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Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #7 (2010-11)

SENATE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011, 10:00 AM

13TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM, SCHMON TOWER

PRESENT: Professor David Vivian (Chair), Professor Christine Daigle (Vice-Chair), Mr. Ruiz Akseer, Dean Thomas Dunk, Professor Sandra Felton, Dr. Greg Finn, Professor John Lye, Professor Felice Martinello, Mr. Luke Speers

Ms. Joanne McKee, Mr. Steven Pillar, Ms. Margaret Thompson (Administrative Support)

ALSO

PRESENT: Professor Deborah Zinni

REGRETS: Professor Tansu Barker, Professor Maureen Connolly, Dean Philip Kitchen, Professor Susan Sydor, Dr. Paul Zelisko

Professor Vivian welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

[The minutes of Meeting #6 (2010-11) held on May 4, 2011 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Finn/Lye)

THAT the minutes of Meeting #6 (2010-11) held on May 4, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

3. Report of the Chair - None

4. Academic Implications of the 2011-12 Budget Exercise

[A Memorandum to the Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee from the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic re: Academic Implications of the 2011-2012 Budget Exercise dated May 18, 2011 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Finn reviewed the Report regarding the Academic Implications of the 2011-12 Budget Exercise.

During the Committee's consideration of the Report, Dr. Finn responded to all questions from members. With respect to the development of next year's Report regarding academic implications, it was requested that Dr. Finn consider including additional information regarding enrolment, course offerings and Faculty budget allocations.

5. Draft Final 2011-12 Budget

[An Information Item to the Financial Planning and Human Resources Committee of the Board of Trustees *TOPIC: Draft Final 2011-12 Budget* dated May 19, 2011, together with Appendix 1: Brock University Operating Budget, had been distributed to members prior to the meeting.]

Ms. McKee provided a comprehensive review of the 2011-12 draft Final Budget and appended documentation.

The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the draft budget during which Mr. Pillar and Ms. McKee responded to all questions from members.

6. Consideration of a Recommendation to Senate with Respect to the 2011-12 Operating Budget's Consistency with Academic Policy.

Committee members considered several proposed recommendations to Senate. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was

MOVED (Daigle/Lye)

THAT the Committee recognizes that the Administration has made every effort to maintain an effective budget development process and has aided the Committee in every way possible.

The Committee recognizes the difficult budget situation we are in given the insufficient funding to post-secondary institutions. The Committee does not disapprove of the multi-year budget strategy. At the same time, the Committee recognizes that the deficit reduction plan has affected the fulfillment of the academic mission of the University.

Whereas the Budget Advisory Committee recognizes the collective efforts undertaken to manage the 2011-2012 budget process, it is recommended that the draft final 2011-2012 budget estimates be deemed as consistent as is possible under the circumstances with the academic policy of the University.

CARRIED

7. **Other Business** – None
8. **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.