Senate

REPORT OF THE ACTIONS
OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The **595th** meeting of the Brock University Senate (2011-12) was held on **February 8, 2012**. During the open session of the meeting, Senate:

- received a communication from the Secretary of Senate and
  - approved that the election of representatives to fill Senate vacancies occurring at the end of Spring Convocation, with the exception of student representatives, take place on Friday, March 30, 2012;
- received the Report of the President titled "Whither Pedagogy? A "thought piece" in an era of transformative change at Brock";
- received the Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic;
- received the Report of the Vice-President, Research;
- received the Report of the Academic Colleague;
- received the Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees from the Board meeting held on December 1, 2011;
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Program Committee, and
  - approved additions/deletions/changes to the Undergraduate Course Bank;
  - approved the Policy for Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities and that the Faculty Handbook be amended accordingly
  - approved that future motions associated with the Policy for Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities, henceforth, be brought forward as motions from the Accessibility representative to Senate;
- received a Report from the Graduate Studies Committee and
  - approved the proposed changes to FHB III: 14.5.7 English Language Proficiency;
  - approved the proposed addition to FHB III: 14.9.1 Grading System for Graduate Courses;
  - approved the proposed addition of 14.6.7 Course Outlines to FHB III;
  - approved the proposed minor change in degree requirements for the MA/MSc in Applied Health Sciences;
- received a Report from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, and
  - approved the proposed change in the name of the Centre for Muscle Metabolism and Biophysics (CMMB) to the Centre for Bone and Muscle Health (CBMH);
- received a Report from the Budget Advisory Committee, and
  - approved that Senate recommend to the University budget planners and to the Board of Trustees that any unassigned surplus generated within the 2011-12 Academic Year be used to offset the cuts expected of the Academic Units;
- received a Report from the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and was notified of the change of the name of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies to the Centre for Pedagogical Innovation;

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- received a Report from the Governance Committee, and
    - approved that Professor Maureen Connolly and Professor Bozidar Mitrovic be appointed as scrutineers for the 2012 Senate election;
    - approved the proposed name change of the Centre for Women's Studies to the Centre for Women's and Gender Studies;
    - received for information the Work-plan of the Joint Senate-Board Integrated Planning Oversight Committee;
- received a Report from the Academic Review Committee, and
    - approved the discontinuation of the Native Teacher Education Program;
    - approved the Final Assessment Report for the Undergraduate Review of Computer Science; and
    - approved the Final Assessment Report for the Undergraduate Review of Political Science.
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THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN. DETAILS OF SENATE MEETINGS, INCLUDING MINUTES, ARE AVAILABLE AT http://www.brocku.ca/university-secretariat/about-the-senate/agendas

Margaret Thompson, Associate Secretary to the University February 9, 2012