



## Senate

### REPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The 599<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Brock University Senate (2011-12) was held on **May 23, 2012**. During the meeting, Senate:

- received the Report of the Vice-President, Research;
- received the Report of the Academic Colleague;
- received a Report from the Registrar, and
  - approved the Spring 2012 Convocation Degrees and Certificates;
- received a Report from the Budget Advisory Committee, and
  - approved the following recommendation:  
THAT the Budget Advisory Committee recommends to Senate that the current budget is not entirely consistent with the University's academic policy. In particular, the following elements of the policy are not being met fully:
    - Graduate student support across all Faculties
    - Small class and seminar opportunitiesNotwithstanding, the efforts of the University's Administration at addressing the existing budget deficit and the process it has put in place to develop the budget are recognized. It is further recognized that the University Administration has taken the University's academic policy into account in setting the budget.
- received a Report from the Graduate Studies Committee, and
  - approved the 2013-14 Calendar copy for the new MA in Canadian-American Studies so that it can be posted on the program website for advertising purposes;
  - approved changes to FHB III: 14.1 – Establishment and Review of Graduate Programs;
  - approved additions to FHB III: 14.6.10 – Continuous Registration in Graduate Programs;
  - approved additions to FHB III: 14.6.13 – Continuation in a Graduate Program;
  - approved additions to FHB III: 14.8.1 – Graduate Supervision and Supervisory Committees;
  - approved revisions to FHB III: 14.8.5 – Deposit of Theses;
  - approved revisions to FHB III: 14.9.1 – Grading System for Graduate Courses;
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Program Committee, and
  - approved changes to the Articulation Agreement between Brock University Bachelor of Arts in Community Health and Lambton College Massage Therapy and Advanced Diploma Program;
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, and
  - approved that the Provost and Vice-President, Academic explore the feasibility of a spring/summer program that would include in-class and on-line experiences and that consideration, where appropriate, be given to a spring/summer term;
  - approved that Senate Teaching and Learning Policy Committee review the policy pertaining to the requirement of compulsory first year exams;
- received the 2011-12 Annual Reports of the Committees of Senate and the Student Appeals Board;
- received thanks from the Chair of Senate for the service provided to the University;
- expressed thanks to outgoing members of Senate and to staff members who provide support to Senate; and
- expressed sincere appreciation to the Chair of Senate, Dr. Susan Sydor, and to the Vice-Chair of Senate, Dr. James Mandigo, both of whom had been re-elected and had agreed to serve in their respective roles in the 2012-13 academic year.

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>