MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Fourth Regular Meeting of 2014-2015
December 5, 2014

Humanities Division
(regrets: M. DiSanto, R. Rutherford)

Social Sciences
R. Cameron, D. Galotta, J. Hermida, K. Kadiyala, N. Shaw, D. Woodman
(regrets: N. Cruickshank, C. Denomme; absent: G. Broad)

Sciences
L. Bloomfield, N. Cameron, G. Davies, J. Foote, B. Schamp (Speaker), S. Xu, C. Zhang
(regrets: C. Reed-Elder, D. Keough)

Other Members
B. Alusayni, M. Bennett, M. Case, S. Kitts, R. Linklater, C. Lyons, D. Marasco (Secretary), A. Piaskoski, M. Ross
(regrets: A. Perlini; absent: D. Boissoneau, A. Idris, K. Politano)

Guests
M. Graydon, D. Helwig, H. Hornstein, G. Mahar, R. McCutcheon, M. Rossetto, T. Tchir

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:04pm.

The Speaker asked Senate to observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the fourteen women who lost their lives in an act of violence at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal (December 6, 1989).

Moved (Hernden/Kadiyala): that Senate approve Bassam Alusayni and Abdul Idris as members of Senate representing the Algoma University Student’s Union (AUSU)

Motion carried.

Moved (Galotta/Shaw): that Senate approve Dr. Rose Cameron to replace Dr. Silvia Straka, as member-at-large from the Social Science division.

Motion carried.
14.12.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Moved (Bloomfield/Galotta): that the agenda for the December meeting of Senate be approved.*

Motion carried.

14.12.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of November 7, 2014

*Moved (Davies/Turgeon): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of November 7, 2014.*

Motion carried.

14.12.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

14.12.03.01 Honorary degree, Senate award

The Speaker asked for a motion to move in camera.

*Moved (Hernden/Shaw): that Senate move in camera.*

Motion carried.

*Moved (Hernden/Hermida): that Senate move out of camera*

Motion carried.

*The names of the Honorary Degree, and Senate Award recipients will not be published until it is deemed appropriate by the Algoma University Senate Executive Committee. Senators are reminded that the motion was voted in-camera and the name of the recipients should not be made public by any member for any reason.*

14.12.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

14.12.04.01 Curriculum Committee – motions

*Moved (Bloomfield/Marasco): that Senate approve the program revision to the Honours Bachelor of Arts (single major) degree program in Psychology:*

From:

PSYC 1106/1107@
STAT 2126*
PSYC 2127*, 3256*
3 credits from PSYC 2056*, 3206*, 3286*, 3296*
PSYC 4006/4007
PSYC 4105
12 credits from Group I
12 credits from Group II
6 credits, upper year PSYC

*minimum grade of 70% required for honours

@minimum grade of 60% required*
To:
PSYC 1106/1107@
STAT 2126*
PSYC 2127*, 3256*
3 credits from PSYC 2056*, 3206*, 3286*, 3296*
PSYC 4006/4007
PSYC 4105
9 credits from Group I
9 credits from Group II
6 credits, upper year PSYC

@minimum grade of 60% required
*minimum grade of 70% required for honours

Motion carried.

Moved (Bloomfield/Turgeon): that Senate approve the program revision to the non-honours Bachelor of Arts (single major) degree program in Psychology:

From:
PSYC 1106/1107@
STAT 2126@
PSYC 2127, 3256
12 credits from Group I
12 credits from Group II
21 credits, upper year PSYC

To:
PSYC 1106/1107@
STAT 2126@
PSYC 2127, 3256
9 credits from Group I
9 credits from Group II
21 credits, upper year PSYC

@minimum grade of 60% required

Moved (Bloomfield/Hernden): that Senate approve the program revision to the Honours Bachelor of Science degree program in Psychology:

