

**MINUTES OF MEETING #4 (2010 - 2011) OF THE
SENATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP POLICY COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 2010 AT 3:30PM - 5:00PM
IN MC D350-L**

PRESENT: Professor Tamara El-Hoss (Chair), Professor Tansu Barker (Vice-Chair), Dr. Ian Brindle, Dean Tom Dunk, Ms. Margaret Grove, Professor James Mandigo, Professor Francine McCarthy, Professor MeriJean Morrissey, Professor Steven Renzetti, Ms. Ellen Robb, Dean Marilyn Rose, Ms. Judith Maiden (Recorder)

ALSO

PRESENT: Professor Jan Frijters, Ms. Lori Walker

REGRETS: Professor Cheri Bradish, Professor Charles Conteh, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Christopher Lindley, Professor Michelle McGinn

Introductions / Welcome

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (Morrissey/Renzetti)

THAT the agenda be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOVED (Brindle/Dunk)

THAT the minutes of the #3 (2010 - 2011) Senate Research & Scholarship Policy Committee held on November 26th, 2010 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Update/Information

a. Sub-Committee reformation/membership

i. **TREMP**

The policy has not been received from the Associate Vice-President, Academic.

ii. **Nomenclature**

After much discussion it was agreed nomenclature has been a contentious issue and must be moved forward since things are changing with the acceptance of the integrated plan. The definitions for Institutes, Schools, Centres, and Research Centres must be well thought out, reviewed, and aligned with the strategic initiative. The issue is with the Strategic Plan and how it imagines the spaces, these require definitions. It was also acknowledged the processes should be put together without worrying about what an entity does. The other issue is how widely we ought to consult; must there be faculty on it and how wide is its mandate. Dr. Brindle cited CCOVI as an example of an interesting

entity which has grown organically over 10 years. He mentioned their OEVI undergraduate program which sits in Biological Sciences within the Faculty of Mathematics & Sciences and has faculty who are cross appointed and that it works quite well. It has brought people together from across faculties. The director of CCOVI also reports to the Vice-President Research. He suggested the committee look at the governing structure and see what we can learn from it.

iii. Intellectual Property

Dr. Brindle believes this will continue to be an ongoing issue since the Intellectual Property policy sits as an appendix in the Faculty Handbook. It can be amended and when amended will become a living document. There are currently two policies, but the goal is that the policy in the Faculty Handbook be made into an all inclusive policy. The policy in the Collective Agreement cannot be touched. This issue needs to be resolved in the next 6 – 12 months.

4. Biosciences Research Ethics Board

The Research & Scholarship Policy Committee received a proposal; *'A Proposed Bioscience Research Ethics Board at Brock University'* dated January 19, 2011 and submitted by the Research Ethics Board along with an Appendix: *'Proposed Changes to the Faculty Handbook'*. As stated in the proposal, *'for the past several years, the REB has faced challenges in providing competent and timely review for some of the bioscience research undertaken at Brock. Specifically, the REB has had to seek external advice repeatedly for particular strands of research, a situation that demands modification to the membership of the REB to ensure compliance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement (TCPS) ¹ which requires a REB should have adequate expertise, experience and training to understand the research disciplines, methodologies and approaches of the research that it considers for research ethics review.*

Ms. Walker and Professor Frijters responded to the committee's questions. Ms. Walker affirmed there was an open forum two years ago which was strongly attended and most people in attendance had indicated they would be willing to serve on a board. When questioned about whether the REB has ever had a problem attracting graduate students, Ms. Walker responded this has never been an issue. When asked who would decide to which board an application would be sent, Ms. Walker indicated that she and Kate Williams, Undergraduate Research Ethics Officer would decide. Professor Barker asked in terms of identifying members he saw no specific evidence of separating faculty by name or department. Professor Frijters replied the division is by topic area, not by faculty.

Ms. Walker indicated, to keep consistency; there would be one vice-chair on both committees. Professor El-Hoss inquired how long the process would take from start to

finish and Professor Frijters answered 15 working days, which will not change, but will decrease response time and help with their nimbleness. This matter is time sensitive because the Tri-Council Policy Statement is out and the REB would like to take advantage of the training being offered to a biosciences board. The training takes place in March and April and the REB would like to participate in what is being offered. If approved the Bioscience Research Ethics Board (BREB) could be up and running by September.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the following two motions be presented to Senate:

1) **MOVED (El-Hoss/)**

THAT Senate approve the creation of a Biosciences Research Ethics Board (BREB).

