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Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #587 (2010-11)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Susan Sydor (Chair), Professor James Mandigo (Vice-Chair),
Dr. Ian Brindle, Interim Dean Rick Cheel, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Thomas Dunk,
Dr. Greg Finn, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Philip Kitchen, Dean Douglas Kneale,
Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Rudi Kroeker, Dr. Jack Lightstone,
Interim Dean Joanne MacLean, Dr. Thomas Winger

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, Ingrid Makus, Carol Merriam,
Bozidar Mitrovic, Roberto Nickel, Frances Owen, Michael Plyley, Steven Renzetti,
Stan Sadava, John Sivell, Mark Spencer, David Vivian, Barry Wright, Paul Zelisko,
Deborah Zinni

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

Ms. Betty-Lou Souter

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Ms. Cindy Dunn, Professor David Gabriel, Professor Anna Lathrop,
Professor Ken Lodewyk, Ms. Jenna Lorusso, Ms. Beth Natale, Mr. Steven Pillar,
Professor Ian Ritchie, Ms. Stephanie Sugamori

REGRETS: Dean Fiona Blaikie, Professor Tony DiPetta, Mr. Ned Goodman, Mr. Daud Grewal,
Ms. Kim Meade, Professor MeriJean Morrissey, Mr. Edward Nkyi,
Dean Marilyn Rose, Professor Larry Savage, Professor Astrid Silis,
Mr. Kevin Smith, Professor Michelle Webber, Ms. Carly White, Dr. Philip Wright,
Professor Deborah Yeager-Woodhouse, Ms. Helen Young

Professor Sydor welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Due to limitations of occupancy capacity in the Sankey Chamber, the delegation of students present for the discussion of

an item within the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee would be invited back into the meeting when the item was presented. The Chair thanked the students for their cooperation.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the 586th meeting of Senate held on February 9, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Merriam/Zelisko)

THAT the minutes of the 586th meeting of Senate held on February 9, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes - None**

3. **Communications**

Professor Sydor noted that a communication received from Mr. Prins, which had been posted with the meeting materials, would be addressed later in the meeting under the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee.

A communication was received from Mr. Speers asking that Senate request the Registrar's Office to investigate what would be the required changes to policies/procedures/systems to include minors on undergraduate student diplomas and to report back to Senate on possible changes. The Chair noted that the matter had been discussed in the past and requested that the Registrar bring the information forward to Senate at a future meeting.

The Chair noted that she had concurred to a request for speaking privileges from three non-Senators during the presentation of Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee later in the meeting.

4. **Report of the Chair**

[The Highlights for Senate 587 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sydor encouraged members to review the Highlights for Senate 587 which had been posted for information.

The Chair noted that during a recent meeting of the Board's Capital Projects and Facilities Committee, to which she is a member, detailed reports had been presented regarding space utilization, the provision of drinking water on campus and efforts made toward waste diversion. Professor Sydor recognized and thanked those staff members who support the University's infrastructure which, in turn, supports academia.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

[The President's Report to Senate dated March 16, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Lightstone referred members to his written Report. Noting that Minister of Finance had tabled the federal budget in the House of Commons yesterday, he was pleased to report that the budget provided a \$37 million increase to the federal granting councils. Specifically, \$15 million will be allocated to Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), \$15 million to Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and \$7 million to Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). As well, an additional \$10 million would be allocated to support the indirect costs of research. Members were encouraged to read the media releases regarding the federal budget from the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) and the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC) which are available in the Brock portal.

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

Dr. Knuttila provided an oral update on the following:

With respect to changes to Canada's current copyright laws, the Dr. Knuttila noted that a draft policy will be presented to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting to provide the legal framework for the University's action to operate outside the proposed tariff and under a Fair Dealing Policy (prepared by the AUCC). Detailed information and updated Frequently Asked Questions can be found on both the AUCC website (<http://www.aucc.ca/>) and Brock University's James A. Gibson Library website (<http://www.brocku.ca/library/campus-copyright-information>).

Dr. Knuttila provided an update on the decanal searches currently underway. Detailed information including the biographies of the short-listed candidates, dates of public presentations, and audio presentations are available on the website of the Office of the Vice-Provost and Vice-President, Academic at <http://www.brocku.ca/vp-academic/senior-academic-searches>.

