Senate

REPORT OF THE ACTIONS
OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The **597th** meeting of the Brock University Senate (2011-12) was held on **April 11, 2012**. During the meeting, Senate:

- was advised that the Chair had received a communication from the Brock University Students' Union requesting Senate's support for expanded spring/summer course offerings. The request was forwarded to the Senate Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee for consideration;
- received an oral Report from the President and Vice-Chancellor;
- received an oral Report from the Provost and Vice-President, Academic during which Dr. Knuttila related that the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario has selected Brock University as one of the universities to conduct its audit of teaching assessment for faculty. It is anticipated that the audit would commence in approximately two weeks and staff from the Auditor General's Office would be on campus for approximately four weeks;
- received an oral Report from the Vice-President, Research during which Dr. Libben provided preliminary results of Brock's grant applications to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC);
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Program Committee, and
    - approved the Articulation Agreement – Popular Culture/Journalism-Print and Broadcast or Communication Studies/Journalism-Print and Broadcast;
- received a Report from the Graduate Studies Committee, and
    - approved proposed changes to Faculty Handbook III: 14.2 – The Calendar Year
    - approved proposed changes to Faculty Handbook III: 14.10.1 – Appeals
    - approved proposed changes, as amended, to Faculty Handbook III: 14.9.3 – Phrase Matching Software
    - discussed a proposed recommendation to FHB 14.6.9 – Continuous Registration in Graduate Programs during which it was agreed that the recommendation be referred back to the Graduate Studies Committee for further consideration; and
- received a Report from the Governance Committee.

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 April 16, 2012