

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Sixth Regular Meeting of 2016-2017
February 3, 2017**

Humanities Faculty

L. Burnett, M. DiSanto (Speaker), W. Johnston, A. Pinheiro, A. Ridout, E. Turgeon
(absent: R. Gaywish, T. O'Flanagan)

Social Science Faculty

N. Cruickshank, C. Denomme, S. Gruner, J. Hermida, H. Hornstein, V. Jimenez-Estrada, H. Luitel,
D. Woodman
(regrets: B. Waterfall)

Science Faculty

P. Antunes, D. Brodbeck, I. Imre, C. Reed-Elder, C. Zhang
(regrets: L. Bloomfield, W. Osei, G. Townsend, S. Xu)

Other Members

D. Boissoneau, P. Dingle, D. Friyia, T. Gallivan, K. Hernden, A. J. Idris, M. Lajoie, R. McCutcheon,
E. Otten, C. Ross, A. Sayers
(regrets: M. Case, D. Marasco (Secretary), M. Nadeau; absent: B. Asghar)

Guests

R. Cameron, M. Graydon, D. Helwig, J. Syrette

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:07pm.

He asked for a moment of silence to honour and observe the victims of the mosque attack in Quebec City earlier this week.

17.02.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- ***Moved (Lajoie/Otten): that the agenda for the February meeting of Senate be approved as amended.***

Motion carried.

17.02.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of January 13, 2017

- ***Moved (Lajoie/Luitel): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of January 13, 2017.***

Motion carried.

17.02.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)
17.02.03.01 Acknowledgement of traditional territories

The Speaker informed Senate that members of the Senate Executive Committee were in agreement to refer this matter to the Board of Governors. Boissoneau asked for a meeting with the President and the Chair of the Board of Governors regarding the matter.

17.02.03.02 Senate Membership – Science Faculty

- ***Moved (Hernden/Reed-Elder): that Senate approve Dr. David Brodbeck as a member of Senate from the Science Faculty for the remainder of the 2016 – 17 Senate year replacing Dr. Edna James.***

Motion carried.

17.02.03.03 Senate Membership – AUSU

- ***Moved (Reed-Elder/Otten): that Senate approve A. J. Idris as a member of Senate representing the Algoma University Students' Union for the remainder of the 2016 – 17 Senate year replacing Gurwinder Dusanjh.***

Motion carried.

17.02.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)
17.02.04.01 Department of Music & Visual Art – Senate Adjunct Status

- ***Moved (Gruner/Turgeon): that Senate approve Professor Frank Deresti, as senate adjunct professor from the Department of Music and Visual Art.***

Professor Deresti

Mr. Deresti's Adjunct Professor title lapsed (for no apparent reason) in 2010. It was a simple, unfortunate case of institutional oversight. Frank has worked at Algoma University for more than twenty years, inspired hundreds of students through applied individualized, ensemble and classroom teaching. He has distinguished himself as a valuable cultural visionary in the Algoma region through tireless work with Musical Comedy Guild and as a member of the nationally known band Frank Deresti and the Lake Effect, and as an esteemed guitarist and bass player in great demand, and long-standing faculty member at the Algoma Conservatory of Music. His students have distinguished themselves at Provincial Finals of the National Competitive Festival of Music. He is a model citizen on campus, always willing to step up and assist the Music

Program. His SET's are consistently higher than the institutional average. The Department of Music and Visual Art offers total support for Mr. Deresti's reinstatement without reservations, as does the Humanities Division.

Summary of CV:

- Master of Music from Carleton University
- More than 20 years of service to Algoma University
- Esteemed professional
- An arts leader with very high visibility in the community and in the greater Algoma region

A question was asked about the process of recommending Adjunct Professor Status.

Speaker commented that Mr. Frank Deresti is a long term member of Algoma University and that this will reaffirm his teaching status.

A request was made whether the policy for Adjunct Professor Status could be posted under the Senate section on the Algoma University website as there is some confusion regarding assigned terms. The Speaker will contact the Secretary of Senate to ensure the policy is made available on the web site.

Motion carried

- ***Moved (Burnett/Lajoie): that Senate approve Professor Paul Dingle, as senate adjunct professor from the Department of Music and Visual Art.***

Professor Dingle

Rationale: Mr. Dingle's Adjunct Professor title lapsed (for no apparent reason) in 2010. It was a simple, unfortunate case of institutional oversight. Paul has worked at Algoma University for more than twenty years, inspired hundreds of students through applied individualized, ensemble and classroom teaching. He has distinguished himself as a valuable cultural visionary in the Algoma region through his tireless work with Musical Comedy Guild, as Co-Director of the Northern Arts Academy, music director of one of Sault Ste. Marie's great churches, and collaborative pianist in great demand. He is willing to step up and assist the Music Program and university community, as evidenced by outstanding work on bargaining, grievance committee, Senate and more. His SET's are consistently higher than the institutional average. The Department of Music and Visual Art offers total support for Mr. Dingle's reinstatement, without reservations.

