



Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #4 (2011-12)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012, 3:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Carol Merriam (Chair), Mr. Riaz Akseer, Professor Don Cyr, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recording Secretary), Dean Douglas Kneale, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Professor Ingrid Makus, Professor Dan Malleck, Professor Bozidar Mitrovic, Professor Hans Skott-Myhre, Professor Susan Sydor, Professor David Vivian

ALSO

PRESENT: Professor Shannon Moore, Director of the Centre for Women's Studies
Professor Margot Francis (for agenda item #2)

REGRETS: Dean Fiona Blaikie, Mr. Luke Speers

Professor Merriam welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

[The minutes of meeting #3 (2011-12) of the Senate Governance Committee held on November 2, 2011, had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Kneale/Mitrovic)

That the minutes of meeting #3 (2011-12) of the Senate Governance Committee held on November 2, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Name change request from the Centre for Women's Studies

[A report providing the background and rationale for the proposed name change of the Centre for Women's Studies to the Centre for Women's and Gender Studies was circulated to the Committee with the meeting materials.]

Professor Merriam welcomed Professor Shannon Moore and Professor Margot Francis and thanked them for attending the meeting to provide information about the request for the name change for the Centre for Women's Studies. Professor Merriam noted that the Governance

Committee is now responsible for recommending regarding proposals for changes in the names of academic units.

Professor Moore and Professor Francis briefed the Committee on the proposal to change the name of the Centre. Introduction of new programs or termination of existing programs will take effect beginning in the 2012 Spring Session. The discussion and vote on the motion for a name change occurred on October 21, 2011 during a regularly scheduled WISE program committee meeting. The motion passed with 12 yes votes and one abstention. The record of the meeting minutes documenting the passing of this motion was then voted on during the November 25, 2011 program committee meeting. This motion to approve the minutes of October 21 passed unanimously and 12 members of the program committee were present for that vote.

The Committee agreed with the rationale as outlined in the report and as presented.

MOVED (Makus/Cyr)

That the Governance Committee recommend to Senate that the name of the Centre for Women's Studies be changed to Centre for Women's and Gender Studies.

CARRIED

3. Business arising from the minutes

Professor Merriam noted that during the previous meeting of the Committee she agreed to consult with the Vice-President, Research on the possibility of a change in title to Vice-President, Research and Scholarship. Professor Merriam reported that the title Vice-President, Research and Scholarship is not the norm in Canada and that the change is not recommended. No action will be taken at this time.

4. Intellectual Property Policy Committee – structure and membership

Professor Merriam informed the Committee that the Office of Research Services is requesting a review to update the Intellectual Property Policy. Following discussion, the Governance Committee agreed that the Chair refer the matter to the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee and the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee to consider if the Intellectual Property Policy should be reviewed and, if so, to identify who would be responsible to form a Committee to undertake the task.

5. Appointment of Senate Election Scrutineers

Mr. Farrell informed the Committee that in keeping with FHB II: 3.4.2, the Governance Committee is required to recommend to Senate two Senators who are not standing for election, to serve as scrutineers for the upcoming Senate election. Mr. Farrell will recommend to Senate during its next meeting that the election be held on March 30 in compliance with the Faculty Handbook regulations.

MOVED (Sydor/Kneale)

That the Governance Committee recommend to Senate that Senators Professor Don Cyr and Professor Bozidar Mitrovic be appointed as scrutineers for the 2012 Senate election.

CARRIED

6. Advisory Committee Nomination Process

[The Governance Committee Terms of Reference and Faculty Handbook I: Sections 8 and 12 were circulated to the Committee with the meeting materials.]

Professor Merriam informed the Committee that, on behalf of the Governance Committee, she will issue a call for nominations to fill the various positions on the Advisory Committees for the Dean, Faculty of Business; Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences – reappointment; and the Vice-President, Finance and Administration. There will be a two week nomination period as outlined in the Governance Committee Terms of Reference in the Faculty Handbook. The nominations will be presented to the Committee during its next meeting on Feb. 1.

7. Review list of proposed Honorary Degree recipients – *in camera*

[The Procedures and Guidelines for Nomination of Honorary Degrees were circulated to the Committee with the meeting materials. The confidential files for proposed Honorary Degree recipients were available for members to review in the University Secretariat Office prior to the meeting. The confidential list of proposed Honorary Degree recipients was distributed during the meeting.]

Mr. Farrell reported that members of Senate recently received a notice regarding nominations for Honorary Degrees. In order to ensure that nominations are considered for the June 2012 Convocation, the request asked for nomination forms to be submitted by January 25, 2012.

Professor Merriam stated that a motion was required to move *in camera*.

MOVED (Sydor/Malleck)

That the Governance Committee move *in camera*.

CARRIED

The Committee moved *in camera* at 3:29 p.m.

The Committee resumed **open session** at 3:45 p.m.

8. Other business

The Committee agreed to discuss the Honorary Degree process during its next meeting on February 1.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.