

Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #585 (2010-11)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011, 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, Mr. Daud Grewal, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Philip Kitchen, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Rudi Kroeker, Dr. Jack Lightstone,

Interim Dean Joanne MacLean, Ms. Kim Meade, Dean Marilyn Rose,

Dr. Philip Wright

Professors Tansu Barker, Maureen Connolly, June Corman, Christine Daigle, Nancy DeCourville, Tamara El-Hoss, Sandra Felton, Nancy Francis, Calvin Hayes, Nota Klentrou, Maureen Lux, John Lye, Diane Mack, Carol Merriam, Merijean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Frances Owen, Michael Plyley, Stan Sadava, Larry Savage, Astride Silis, Mark Spencer, David Vivian, Michelle Webber, Barry Wright, Deborah Yeager-Woodhouse, Deborah Zinni

Mr. Chris Lindley, Mr. Steven Nicholls, Mr. Sebastian Prins, Mr. Andrew Skelton, Mr. Luke Speers

Ms. Helen Young

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Associate Dean Anna Lathrop, Ms. Beth Natale,

Ms. Marla Portfolio, Ms. Lynne Prout, Ms. Valerie Wolfe,

REGRETS: Professor Tony DiPetta, Mr. Ned Goodman, Dean Douglas Kneale,

Professor Ingrid Makus, Professor Bozidar Mitrovic, Mr. Edward Nkyi, Professor Steven Renzetti, Professor John Sivell, Mr. Kevin Smith,

Ms. Betty-Lou Souter, Ms. Carly White, Dr. Thomas Winger, Professor Paul Zelisko

Professor Sydor welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

The Chair was saddened to note the recent passing of Dr. Marlene Moser, Associate Professor, Department of Dramatic Arts and a member of the Brock community since 2000. The Chair paid tribute to Dr. Moser who touched the lives of so many in her capacities as teacher, scholar, artist and devoted friend. Senate held a moment of silence to honour Dr. Moser.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 584th meeting of Senate held on December 8, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Merriam/Speers)

THAT the minutes of the 584^{th} meeting of Senate held on December 8, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications

[A memorandum to the Chair of Senate from the Secretary of Senate dated January 14, 2011 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sydor reported that, regretfully, Professor Christina Santos had resigned from Senate. She introduced and welcomed Professor Calvin Hayes who would fill the vacancy for the remainder of the current year as he was the person standing next in the poll to those elected during the last regular election. She further noted, with regrets, the resignation of graduate student Senator Mr. Denis Ursov and introduced and welcomed Mr. Andrew Skelton as the new graduate student Senator.

A communication was received regarding the eligibility of student Senators to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair of a Senate Committee and has been forwarded to the Governance Committee for consideration. A communication regarding a name change to the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology was received and has been forwarded to the Undergraduate Program Committee for consideration.

Professor Sydor referred members to the memorandum from the Secretary of Senate regarding the 2011 Senate election.

MOVED (Morrissey/Nicholls)

THAT the election of representatives to fill Senate vacancies occurring at the end of Spring Convocation, with the exception of student representatives, take place on Friday, March 25, 2011.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Chair

Professor Sydor encouraged members to review the Highlights for Senate 585 which had been posted for information.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

[The President's Report to Senate dated January 7, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Lightstone referred members to his written Report which had been posted with the meeting materials.

The President provided an update to his Report which included information regarding discussions held with government officials with respect to the overarching strategy of Brock's planning and funding for increased enrolment above the projected targets.

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

[A Report to Senate from the Provost and Vice-President, Academic dated January 19, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Knuttila provided an overview of his Report to Senate. He provided an update on the several decanal searches underway.

With respect to changes in copyright, Dr. Knuttila encouraged members to view the following Brock webpage for up-to-date information: http://www.brocku.ca/library/campus-copyright-information

During a brief discussion, the President responded to a question regarding budget submissions for next year.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague – COU

[The Report of the Academic Colleague dated January 13, 2010, together with the COU Update – December 2010 and a letter from the President and CEO of the COU to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities dated October 26, 2010 and a Backgrounder on Differentiation in Ontario's University Sector, had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dean Rose referred members to her Report that had been posted for the information of Senate.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Kroeker provided an oral update on the discussions held during the Board of Trustees' recent strategic issues session. He noted that the Board was in favour of the strategic directions outlined in the *Brock 2020: Taking Our Own Tack – An Introduction to the Overarching Strategy of our Planning* and the draft Strategic Plan. A formal recommendation would be presented to the Board for consideration at its next meeting in February.

The Chair of the Board expressed his sincere appreciation to Dr. Knuttila and members of Senate for their diligence and the time that they devoted to the development of the Strategic Plan.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Governance Committee

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated January 14, 2011, together with Appendix A: Draft Statement of Respectful Dialogue and Freedom of Expression and Appendix B: Opening Statement to the Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Combating Antisemitism presented by President Lightstone in January 2010, had been posted with the meeting materials.]

The Chair welcomed and introduced the following staff members who were in attendance for the discussion of the Draft Statement on Respectful Dialogue and Freedom of Expression: Ms. Lynne Prout, Manager, Office of Human Rights and Equity Services, Ms. Marla Portfilio, Human Rights and Equity Office and Ms. Valerie Wolfe, Manager, Environment, Health and Safety.

