



Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #8 (2010-11)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011, 3:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Dean Fiona Blaikie, Interim Dean Rick Cheel, Professor Sandra Felton, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recording Secretary), Dr. Greg Finn, Mr. Daud Grewal, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Professor Carol Merriam, Professor Bozidar Mitrovic, Professor Michael Plyley, Professor Matthew Royal, Professor Susan Sydor

REGRETS: Mr. Edward Nkyi

1. Approval of Minutes

[The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2010-11) meeting #7 held on March 9, 2011 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Merriam/Plyley)

That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2010-11) meeting #7 held on March 9, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Protecting student interests in the event of labour disputes on campus

[The draft Policy on Protecting Students as a Result of a Work Stoppage that Disrupts Academic Activities was distributed to the Committee with the meeting materials.]

During the 585th meeting of Senate held on January 19, 2011, it was noted that there was no current policy in the Faculty Handbook with respect to protecting student interests in the event of labour disputes on campus. The matter was referred to the Governance Committee for consideration. During its meeting held March 9, 2011, the Committee reviewed a draft policy submitted by the Brock University Students' Union executive and policies of other Universities. The Committee then appointed an ad hoc committee to draft a policy for review. The ad hoc committee included Dr. Susan Sydor, Mr. Sebastian Prins, Dr. Rick Cheel, Dr. Carol Merriam, Ms. Barb Davis, Dr. Stan Sadava and Mr. Mike Farrell.

During the meeting, Dr. Finn distributed a report with proposed revisions to the draft policy for the consideration of the Committee. The Committee reviewed in detail both the proposed

revisions and the draft policy developed by the ad hoc committee. Some amendments were made to the draft policy in preparation for its submission for the consideration of Senate.

MOVED (Sydor/Blaikie)

That the Governance Committee recommend to Senate that the revised draft Policy on Protecting Students as a Result of a Work Stoppage that Disrupts Academic Activities, be approved as proposed, and that the Faculty Handbook be amended to include Section III: 26.

CARRIED

- 3. Governance Committee Terms of Reference re authority under extenuating circumstances**
[The Governance Committee Terms of Reference, FHB II: 9.5, were distributed to the Committee with the meeting materials.]

The Committee agreed that the authority for the Governance Committee to act under extenuating circumstances was included in the proposed revised draft Policy on Protecting Students as a Result of a Work Stoppage that Disrupts Academic Activities, which was considered during the previous agenda item.

- 4. Update on the process for a change in the name of a Department**

During its previous meeting, the Committee discussed the process for requests to Senate for changes in the name of Departments. Currently, the Undergraduate Program Committee recommends name changes to Senate. The Governance Committee had requested that the Academic Review Committee consider how a request for a change in the name of a Department should be handled.

Dr. Finn noted that the Academic Review Committee will be meeting prior to the next meeting of the Governance Committee and would be discussing the matter. Dr. Finn would report back to the Governance Committee as requested.

- 5. Request for the posthumous awarding of the title Professor Emeritus**
[An excerpt from FHB II: 11 Professor Emeritus/a was distributed to the Committee with the meeting materials.]

Following the April 6, 2011 meeting of the Committee, Professor Sadava sent a message to the members stating that he wanted to bring this matter back to the Committee for review in light of it being an exception and if the Faculty Handbook should be amended to accommodate this and future requests of this nature.

The Committee further discussed the matter and felt that more information was required before a decision could be made. Dr. Knuttila agreed to provide the Committee with some wording for the next meeting and the matter was subsequently postponed until that time.

6. Process for delegations to speak during a Senate meeting

Professor Sydor provided background with respect to this agenda item coming to the Committee. A question was raised following the March 23, 2011 Senate meeting regarding the practice of allowing delegations to speak during a Senate meeting. During the meeting, three individuals who had sent a request in writing to the Chair were allowed to address Senate. She noted that there are no current guidelines and that past practice had been followed. The Committee discussed various aspects of delegations appearing at Senate meetings and an appropriate process.

The Committee agreed that guidelines for delegations should be drafted. Professor Sydor and Mr. Farrell agreed to provide a draft to the Committee for its next meeting. As well, Dr. Lightstone suggested that the Committee should discuss the formation and the role of Faculty Councils. This item will be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

Professor Sydor also stated that she would be forwarding to the Committee a communication she received regarding the proposed name change for the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology.

7. Discussion on voting by ballot

The Committee agreed that no action was required at this time regarding this agenda item.

8. Clarification of FHB 1: 3.2 Appointment/Reappointment of Presidents

[The procedures for the Appointment/Reappointment of Presidents, FHB I: 3.2, were circulated with the meeting materials.]

The Committee discussed the procedures for the Appointment/Reappointment of Presidents as outlined in FHB I: 3.2 with respect to clarity of the language for the Procedures for Review of an Incumbent and the Procedures for Appointment. Further discussion was required and the matter would be discussed during the next meeting of the Committee.

9. Other business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.