



Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #583 (2010-11)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Susan Sydor (Chair), Professor James Mandigo (Vice-Chair),
Dean Fiona Blaikie, Dr. Ian Brindle, Interim Dean Rick Cheel, Ms. Barb Davis,
Dean Thomas Dunk, Dr. Greg Finn, Dean Philip Kitchen, Dean Douglas Kneale,
Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Rudi Kroeker, Interim Dean Joanne MacLean,
Ms. Kim Meade, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dr. Philip Wright

Professors Maureen Connolly, Christine Daigle, Nancy DeCourville, Tony DiPetta,
Tamara El-Hoss, Sandra Felton, Nancy Francis, Nota Klentrou, Maureen Lux,
John Lye, Diane Mack, Ingrid Makus, Carol Merriam, Bozidar Mitrovic,
Merijeane Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Steven Renzetti, Stan Sadava, Cristina Santos,
Larry Savage, Astride Silis, John Sivell, Mark Spencer, David Vivian,
Michelle Webber, Barry Wright, Paul Zelisko, Deborah Zinni

Mr. Edward Nkyi, Mr. Sebastian Prins, Mr. Denis Ursov

Ms. Helen Young

Mr. Mike Farrell, Secretary, Ms. Margaret Thompson, Associate Secretary

ALSO

PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Barry Joe

REGRETS: Professor Tansu Barker, Professor June Corman, Mr. Ned Goodman,
Mr. Daud Grewal, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Mr. Chris Lindley,
Mr. Steven Nicholls, Professor Frances Owen, Professor Michael Plyley,
Mr. Kevin Smith, Ms. Betty-Lou Souter, Mr. Luke Speers, Ms. Carly White,
Dr. Thomas Winger, Professor Deborah Yeager-Woodhouse

Professor Sydor welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 582nd meeting of Senate held on October 13, 2010 had been posted with

the meeting materials.

MOVED (Merriam/Cheel)

THAT the minutes of the 582nd meeting of Senate held on October 13, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications

The Chair noted that she had received two communications. A signed petition from colleagues questioning the process of the establishment of a proposed institute had been forwarded to the Governance Committee for consideration. A concern received from Professor Mitterer regarding the staffing of teaching assistants would be referred to the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee for consideration.

Professor Sydor expressed thanks to all who had attended Fall Convocation. She further expressed appreciation to members of the Brock community who had participated in the consultations regarding the draft Strategic Plan.

4. Report of the Chair

The Highlights for Senate 583 had been posted with the meeting materials for information.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor - None

6. Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic

[The Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Knuttila highlighted several items within his written Report to Senate. He noted that, in the near future, he would provide details regarding the implications associated with the expiration of the license with Access Copyright on December 31, 2010. With respect to the upcoming special meeting of Senate on November 24 to discuss the draft University Strategic Plan, Dr. Knuttila noted that the revised document had been forwarded to the Secretary of Senate and would be posted on the Senate website. He encouraged Senators to share the revised draft Strategic Plan with their colleagues and the broader community.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague – COU - None

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

There had been no Board meeting held since the previous meeting of Senate.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Undergraduate Program Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated November 9, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly presented the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee.

- a) Amendment to FHB III: 6.4 Undergraduate Degree Program Requirements, General Degree Requirements

MOVED (Connolly/Kneale)

THAT Senate accept the amendment to FHB III: 6.4 D) General Degree Requirements as outlined in the Report.

Professor Connolly reviewed the rationale for the proposed amendment to insert the proposed section D) to provide additional clarification with respect to meeting University degree and program requirements. During discussion, it was noted that the number of required credits was not correct as outlined in the Report. The Registrar confirmed the error and would revise the Report following the meeting.

CARRIED

10.2 Teaching and Learning Policy Committee

[The Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee dated November 10, 2010, together with the draft e-Learning Plan, had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Zelisko presented the Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee. He noted that the Committee had reviewed the draft e-Learning Plan.

During discussion, Professor Zelisko and Professor Joe responded to questions from members. With respect to e-learning and potential BUFA related issues such as course instruction, workload, promotion and tenure, evaluation, compensation, and intellectual property, Dr. Knuttila indicated that he would discuss the issues with the Joint Committee on the Administration of the Agreement.

Professor Joe emphasized that the draft e-Learning Plan was in the early phase of development and consultations were still underway.

During further discussion of the draft e-Learning Plan, Dean Rose indicated that many of the issues raised during today's meeting had been examined in a COU Academic Colleague draft discussion paper "On-Line Education: Academic Considerations". The draft discussion paper would be forwarded to Senators following the meeting.

10.3 Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee

[The Report of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee dated November 11, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Vivian presented the Report of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee for the information of Senate.

10.4 Budget Advisory Committee

[The Report of the Budget Advisory Committee dated November 12, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Vivian presented the Report of the Budget Advisory Committee for the information of Senate. He noted that Professor Christine Daigle had recently been elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

11. Reports of Special Committees

11.1 Academic Review Committee

[The Report of the Academic Review Committee dated November 9, 2010, together with Appendix A: Statement of Intent for the addition of two fields to the MA in Classics, had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Knuttila presented the Report of the Academic Review Committee.

MOVED (Knuttila/Rose)

THAT Senate approve the proposal from the Department of Classics that two fields (Art and Archaeology and Text and Culture) be added to the existing Classics MA program.

CARRIED

12. Other Business - None

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.