISA 1025, 2005, 3005***
- ***New course HIST 4206 Social Change and Canada's Long 1960s to the Present***
- ***New course HIST 4296 Historical Memory and Social Change***
- ***New course POLI 2306 Introduction to Globalization***
- ***Revised course PSYC 3007 Advanced Study of Personality Theory***

Motion carried.

11.12.04.05 Curriculum Committee – course rosters 2012SP, 2012FW

Moved (Marasco/Perlini): that Senate approve the course rosters for the spring 2012, fall/winter 2012 and Brampton campus as submitted.

Marasco spoke to the motion adding that there were no real significant changes to the number of credits that academic units have proposed other than Geography and Social Work who are adding a fourth year of study for the first time.

Motion carried.

Moved (Brodbeck/Williams): that the Senate meeting be extended for 15 minutes.

Motion carried.

11.12.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)

None.

11.12.06 STANDING REPORTS

11.12.06.01 Board of Governors Representative Report

Galotta submitted a written report.

11.12.06.02 President's Report

The President reported on enrollment for fall 2012, the St. Thomas initiative, student union town hall, faculty lounge renovations and the provincial auditing of teaching.

11.12.06.03 Dean's Report

The Dean submitted a written report.

11.12.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

None.

11.12.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

11.12.09 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Brodbeck/Newbigging): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 3:15pm)