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Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #593 (2011-12)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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, Interim Dean Rick Cheel, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Thomas Dunk, Dr. Greg Finn, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Douglas Kneale, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Rudi Kroeker, Dr. Gary Libben, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Dean Neil McCartney, Ms. Kim Meade, Dean Michael Plyley, Dr. Thomas Winger, Dr. Philip Wright

Professors Maureen Connolly, June Corman, Don Cyr, Christine Daigle, Patricia Debly, Tony DiPetta, Tamara El-Hoss, Bareket Falk, David Gabriel, Nota Klentrou, Duncan MacDonald, Phillip Mackintosh, Ingrid Makus, Dan Malleck, Carol Merriam, Diane Miller, Bozidar Mitrovic, Ms. Laurie Morrison, Professors Merijean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Steven Renzetti, John Sivell, Hans Skott-Myhre, Mark Spencer, David Vivian, Elizabeth Vlossak, Michelle Webber

Mr. Riaz Akseer, Mr. Tyler Dennis, Ms. Naomi-Alan Robbins, Mr. Chris Ventura

Mr. John Suk

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Christine Jones, Mr. Kithio Mwanzia, Mr. David Petis

REGRETS**:** Mr. Cameron Alderdice, Professor Nancy Francis, Mr. Ned Goodman, Dean Philip Kitchen, Ms. Christine Lackner, Professor Kelly Lockwood, Professor Francine McCarthy, Mr. Steven Nicholls, Professor Lynn Rempel, Mr. Joe Robertson, Ms. Astride Silis, Mr. Luke Speers, Professor Deborah Zinni

Professor Sydor welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 592nd meeting of Senate held on October 12, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Nickel/Merriam)

THAT the minutes of the 592nd meeting of Senate held on October 12, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications

The Chair welcomed and introduced Professor Lucie Thibault, who together with Dr. Greg Finn, serve as the Faculty Co-Chairs of the 2011-12 Brock University United Way Campaign Committee. Professor Thibault provided an overview of the support provided by the United Way and encouraged members of the Brock community to support the Campaign.

4. Report of the Chair

On behalf of Senate, Dr. Sydor recognized and thanked the Registrar, Ms. Barb Davis, and University staff for once again successfully organizing the Convocation ceremonies.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

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

Dr. Lightstone referred members to his Report. He provided a brief update with respect to government issues.

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

[The Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic to Senate dated November 16, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Knuttila referred Senators to his Report which contained detailed information from meetings recently attended by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. During discussion, he responded to questions from Senators.

Dr. Knuttila thanked those Senators and faculty members who had attended and represented Brock University at the recent Ontario Universities' Fair and Brock's Fall Preview Day.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague – COU

[The Report of the Academic Colleague dated November 16, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sivell briefly reviewed the Report of the Academic Colleague for the information of Senate.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

[A Brief of the Board meeting held on October 6, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Senate received, for information, the Brief of the Board meeting held on October 6, 2011.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Research and Scholarship Policy Committee

[The Report of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee dated November 16, 2011 had been posted, together with related attachments, with the meeting materials.]

Professor Renzetti presented the Report of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee.

a) Report of the Vice-President, Research

MOVED (Renzetti/Plyley)

THAT a Report of the Vice-President, Research be added as standing item on the Senate agenda.

Professor Renzetti reviewed the rationale for the recommendation as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

b) Response to the Chair of the Senate Governance Committee

For the information of Senate, Professor Renzetti referred members to the response sent from the Committee to the Chair of the Governance Committee regarding FHB III: 25.

c) Proposed Amendments to FHB III:8.3.13, 8.3.14 and 8.3.15

MOVED (Renzetti/Plyley)

THAT the following articles be removed from the Faculty Handbook:
FHB III: 8.3.13 (Clinical Trials), III: 8.3.14 (Human Genetic Research), and III: 8.3.15 (Human Gametes, Embryos, or Fetuses).

CARRIED

d) Proposed Amendments to FHB III: 8.2 – III: 8.3

MOVED (Renzetti/Plyley)

THAT the Faculty Handbook articles on research ethics (III: 8.2 – III: 8.3) be changed to remove redundancies and inconsistencies with Tri-Council Policy Statement II (TCPS2) as outlined in the attachment.

CARRIED

e) Proposed Amendment to FHB III: 8.1.9

MOVED (Renzetti/Morrissey)

THAT Faculty Handbook III: 8.1.9 – Compliance with the Policy be removed.

CARRIED

10.2 Governance Committee

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated November 10, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Merriam presented the Report of the Governance Committee.

a) Request for Senate Representation – Brock University Alumni Association

MOVED (Merriam/Mitrovic)

THAT the request of the Brock University Alumni Association to annually elect one representative from its Board of Directors to serve as a member of Senate be approved.

Professor Merriam noted that representatives from the Alumni Association were in attendance. A discussion ensued during which Professor Merriam responded to questions. At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Mwanzia, member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, expanded on the rationale for the request.

During Senate's deliberations, members considered the number of elected versus non-elected members of Senate and questioned if the position would hold voting privileges.

MOVED (Ventura/Makus)

THAT the motion be amended to insert "non-voting" member.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendment. The Chair then confirmed that members were ready to vote on the amendment.

CARRIED

The Chair then stated the main motion as follows:

THAT the Brock University Alumni Association annually elect one representative from its Board of Directors to serve as a non-voting member of Senate.

Following discussion, the Chair called the question.

CARRIED

b) Amendment to FHB II: 7.1.5

MOVED (Merriam/El-Hoss)

THAT Faculty Handbook II: 7.1.5 – Order of Business be amended to include a standing report for the Vice-President, Research on each Senate meeting agenda.

CARRIED

c) For the Information of Senate – Nominations of Honorary Degrees

Information regarding the submission of Nominations for Honorary Degrees had been included in the Report for the information of Senate.

10.3 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated November 8, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Corman presented the Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee.

MOVED (Corman/DiPetta)

THAT the amendment to FHB III: 11.2.2, Permission to Proceed – Minimum Academic Requirements as outlined in Appendix I of the Report be approved.

Professor Corman reviewed the rationale for the amendment as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

10.4 Graduate Studies Committee

[The Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated November 7, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Klentrou presented the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee which contained the 2012-2013 Graduate Schedule of Academic Dates for the information of Senate.

10.5 Undergraduate Program Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated November 8, 2011 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly presented the Report which contained the changes in the Undergraduate Course Bank that had been approved by the Undergraduate Program Committee.

11. Reports of Special Committees - None

12. Other Business - None

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.