



Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #5 (2011-12)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012, 3:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Carol Merriam (Chair), Dean Fiona Blaikie, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recording Secretary), Dr. Greg Finn, Dean Douglas Kneale, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Professor Ingrid Makus, Professor Dan Malleck, Professor Bozidar Mitrovic, Professor Hans Skott-Myhre, Professor Susan Sydor, Professor Deborah Zinni

REGRETS: Mr. Riaz Akseer, Mr. Luke Speers, Professor David Vivian

Professor Merriam called the meeting to order and welcomed Professor Deborah Zinni as a new member on the Committee from the Faculty of Business.

1. Approval of Minutes

[The minutes of meeting #4 (2011-12) of the Senate Governance Committee held on January 11, 2012, had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Kneale/Mitrovic)

That the minutes of meeting #4 (2011-12) of the Senate Governance Committee held on January 11, 2012, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business arising from the minutes

a) Intellectual Property Policy Committee – structure and membership

Professor Merriam confirmed that the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee and the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee will 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. A report will be forthcoming to the Governance Committee.

b) Amendment to recommendation for 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. During the previous meeting Professor Don Cyr was recommended as one of the two scrutineers. Professor Cyr has since been appointed as the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Business and is now an *ex officio* member of Senate and does not qualify as a scrutineer. Professor Maureen Connolly has agreed to serve in this capacity.

MOVED (Kneale/Malleck)

That the motion to recommend Professor Don Cyr as a Senate election scrutineer as approved on January 11, 2012 be amended and that the Governance Committee recommend to Senate that Senators Professor Maureen Connolly and Professor Bozidar Mitrovic be appointed as scrutineers for the 2012 Senate election.

CARRIED

3. Update on Senate Committee membership

Professor Merriam provided an update on the recent changes to the Senate Committee membership as a result of the appointment of Professor Don Cyr as the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Business. This change created a vacancy on Senate for an elected full-time teaching staff position as Professor Don Cyr moved from being an elected member of Senate to an *ex officio* member. Replacing Professor Cyr as Faculty of Business Representatives on the following Committees are: Deborah Zinni - Governance Committee; Barbara Sainty - Academic Review Committee; and Diane Miller - Graduate Studies Committee.

As well, Professor Dragos Simandan, Faculty of Social Sciences, as the person standing next in the poll of those elected during the last regular election is eligible to fill the vacancy on Senate. He agreed to serve on Senate for the remainder of the 2011-12 academic year.

4. In Camera Session

[The following confidential reports were circulated to the Committee during the meeting: Advisory Committee Nominations for the Consideration of the Governance Committee of Senate for the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences; Dean of the Faculty of Business; and Vice-President, Finance and Administration. The confidential files of Honorary Degree nominations were available for members to review in the Office of the University Secretariat prior to the meeting.]

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

MOVED (Malleck/Kneale)

That the Governance Committee move *in camera*.

CARRIED

The Committee moved *in camera* at 3:07 p.m.

The Committee resumed **open session** at 4:25 p.m.

[During the *in camera* session, the Committee passed confidential recommendations for the consideration of Senate regarding individuals to be added to the list of proposed Honorary Degree Recipients and recommendations regarding Advisory Committee membership for the consideration of the President.]

5. Consideration of Senate committee membership for the Brock University Alumni Association member

Professor Merriam informed the Committee that she and the Chair of Senate received a letter from Mr. Chris Capredoni, President of the Brock University Alumni Association, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to present their proposal regarding Senate representation. She noted that the Association is waiting to hear confirmation of the Committee assignment for their representative. Mr. Farrell will contact the Association to determine which Committee they believe would be best served by their representation and report back to the Governance Committee.

6. Other business

There was no other business

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.