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MINUTES OF MEETING #1 (2008-09)

SENATE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009, 2:00 PM

Welch Hall 207

PRESENT: Ms. Nadie Askeer, Professor Rick Cheel, Professor Nota Klentrou, Mr. Robert Lanteigne, Professor Felice Martinello, Professor Jane McLeod, Interim Dean Barbara Sainty, Professor Kirill Samokhin, Professor Susan Sydor, Professor Paul Zelisko

Ms. Joanne McKee, Mr. Steven Pillar, Ms. Margaret Thompson (Administrative Support)

REGRETS: Dr. Terry Boak, Dean James Heap, Professor Jamie Mandigo, Professor Gary Pickering, Professor John Sivell

1. Welcome and Introductions

Professor Rick Cheel, acting Vice-Chair of Senate, called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

2. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Professor Cheel asked members to consider accepting the nomination of Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee.

MOVED (McLeod/Zelisko)

THAT Professor Susan Sydor be elected as Chair and Professor Kirill Samokhin be elected as Vice-Chair of the 2008-09 Budget Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Professor Cheel retired from the meeting, and Professor Sydor assumed the Chair.

3. Terms of Reference

[The Committee's Terms of Reference had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sydor provided a brief overview of the Committee's Terms of Reference as outlined in FHB II: 9.4.

4. 2007-08 Annual Report to Senate

[The 2007-08 Annual Report to Senate had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

The Report had been distributed for information.

5. Brock University 2009/10 Budget - World Economic Situation and the Operating Budget Challenge

[The following items had been electronically distributed prior to the meeting: *Brock University 2009-10 Budget Development Principles and Guidelines*, memo to budget developers dated January 15, 2009, and *Brock University Budget Development 2009-10 Timelines and Process*.]

By way of an overhead presentation entitled "Brock University 2009/10 Budget - World Economic Situation and the Operating Budget Challenge", Mr. Pillar and Ms. McKee provided detailed information regarding the economic situation, the impact on Brock University, provincial funding, 2008/09 base shortfall, 2009/10 preliminary assumptions and estimates, 2010/11-2013/14 assumptions, recovery over the economic cycle, and revenue/cost saving targets.

Members engaged in a comprehensive discussion, during which Mr. Pillar and Ms. McKee responded to questions and comments. Members were encouraged to review the 2008-09 final budget estimates which could be accessed on the finance website at http://www.brocku.ca/finance/infofinancial/0809FINALBUDGETESTIMATES. It was noted that a summary of today's presentation would soon be developed and forwarded to members.

6. Proposed Meeting Schedule

Members were referred to the proposed future meeting dates as outlined on the agenda. It was noted that the February 19, 2009 meeting date would need to be rescheduled. Members would be advised accordingly.

7. Other Business - None

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.