



Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #6 (2011-12)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012, 3:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Carol Merriam (Chair), Mr. Mike Farrell (Recording Secretary),
Dean Douglas Kneale, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Dr. Jack Lightstone,
Professor Ingrid Makus, Professor Dan Malleck, Professor Bozidar Mitrovic,
Professor Hans Skott-Myhre, Mr. Luke Speers, Professor Susan Sydor,
Professor David Vivian, Professor Deborah Zinni

REGRETS: Dean Fiona Blaikie, Mr. Riaz Akseer

Professor Merriam called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of minutes

[The minutes of meeting #5 (2011-12) of the Senate Governance Committee held on February 1, 2012 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Mitrovic/Makus)

That the minutes of meeting #5 (2011-12) of the Senate Governance Committee held on February 1, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business arising from the minutes

Professor Merriam informed the Committee that the recommendation from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee regarding representation on the Intellectual Property Policy Committee would be discussed today under Agenda Item #8.

3. Senate election process update

Mr. Farrell provided an update on the coming Senate election. There are 18 vacancies to be filled by full-time teaching and Professional Librarians. He informed the Committee that there were no changes received to the Senate electorate as distributed to all those eligible to vote and stand for election. Nominations forms have been distributed to be received by the Office of the University Secretariat by March 16. Ballots will be distributed to all eligible voters on March 21 to be returned to the Office of the University Secretariat by the end of the day on March 30.

4. Update on Senate committee membership for the Brock University Alumni Association member

Mr. Farrell informed the Committee that he contacted the Association to determine which Committee they believe would be best served by their representation. The Alumni Association is reviewing the terms of reference for the various Senate Committees and will provide the Committee with a proposal for their preference for membership.

5. In Camera Session

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 3:08 p.m.

The Committee resumed **open session** at 3:24 p.m.

[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; and Vice-President, Finance and Administration. During the *in camera* session, the Committee passed confidential recommendations regarding Senate Advisory Committee membership for the consideration of the President.]

6. Proposal for a Senate retreat to discuss pedagogical issues

Professor Sydor notified the Committee that she had received no negative input from Senate Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs regarding the proposal to hold a special meeting of Senate to discuss teaching/pedagogical issues in relation to the President's paper titled "Whither Pedagogy." The Committee agreed to proceed with the special meeting with a date in mid-April to be confirmed.

It was agreed that no motions would be presented during the special meeting. To help focus the session, Professor Mandigo would ask Senate Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs to identify two or three important themes related to teaching/innovative pedagogy that have been mentioned in their meetings this year.

Professor Sydor will inform Senate during the March 21 meeting that there appears to be consensus with Senate Committees for a special meeting and suggest that the Centre for Pedagogical Innovation (CPI) assist in the organization. Professor Jamie Mandigo has volunteered to Co-Chair the event with Professor Barry Joe, the Director of CPI.

7. Roles and responsibilities of faculty members on the Board of Trustees: Correlation with Senate membership

The Committee discussed the roles and responsibilities of faculty members on the Board of Trustees elected by Senate. It was noted that the faculty representatives on the Board of Trustees have a primary responsibility to the Board. The Chair of Senate, as an elected Senator and ex officio member of the Board of Trustees, has a primary responsibility to Senate.

The Committee discussed if faculty members elected to the Board receive enough information explaining the role and function of the position, the frequency of meetings, expectations on committee work and other matters.

8. Recommendation from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee regarding representation on the Intellectual Property Policy Committee

[A recommendation from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee regarding representation on an Intellectual Policy Committee had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

Professor Merriam reported that the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee has considered the request 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. The Research and Scholarship Policy Committee recommended to the Governance Committee that the committee investigating the Intellectual Property policy at Brock should include the Copyright Officer at Brock, a Graduate Student and an Associate Dean Graduate Studies.

A report from the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee on this matter is also coming to the Governance Committee.

9. Other business

A discussion was held regarding the use of language within the University with respect to research, scholarship, instruction and learning and if all of these areas are adequately reflected in the administrative and Senate structures. For example, there is a Vice-President of Research in the organization but not a Vice-President, Teaching and Learning. Further discussion will be held at a future date.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.