Lastly, Dr. Knuttila drew Senators attention to the article "New Kid on the Block" in the April 2011 edition of *University Affairs* regarding Dr. Harvey Weingarten, President of the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague – COU - None**8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees**

[A Brief of the Board meeting held February 17, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

The Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees had been posted with the meeting materials for the information 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 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 suggested, and Senate concurred, that the presentation of the items within the Report be reordered. It was further requested, and agreed, that the items be grouped and presented per Faculty within an omnibus motion.

Re: Faculty of Social Sciences

MOVED (Connolly/Dunk)

THAT the motions as contained in items 4-9 and 17-27 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Re: Faculty of Education

MOVED (Connolly/Finn)

THAT the motions as contained in items 3 and 13 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Re: Faculty of Humanities

MOVED (Connolly/Speers)

THAT the motions as contained in items 14, 15 and 16 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Re: Faculty of Business

It was requested, and Senate concurred, that items 3 and 12 be considered separately.

Re: Item 3

MOVED (Connolly/Zinni)

THAT the motions as contained in item 3 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

A discussion ensued regarding the first motion in item 3 with respect to the proposed deletion of the program notes which state that the enrolment is limited to a certain number of students per section. It was requested, and the mover and seconder concurred, that the two motions within item 3 be considered separately.

Re: Item 3 - Motion 1

MOVED (Connolly/Zinni)

THAT Senate approve the deletion/revision of the course notes currently listed on all courses for the Faculty of Business as outlined on page 1 of the Report.

During further debate, members spoke for and against the proposed recommendation. Professor Connolly expanded on the rationale for the changes during which it was noted that enrolment of students in sections is under the control of the Department.

CARRIED

Re: Item 3 – Motion 2

MOVED (Connolly/Wright)

THAT Senate approve the addition of BUSI 0N90 and BUSI 0N91 for non-Co-op programs in the Faculty of Business as outlined on pages 1-2 of the Report.

During Senate's consideration of the motion, Mr. Prins expanded on the issues raised in his memorandum to Senate, which had been posted with the meeting materials, with respect to the implications of the proposed fees associated with the programs and the added time and work load for students.

A comprehensive discussion ensued, during which members spoke for and against the proposed motion and questioned the rationale for a non credit course. Dr. Wright responded to questions and expanded on the rationale for the proposed mandatory non-credit course, and the benefits of this type of curriculum program for future incoming students. Professor Connolly noted that proposed recommendation is to approve the course and not the associated fees. In response to a question, Professor Connolly noted that if it served the interest of Senate, the Undergraduate Program Committee would re-examine the proposal.

MOVED (Sadava/El-Hoss)

THAT the motion be referred back to the Undergraduate Program Committee for clarification.

DEFEATED

The Chair referred members back to the main motion. Discussion ensued regarding associated cost implications. Following discussion, the Chair confirmed that Senate was ready to vote on the main motion.

QUESTION on the main motion to approve the addition of BUSI 0N90 and BUSI 0N91 for non-Co-op programs in the Faculty of Business.

CARRIED

With respect to the issues discussed related to the complexities of curriculum development and associated financial implications for students, it was noted the Board of Trustees would be advised of the issues raised, as the Chair of the Board of Trustees and some members of the Board were in attendance.

Professor Connolly referred Senators to the next item in the Report to be considered by Senate.

Re: Item 12

MOVED (Connolly/Renzetti)

THAT the motions as contained in item 12 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Re: Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

Professor Connolly suggested, and members concurred, that the items in the Report be presented separately for consideration as follows: a) Item 2, b) Items 10 and 11, c) Item 1.

Re: Item 2

MOVED (Connolly/Sadava)

THAT the motion as contained in item 2 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Re: Items 10 and 11

MOVED (Connolly/MacLean)

THAT the motions as contained in Items 10 and 11 of the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be approved.

CARRIED

With respect to the next motion, Professor Connolly noted that as she was a member of the Department to be discussed, the Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee, Professor Wright, would present the motion. The students who had been waiting for the discussion of the agenda item were invited into the Sankey Chamber.

Re: Item 1

MOVED (Wright/Kitchen)

THAT Senate approve the departmental name change of Physical Education and Kinesiology to Kinesiology as outlined on page 1.