2) **MOVED (El-Hoss/)**

THAT Senate approve the modifications to the Faculty Handbook III: 8.3.1 to 8.3.4 outlined in the attachment.

a. Centre for Multiliteracies

On January 25, 2011, Dr. Brindle received documentation from Associate Dean Rodger Beatty, Faculty of Education regarding the initiation of the Centre for Critical Literacy. The Faculty of Education wished to rename the centre to the Centre for Multiliteracies due to the fact they have a new Canada Research Chair in Multiliteracies, Jennifer Rowsell. This committee reviewed the suggestion of renaming the Centre for Critical Literacies to the Centre for Multiliteracies. Two factors were raised that prevented this suggestion being approved. The Centre was formed in 2006 and had an established location, but was never approved by Senate, so the issue of "grandfathering" the Centre became immediately difficult. The periodic review of Centres, which are expected every 5 years, had not been scheduled was another identified problem.

After much discussion, the following was proposed.

MOVED (Barker/ Dunk)

THAT the Research & Scholarship Policy Committee thanks the sponsors and encourages them to make a full submission with the appropriate documentation in accordance with FHB 25.4.2

CARRIED

Dr. Brindle will contact Dean Blaikie and ask that the Faculty of Education submit a full proposal with appropriate documentation.

5. Report from Vice-President Research

(Brindle)

Dr. Brindle informed the committee that the Search Committee for the Vice-President Research met for two and one half days last week and came up with a short list of candidates. These candidates will meet with various parties/individuals over the course of two days each and appear in public to make presentations. The proposed start date is July 1st.

In November, the Canada Research Chairs Program held its 10 year anniversary celebration in Toronto. This celebration represented the populating of 2000 CRC's across the country. At this event, Wendy Ward, CRC in Bone and Muscle Development, Tier II, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences was announced. We now have our total allotment of CRCs, but the challenge for the university will come in 2013 when two of our CRC's will end their appointments. At this time, the CRC Secretariat will decide if we will receive additional chairs and in which discipline.

An offer was made to the candidate for Director, Business Development and Commercialization and we are waiting for his response. We have yet to renew our search for the Government Relations position. Dr. Brindle perceives this position to be pivotal to the office and university as this person is expected to open doors for us in Ottawa, have the ability to interpret, effect and change policy as well as find agencies for Brock researchers that have grants and contracts we can apply to. We only see a small fraction of grants and contracts from agencies, but we will expect to have more opportunities than we currently have access to once this person is hired. This position was approved over a year ago, but it has taken a significant amount of time to get to this point.

Professor Kevin Kee, Faculty of Humanities received good news that his application to the Ontario Media Development Corporation for the "Ontario Augmented Reality Network" has been awarded. The total project budget is \$400,000 and of that \$220,000 will come from OMDC, the rest is a mix of cash and in-kind from several partners. These include Western, Niagara College, the City of St. Catharines, several industry associations, the companies presently in the Generator at One at nGen, as well as major companies and SMEs in Toronto and London. This grant will help to extend Brock's influence in the realm of interactive media research and technology transfer across the province.

Brock received \$750,000 for the Applied Research and Commercialization Initiative (ARC) grant that brings together Small to Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME), which helps entrepreneurs to work with Brock University researchers to leverage each others strengths to benefit the economy. The ARC committee met yesterday and reviewed eleven applications.

An application was submitted for a CRC in Social Sciences, Andrea Doucet in October.

6. Other Business

Professor El-Hoss introduced information she had received from the Governance Committee. *During its meeting held on January 12th the Governance Committee reviewed FHB III:25 and the steps taken in developing a proposal. The Committee concluded that it would be appropriate for the Research & Scholarship Policy Committee to review FHB III:25 with respect to the development of a more thorough and clear process that takes into consideration transparency, inclusion, communication, and consultation.* Professor El-Hoss acknowledged that it is important to sort this matter out as it has been an ongoing issue. She recognized there are two issues that need to be dealt with immediately. In regard to centres, it has to be decided what to do and a clear process has to be determined. Professor El-Hoss noted that the Governance Committee has asked that at the next meeting we look at the process FHB 3.25 – Policy on the Establishment and Review of Research Units, Centres and Institutes.

Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

The above meetings will be held in the Research/Graduate Studies Boardroom (MC D350-L)

1. Adjournment

(Renzetti /McCarthy)

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm