

**MINUTES OF SENATE
ALGOMA UNIVERSITY
Tenth Regular Meeting of 2014-2015
June 5, 2015**

Humanities Division

N. Boyle, W. Johnston, A. Pinheiro, E. Turgeon
(regrets: M. DiSanto, C. Ross; absent: M. Caswell, R. Gaywish, R. Rutherforddale)

Social Sciences

G. Broad, N. Cruickshank, D. Galotta, J. Hermida, V. Jimenez-Estrada, H. Luitel, D. Woodman
(regrets: C. Denomme, R. Cameron)

Sciences

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

Other Members

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

Guests

M. Chowdhury, T. Fabiano, A. Gordon, M. Graydon, D. Helwig, H. Hornstein, N. Shaw

The Speaker called the meeting of Senate to order at 1:03pm.

15.06.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (Bloomfield/Turgeon): that the agenda for the June meeting of Senate be approved.

Reed-Elder asked the Speaker to consider a motion under business arising.

Motion carried (as amended).

15.06.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the meeting of May 1, 2015

Moved (Bloomfield/Galotta): that Senate approve the minutes from the meeting of May 1, 2015.

Motion carried.

15.06.03 BUSINESS ARISING (for action or information)

15.06.03.01 Speaker, Deputy Speaker of Senate 2015 – 2016

The Speaker informed Senate that only one nomination was received to serve as Speaker of Senate for the next Senate year – Dr. Michael DiSanto has accepted the nomination. He asked for nominations from the floor for Deputy Speaker – Dr. Laurie Bloomfield volunteered to serve.

The Speaker informed Senate that both nominations to be acclaimed.

15.06.03.02 Senate Membership, 2015 – 2016

Galotta informed Senate that Dr. Silvia Straka will serve as Social Science representative from the Social Work Department until which time a Director of Social Work is hired.

Moved (Johnston/Broad): that Senate approve the list of senate membership for the 2015 senate year as amended.

Motion carried.

15.06.03.03 Senate Committee Membership, 2015 – 2016

Moved (Bloomfield/Boyle): that Senate approve the list of senate committee membership for the 2015 senate year as submitted.

Bloomfield informed Senate that she will provide the Secretary of Senate with an updated membership list for the Animal Care Committee.

Motion carried.

15.06.03.04 AU Senate By-laws – sunset clause

The Speaker relinquished his position as Speaker of Senate to the Secretary of Senate to provide senators with the data research compiled on senate attendance during the last senate year.

Schamp presented how the new format affects Senate, and spoke how the previous senate representation was in violation of the Algoma University Act Bill 80.

Moved (Foote/Hernden): that Senate officially approve the changes to the AU By-laws and remove the sunset clause as originally approved.

Galotta was not comfortable in making the significant changes with summer quorum and suggested the motion be discussed at the September meeting of Senate.

Schamp noted that the divisions had ample opportunity to discuss the changes with their colleagues, however, no feedback was received from the divisions.

Broad commented that the analysis was very helpful and was under the impression that a motion to adopt would come forward in September.

Schamp noted that it was the Social Sciences division that forwarded the original motion.

Jimenez-Estrada asked if student full-time equivalencies (FTE) within a division could be taken into consideration to determine representation.

Schamp answered no, FTEs have never been discussed in consideration of divisional representation.

Shaw stated that something needs to be done immediately, it has been one year since the approval of the new Senate By-laws with the sunset clause.

Schamp commented that Senate must find a solution.

Woodman commented that she is not comfortable how the motion is being introduced and would like a solution as to finding a way of representing FTE at Senate. There is no clear mandate from Senate members, and therefore, the motion should be defeated. She added that all faculty should meet to discuss the membership being forwarded and its implications.

Marasco suggested extending the sunset clause for one year and to allow a sub-committee of Senate bring back the recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee.

Moved (Marasco/Broad): that Senate approve the terms of the Algoma University By-laws to be extended by one year, during which time, Senate Executive will strike a senate sub-committee to review the by-laws and make recommendations to SENEX by May 2016.

Motion carried. (one abstention – Boyle)

15.06.03.05 Agenda item (as amended)

Boyle asked Senate move in camera given the nature of the discussion.

Moved (Boyle/Galotta): that Senate move in camera. (1:44pm)

Motion carried.