From:
PSYC 1106/1107@
STAT 2126*
PSYC 2127*, 3256*
PSYC 3286*
PSYC 4006/4007
PSYC 4105
6 credits from Group I
18 credits from Group II
12 credits, upper year PSYC

@minimum grade of 60% required
*minimum grade of 70% required for honours
To:

PSYC 1106/1107@
STAT 2126*
PSYC 2127*, 3256*
PSYC 3286*
PSYC 4006/4007
PSYC 4105
3 credits from Group I
15 credits from Group II
12 credits, upper year PSYC

@minimum grade of 60% required
*minimum grade of 70% required for honours

Moved (Boyle/Johnston): that Senate approve the following new course as submitted by the Department of History and Philosophy:

HIST 3396 History of Childhood in Canada
This is a course about the history of childhood in Canada, from the late nineteenth century through to the 1960s. We will explore various aspects of childhood history, including topics such as: child labour; immigrant children; First Nations children; adoption; the advent of child welfare; education; advice literature; and other aspects of child and teenage culture (books, movies, television, music, and trends). To understand the variety of childhood experiences in Canada, we will consider such factors as race, class, gender, and region. This course is restricted to upper year students or permission of the department. (lec/sem 3) 3 cr

Motion carried.

14.12.04.02 Curriculum Committee – fall/winter 2015 course roster

Moved (Marasco/Hernden): that Senate approve the proposed course roster for the 2015 fall/winter academic terms as submitted.

Marasco spoke to the motion thanking departments for their well-planned, and organized submissions. He added the following:

- Courses in bold are either officially cross-listed courses, or joint-enrolled;
- New courses that were submitted in the department rosters, not yet approved at Curriculum Committee, do not appear on the course roster;
- If there is a term-discrepancy with any of the courses, please contact the Office of the Registrar so that the change can be made.

Motion approved.

14.12.04.03 Academic Planning – final assessment report (SWRK)

Moved (Boyle/R. Cameron): that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee recommends to Senate, the Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for the External Program Review in Social Work.

Motion carried.
Moved (Marasco/Davies): that Senate approve the Algoma University entrance and in-course scholarship lists for 2014 – 2015 as submitted.

Motion carried

14.12.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)
14.12.05.01 Anishinaabe People’s Council

The Speaker submitted a written report.

14.12.05.02 Research Ethics Board

Shaw submitted a written report.

14.12.06 STANDING REPORTS
14.12.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Johnston submitted a written report.

14.12.06.02 Dean

The Dean submitted a written report.

14.12.06.03 VPAR

14.12.06.04 President

The President submitted a written report.

Woodman questioned the tenure track positions and CLTAs, specifically, concerns regarding social work accreditation.

Myers stated that it is a complicated situation that requires reflection and negotiation. He stated that there is a full time instructor currently teaching at the Timmins extension who is not able to apply for tenure due to a contractual agreement with Northern College. He added that all options must be explored before a decision is made.

Bloomfield expressed concerns regarding APPCOM’s recommendations as Psychology will have two faculty on sabbatical and one on a leave of absence.
Myers commented that we will do our best to ensure programs have coverage.

R. Cameron commented that the department (Social Work) met quite often and expressed the need for a tenure track positon for Timmins.

Myers stated he hoped for the same as the program grows and is open for more discussion.

Kadiyala expressed concern regarding the number of faculty and number of courses to be taught in Economics.

Myers commented that the FTEs indicate significant growth in ECON and that he is familiar with the challenges the department is facing. He added that there are a few programs that are in need of resources.

14.12.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

Graydon questioned why the Student Union was being asked to contribute to the funding of the GLC and why so late during the renovations.

Myers answered that it is normal for universities to ask their student unions for funding, other universities have been asked to contribute much more.

He also commented that the renovations at the GLC would likely be complete by the end of January 2015.

14.12.08 OTHER BUSINESS /NEW BUSINESS

None.

14.12.09 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Case/Xu): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 2:20pm)