The Chair noted that she had received three requests from non-Senators to speak to the motion. She would recognize those speakers following comments made from the floor of Senate.

Professor Klentrou, Chair of the Department, reviewed the rationale for the proposed recommendation as outlined on page one of the attachment. She expanded on the consultations processes that had taken place at the departmental level prior to the majority of department members voting in favour of the proposed name change.

A comprehensive discussion ensued during which Senators spoke for and against the proposed motion and associated implications. Following Senators' consideration, the Chair recognized those non-Senators who had requested speaking privileges. Professor Ritchie, Professor Lodewyck and student Ms. Jenna Lorusso addressed Senate and presented arguments against the proposed recommendation.

Noting that the two-hour extension limit had been reached, the Chair questioned if Senate wanted to extend the meeting.

MOVED (Barker/Daigle)

THAT the Senate meeting be extended for an additional fifteen minutes.

CARRIED

Senators continued to debate the proposed recommendation. Noting that there continued to be disagreement among some members of the Department regarding the proposed recommendation, Professor Francis suggested that the vote on the motion be deferred until the fall. The deferral would provide an opportunity for Department members to further discuss the matter at an upcoming departmental retreat to be held in May.

MOVED (Francis/Sadava)

THAT Senate defer the vote on the motion to the fall of 2011 such that the Department may further consider the matter during its May 2011 retreat.

CARRIED

Professor Sydor thanked those students present who had waited for the discussion, and they retired from the meeting.

Noting that there were items within the Report of the Governance Committee which were time sensitive and required a decision by Senate, Professor Sydor requested and Senate concurred that the agenda item be presented next.

10.1 Governance Committee

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated March 17, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials, together with the appendices outlined below.]

Professor Sadava presented the Report of the Governance Committee.

- a) Proposal for a Joint Committee for a High-Level Oversight of the Brock University Integrated Plan

MOVED (Sadava/Vivian)

That Senate approve that the Governance Committee comprise part of the proposed joint committee along with the Executive Committee of the Board to provide high-level governance oversight of the implementation of the Brock University Integrated Plan and that this joint committee report to both the Senate and the Board.

A brief discussion ensued, during which Dr. Lightstone responded to questions.

CARRIED

Noting that the fifteen minute extension limit had been reached, the Chair questioned if Senate wanted to further extend the meeting.

MOVED (Speers/Sadava)

THAT the Senate meeting be extended for an additional fifteen minutes.

CARRIED

Professor Sadava then referred members to items 2-5 in the Report which had been included for the information of Senate. Item 6 was a confidential decision item for the consideration of Senate.

The Chair noted that a motion was required to move *in camera*. On a motion by Professor Sadava, seconded by Professor Vivian and carried, Senate moved *in camera* at 5:15 p.m. Non-Senators retired from the meeting.

Senate resumed **open** session at 5:30 p.m.

[During the *in camera* session Senate considered a confidential Report from the Governance Committee and passed confidential recommendations regarding honorary degree nominations. Senate further considered a confidential Report from the Registrar and passed a confidential recommendation approving the early issue of degree diplomas.]

Prior to moving to the next agenda item, the Chair confirmed that there were no pending questions from Senators regarding the remaining information items within the Report of the Governance Committee.

10.2 Budget Advisory Committee

[The Report of the Budget Advisory Committee dated March 18, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials together with the following attachments: 1) An Information Item to the Financial Planning and Human Resources Committee *TOPIC: 2010-11 Fiscal Forecast @ January 31, 2011* with Appendix 1: Brock University Operating Budget; 2) the Brock University 2011-12 Budget Development Principles and Guidelines; 3) the Brock University Budget Development 2011-12 Timelines and Process; 4) the President's communication to the Brock Community entitled "Preparation of the 2011-12 Operating Budget dated February 18, 2011.]

The Report and appendices had been posted for the information of Senate.

10.3 Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee

[The Report of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee dated March 18, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

The Report had been posted for the information of Senate.

11. Reports of Special Committees - None

12. Other Business

12.1 Approval for Early Issue of Degree Diploma – In camera

The request from the Registrar for the early issue of degree diplomas had been dealt with during the *in camera* session of the meeting.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.