Professor Sadava presented the Report of the Governance Committee.

a) Appointment of Senate Election Scrutineers

MOVED (Sadava/Klentrou)

THAT Senators Dr. Maureen Connolly and Dr. John Sivell be appointed as scrutineers for the Senate election to be held March 25, 2011.

CARRIED

b) <u>For the Information of Senate – Draft Statement on Respectful Dialogue and Freedom of Expression</u>

Professor Sadava referred members to the Draft Statement on Respectful Dialogue and Freedom of Expression noting that the draft statement was being presented to Senate for discussion.

Dr. Lightstone provided context and expanded on the rationale for development of the draft statement. He noted that he had requested staff to prepare a draft statement for review as a starting point in the process.

During discussion, questions arose regarding several references within the draft statement. It was then proposed that the draft statement required further review by a Senate Committee(s) or an ad hoc Committee prior to Senate's further consideration. The Chair of the Board of Trustees noted that during the December meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board had examined the draft statement during its generative discussion and concerns were raised regarding safety issues and the scope of the draft statement.

MOVED (Savage/Speers)

THAT the matter be referred to the Governance Committee with instructions to create an ad hoc Committee to consider the Draft Statement on Respectful Dialogue and Freedom of Expression.

A discussion ensued regarding the composition of the proposed ad hoc Committee and the following motion was presented:

MOVED (Daigle/Speers)

THAT the motion be amended to include that the composition of the ad hoc Committee be the same as other Senate Committees.

Dr. Lightstone suggested that it would be helpful for the ad hoc Committee to develop a set of hypothetical cases to help understand what the statement would mean under certain circumstances.

CARRIED

Prior to calling the question, the Chair stated the amended motion as follows:

THAT the matter be referred to the Governance Committee with instructions to create an ad hoc Committee to consider the Draft Statement on Respectful Dialogue and Freedom of Expression and that the composition of the ad hoc Committee be the same as other Senate Committees.

It was noted that the creation of an ad hoc Committee to review the draft statement would not preclude Senate Committees or others from examining the statement.

QUESTION on the motion, as amended

CARRIED

c) <u>For the Information of Senate – Review of FHB III: 25 – Policy on the Establishment and</u> Review of Research Units, Centres and Institutes

As outlined in the Report, the Governance Committee has requested that the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee review FHB III: 25 – Policy on the Establishment and Review of Research Units, Centres and Institutes.

10.2 Undergraduate Program

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly presented the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee.

a) Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Undergraduate Course Bank

Professor Connolly advised Senate that the proposed recommendations in item 2 (English Language and Literature) were being removed from the Report as the motions related to a new program and would require the consideration of the Academic Review Committee. Further, the recommendations with item 13 (Business) were being removed from the Report as further consideration was required by the Faculty of Business.

Senators were referred to the motions contained in items 1, 3-12 and 14-41. The Chair questioned if Senate would prefer to consider all motions as an omnibus motion. Mr. Grewal requested, and Senate concurred, that item 9 regarding Community Health Sciences be addressed separately.

MOVED (Connolly/Daigle)

THAT the motions as contained in items 1, 3-8, 10-12, and 14-41 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED (Connolly/Lindley)

THAT the motions as contained in item 9 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee regarding Community Health Sciences be approved.

In response to a question, Associate Dean Lathrop expanded on the rationale for the proposed increase to four weekly contact hours from three hours in several of the courses. Following discussion, it was proposed that the matter would require further consideration by the Undergraduate Program Committee and the Department of Community Health Sciences.

MOVED (MacLean/El-Hoss)

THAT the motions as contained in item 9 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee regarding Community Health Sciences be referred back to the Undergraduate Program Committee for further consultation and discussion with the Department of Community Health Sciences.

CARRIED

10.3 Graduate Studies Committee

[The Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated January 11, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Daigle, on behalf of Professor Klentrou, presented the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee.

a) Change in Degree Requirements – PhD in Chemistry

MOVED (Daigle/Speers)

THAT Senate approve the changes in degree requirements for the PhD in Chemistry as outlined in the Report.

A correction to the rationale for the proposed change as outlined in the Report was noted to read "inorganic" rather than "organic".

CARRIED

b) Change in Degree Requirements – Applied Disability Studies

MOVED (Daigle/Speers)

THAT Senate approve the changes in degree requirements for the MA in Applied Disability Studies, the Master of Applied Disability Studies, and the Diploma in Applied Disability Studies as outlined in the Report.

Dean Rose referred members to the rationale for the proposed recommendation as outlined in the Report and noted that there were implications related to the naming of a field in the graduate diploma. She suggested that further consideration of the Graduate Studies Committee would be required.

MOVED (Rose/DeCourville)

THAT the proposed recommendation regarding the changes in degree requirements for the MA in Applied Disability Studies, the Master of Applied Disability Studies, and the Diploma in Applied Disability Studies be referred back to the Graduate Studies Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

11.1 Approval for Early Issue of Degree Diploma (In camera)

The Chair noted a motion was required to move *in camera*. On a motion by Professor Daigle, seconded by Dean Blaikie and carried, Senate moved in camera at 4:42 p.m. Non-Senators retired from the meeting

Senate resumed **open** session at 4:45 p.m.

[During the *in camera* session, Senate passed a motion approving the early issue of a degree diploma.]

On a separate issue, it was brought to the attention of Senate that there is currently no policy in the Faculty Handbook in terms of protecting student interests in the event of a labour dispute on campus. The Chair of Senate referred the matter to the Governance Committee to consider the development of such a policy.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.