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MINUTES OF MEETING #2 (2008-09)

**SENATE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009, 2:00 PM

13<sup>th</sup> FLOOR BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: Professor Susan Sydor (Chair), Professor Kirill Samokhin (Vice-Chair),  
Dr. Terry Boak, Professor Nota Klentrou, Mr. Robert Lanteigne,  
Professor James Mandigo, Professor Felice Martinello, Professor Jane McLeod,  
Interim Dean Barbara Sainty, Professor John Sivell, Professor Paul Zelisko

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

REGRETS: Ms. Nadi Askeer, Dean James Heap, Professor Gary Pickering

**1. Approval of Previous Minutes**

[The minutes of Meeting #1 held on January 22, 2009 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

**MOVED** (Zelisko/McLeod)

**THAT the minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2009 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Report of the Chair - None**

**3. Overview of Town Hall Meetings - Oral Update**

Mr. Pillar provided an overview of the numerous town hall meetings held by the President with various university constituencies regarding the university's financial situation. As well, meetings had been held with union executives, and additional updates had been forwarded to the University community from the President.

At the invitation of the President, many suggestions to improve efficiency or reduce waste and expenses had been forwarded to Mr. Pillar and were currently being reviewed by the Revenue Generation and Cost Containment Strategies Task Force.

**4. 2009-10 Budget Development - Oral Update**

Mr. Pillar provided an oral update regarding the development of the 2009-10 budget. Of note, meetings had recently been held with budget developers to review the preliminary budget targets and examine how the proposed reductions would be implemented with a minimum amount of negative impact, especially on student learning. Deliberations were currently ongoing and there would be further communication with the Brock community prior to the presentation of the final budget to Senate and the Board of Trustees.

A comprehensive discussion ensued during which Mr. Pillar, Ms. McKee and Dr. Boak responded to questions and received comments and feedback from members.

Following discussion, it was concurred that in order to assist the Committee in bringing forward its recommendation to Senate regarding the operating budget's consistency with academic policy and the goals of the University, further information would be sought from the Faculty Deans. An invitation would be forwarded to the Deans to provide information to the Committee regarding academic implications within their Faculty due to the proposed budget reductions.

**5. Educational Policy Institute - *On the Brink: How the Recession of 2009 Will Affect Post-Secondary Education* - Information Item**

The document had been forwarded to members for information.

**6. Other Business - None**

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.