Summary of CV:

- Master of Music from Brandon University
- More than 20 years of service to Algoma University
- Esteemed professional
- An arts leader with very high visibility in the community and in the greater Algoma region

Motion carried. (Dingle abstained for the record)

- ***Moved (Burnett/McCutcheon): that Senate approve Professor Agnes McCarthy, as senate adjunct professor from the Department of Music and Visual Art.***

Professor Agnes McCarthy

Rationale: Agnes McCarthy's Adjunct Professor title lapsed (for no apparent reason) in 2010. It was a simple, unfortunate case of institutional oversight. Agnes has worked at Algoma University for more than twenty years, inspired hundreds of students through outstanding applied individualized, ensemble and classroom teaching. She has distinguished herself as a valuable cultural visionary in the Algoma region through tireless work as a Musical Director for Musical Comedy Guild, Co-Director of the Northern Arts Academy, and faculty member at the Algoma Conservatory of Music. Her students have distinguished themselves at the Provincial Finals of the National Competitive Festival of Music. She is always willing to step up and assist the Music Program and university committee. Her SET's are consistently higher than the institutional average. The Department of Music and Visual Art offers total support for Ms. McCarthy's reinstatement, without reservations.

Summary of CV:

- Master of Music from McGill University
- More than 20 years of service to Algoma University
- Esteemed professional
- Arts leader with high visibility in the community and greater Algoma region

Motion carried. (Dingle abstained for the record)

- ***Moved (Burnett/Ridout): that Senate approve Dr. Ollikkala, as senate adjunct professor from the Department of Music and Visual Art.***

Dr. Robert Ollikkala

Rationale: Dr. Robert Ollikkala's Adjunct Professor title lapsed (for no apparent reason) in 2010. It was a simple, unfortunate case of institutional oversight. Rob has worked at Algoma University for more than twenty years, inspired hundreds of students through outstanding applied individualized and classroom instruction. He has distinguished himself as a valuable cultural visionary in the Algoma region through tireless work as faculty member at the Algoma Conservatory of Music. His students have won many prizes in the Sault Ste. Marie Music Festival, as well as distinguishing themselves at the Provincial finals (representing Sault Ste. Marie) of the Ontario Federation of Music Festivals. Rob is always willing to step up and assist the Music Program. His SET's are consistently higher than the institutional average. The Department of Music and Visual Art offers total support for Dr. Ollikkala's reinstatement, without reservations.

Summary of CV:

- Doctor of Music from the University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana
- More than 20 years of service to Algoma University
- Esteemed professional
- Arts leader with high visibility in the community and greater Algoma region

Motion carried. (Dingle, Otten abstained for the record)

17.02.05 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)

17.02.05.01 Joint Working Group

Syrette clarified that she is not developing a course on archival certification but supports and encourages the initiative. She asked that the correction be made to the report.

Members discussed the following regarding the offering of an archival methods course:

- Do we need a working committee? A preference was made for a working group that could work directly with APPCOM and CURCOM;
- It will be necessary for all faculty to embrace the initiative;
- A three-credit course could be formed (Introduction to Archives or Archival Studies) available to any undergraduate student;
- There may be union issues to address;
- Necessary to draw on all expertise looking at the institution as a whole, link to students and resources;

17.02.05.02 Budget Oversight Committee

Senators were reminded that the Budget Oversight Committee is not a committee of Senate.

Dwyer stated that he intends on presenting the final budget to Senate confirming that budgets are approved through the Board of Governors.

17.02.06 STANDING REPORTS

17.02.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

The report from the February Board of Governors meeting will be presented to the March meeting of Senate.

17.02.06.02 Dean's Report

The Dean submitted a written report.

17.02.06.03 President's Report

The President submitted a written report.

17.02.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

None.

17.02.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

A question was raised regarding the faculty hiring status at the institution.

It was confirmed that there are currently three tenure track positions advertised as well as other CLTA positions.

Ross and Dwyer are scheduled to meet in the near future to review the budget for faculty hires.

A concern was expressed regarding a shortage of faculty and classrooms that are full of students.

Ross confirmed that current issues are being discussed but that there is broader discussion with declining enrolments. She stated that it is a basic financial management issue.

17.02.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burnett informed Senate of the Hayes-Jenkinson lecture to take place March 29th.

Ridout asked colleagues that when advising for the 17F term to encourage students to enroll in ENGL1996/2996 Algoma Reads.

Gruner informed colleagues that the CESD department is developing a mini speaking series. She asked members to share events that could be webcast to Timmins as students are interested in participating.

Pinheiro announced that the Department of Music and Visual Arts and students are collaborating on an event that is taking place February 10th which includes art exhibition, poetry and music).

17.02.10 ADJOURNMENT

- ***Moved (Brodbeck/Lajoie): that Senate adjourn.***

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 2:10pm)