Moved (Broad/Johnston): that Senate move out of camera. (2:33pm)

Motion carried.

The motion as was discussed during the in camera session was defeated by Senate.

15.06.04 DECISION ITEMS (for action)

15.06.04.01 Office of the Registrar – Spring Graduands 2015

Moved (Marasco/Foote): that Senate admit to their respective degrees in-course the students as submitted who have completed all the requirements of their respective degrees and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded at Spring Convocation 2015 for the conferring of degrees.

Motion carried

15.06.04.02 Office of the Registrar – Certificates

Moved (Broad/Jimenez-Estrada): that Senate approve the students as submitted who have completed the requirements of their respective certificates and that certificates be awarded at the Spring Convocation 2015.

Broad commented how excited students are to be able to receive recognition for completion of a certificate program at convocation. She extended thanks to the Office of the Registrar and Senate.

Motion carried.

15.06.04.03 Curriculum committee – revised courses

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

From:

HIST 2406 Early Modern British History

This course will examine the social, religious, economic, and political changes in British life beginning in the later Middle Ages. Topics for consideration include the Reformation, colonization, war, royal authority and changes in the social structure. (LEC 2, TUT 1) (3 cr)

To:

HIST 2406 Britain from Reform to Revolution

Beginning with a civil war in the late medieval period, this course tracks the history of the kingdoms of the British Isles through a period of massive upheaval and change as England, Scotland, and Ireland struggled through political turmoil, religious conflict, and intellectual change. The course will examine how rivalry between the kingdoms eventually gave way to the establishment of the roots of a modern constitutional democracy, the beginning of the Enlightenment, and the foundation of the modern fiscal military state that would lead to military expansion and empire. (LEC 2, TUT 1) (3 cr)

From

HIST 2407 Modern British History

This course studies the continuing transformation of British culture, society and politics up to the present. Areas for discussion include industrialization, urbanization, political and social reform, internal conflict, war and empire. (LEC 2, TUT 1) (3 cr)

To

HIST 2407 Union, Empire, and the Rise of a World Power: Britain in the Modern Age

This course examines British history from the establishment of the United Kingdom through union with Scotland and Ireland, the “second Hundred Years’ War” with France, the growth and impact of Empire, demographic and population change, political reform, and the involvement in two World Wars in the twentieth century. It will analyse a period of profound transformation that saw Britain navigate its way through the social impact of industrialization, the age of European revolutions, the rise of mass culture, the establishment of the social welfare state, and decolonization. (LEC 2, TUT 1) (3 cr)

Motion carried.

15.06.04 INFORMATION ITEMS (reports of committees)
15.06.05.01 APPCOM – St Thomas final report

Marasco spoke to the report and stated that this is an information item to Senate in an effort to provide some context of the St. Thomas extension, detailing history, timelines, background and to provide recommendations for future extension sites.

15.06.05.02 Office of the Registrar – Convocation Report

Marasco provided data regarding the current graduating class including programs of study, certificates, minors and those graduating with distinction.

15.06.05.03 Senate committee annual reports

As submitted.

15.06.05 STANDING REPORTS
15.06.06.01 Board of Governors Representative

Johnston reported that the Board of Governors has not met since the last meeting of Senate.

15.06.06.02 Dean

The Dean submitted a written report – he spoke to the AU Research Plan and indicated that the research plan was being submitted as a notice of motion to be vetted at the September 11, 2015 meeting of Senate.

15.06.03 President

None.

15.06.07 DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD

None.

15.06.08 OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Johnston asked if he could introduce a notice of motion on behalf of the Humanities Division as follows:

Preamble: In the face of enrolment challenges, given the centrality of academic advising to recruitment and retention, the Humanities Division would like to recommend the following motion:

(Johnston/Boyle): that Senate strike an ad hoc committee to seek input from faculty, staff, administration and students regarding academic advising and offer recommendations for improvement.

15.06.09 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Galotta, on behalf of the entire Algoma University Senate, thanked the Speaker of Senate, Dr. Schamp for his work during the past senate year.

Marasco encouraged members to attend and participate during Spring Convocation 2015 for the awarding of degrees taking place at the Roberta Bondar Park Pavilion on Saturday June 13th at 2:00pm.

15.06.10 ADJOURNMENT

Moved (Bloomfield/Hermida): that Senate adjourn.

Motion carried. (Senate adjourned at 2:52pm)