

# RYERSON FACULTY ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

ILC, London Paris

November 4, 2014

### ATTENDANCE:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Yes/No/Regrets</i>
President	Peter Danziger	Yes
Vice President Internal	Kileen Tucker-Scott	Yes
Vice President External	Rahul Sapra	Yes
Treasurer	Carmen Schifellite	Yes
Secretary	David Naranjit	Yes
Chair, Grievance	Jason Lisi	Yes
Chair, Negotiating	Ian Sakinofsky	Yes
Chair, Professional Affairs	Lin Dong	Yes
Chair, Equity Issues	Tariq Amin-Khan	Yes
Member at Large	Amina Jamal	Yes
Member at Large	Sophie Quigley	Yes
Health & Safety Officer	Chun-Yip Hon	Yes
Staff	André Foucault	Yes
Staff	Agnes Paje	Yes

#### 1. Order/Establishment of Quorum

Meeting began with quorum at 10:10 AM

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to adopt Agenda (Quigley/Tucker-Scott)

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to adopt the Minutes of October 21, 2014 (Sapra/Jamal)

4. Matters Arising/Old Business:

5. New Business

- a. BIRT F. Prescod be appointed to the rfanet usage committee (Quigley/Dong) Carried.
- b. There was a discussion of the University budget and the RSU campaign to push for a budget with no departmental cuts and no tuition increases.

6. Reports

*a)* Treasurer's Report (Schifellite)

BIRT The executive approves the expense of \$5,189 from the Special fund to Eckler for the setup of the retirees' health care spending account. (Schifellite/Tucker-Scott) Carried.

BIRT The executive accepts the Auditor's Report for the 2013-14 financial year and recommends it to the membership (Schifellite/Tucker-Scott)

*b)* Vice President External (Sapra)

Report on the OCUFA board meeting. OCUFA has identified three areas for special attention over the next year. As reported by OCUFA:

- i. *Pensions*, OCUFA is involved in a project to create a sector JSPP pension plan, participation in this plan would be voluntary for institutions. (Ryerson has repeatedly stated that we are not interested in pursuing this option.)
  
- ii. *Faculty complement/precarious academic work*, over the last fifteen years hiring of tenure-stream professors has not kept pace with enrolment increases in Ontario and there is growing reliance on contract faculty to meet the instructional needs of universities. This benefits neither the individuals who find themselves in these jobs, nor the institutions which employ them.
  
- iii. *E-learning* was the Final issue identified by the OCUFA board. In recent years, the Government of Ontario has signalled its intention to expand online and e-learning options in Ontario. While faculty are supportive of the appropriate use of e-learning, expanded e-learning must be undertaken to enhance learning and teaching, not cut costs. The OCUFA Board has set e-learning as a priority, and the organization will work to support our members as they advocate for high-quality e-learning options that respect academic freedom, intellectual property, and collective agreements. The OCUFA Board also mandated the organization to strongly advocate with the Ontario government for faculty representation on the Board of Directors and committees of Ontario Online, a new government initiative designed to increase online course provision in the province.

## 7. Adjournment