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MINUTES OF MEETING #4 (2008-09)

SENATE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009, 9:00 AM

13th FLOOR BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: Professor Susan Sydor (Chair), Professor Kirill Samokhin (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Terry Boak, Dr. Greg Finn, Dr. James Heap, Professor Nota Klentrou,
Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Professor James Mandigo,
Professor Felice Martinello, Professor Jane McLeod, Professor John Sivell,
Professor Paul Zelisko

Mr. Steven Pillar, Ms. Joanne McKee, Dr. Liette Vasseur

Ms. Margaret Thompson (Administrative Support)

ALSO PRESENT: Dean Thomas Dunk, Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean Marilyn Rose

REGRETS: Ms. Nadi Askeer, Professor Gary Pickering, Interim Dean Barbara Sainty

Professor Sydor welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

[The minutes of Meeting #3 held on April 23, 2009 were circulated at the outset of the meeting.]

MOVED (Zelisko/Mandigo)

THAT the minutes of Meeting #3 held on April 23, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted that the Deans had been invited to attend today's meeting for the discussion of agenda item 3. Interim Deans Barbara Sainty and Anna Lathrop had forwarded regrets as they were away from the University.

3. Academic Implications within Faculties due to Proposed Budget Reductions

[A memorandum to the Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee from the Provost and Vice-President Academic and the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic regarding Budget Implications dated May 4, 2009 together with Attachment 1: Faculty Responses to Budget Reduction Exercise, had been distributed with the agenda materials.]

Professor Sydor referred members to the memorandum regarding Budget Implications and the appendix "Faculty Responses to Budget Reduction Exercise" that had been distributed with the meeting materials.

Dr. Finn provided a detailed review of the reports. The Chair then opened the floor. A comprehensive discussion ensued during which members posed questions and comments to senior administrators and Deans. Areas focused on included Brock's strategy to address the fiscal situation, the budget allocation, the impact of the proposed budget on the University's operations, especially to the academic function of the University, with respect to academic programs, seminars, class size, quality of education, BUFA and CUPE positions, course offerings, revenue generating opportunities, and the need to monitor and track the impacts of the changes being implemented. Dr. Finn recorded a proposed change to the Graduate Studies column from Dean Rose and the chart would be updated following the meeting.

The Chair thanked senior administrators and Deans for attending today's meeting and they retired from the meeting.

A brief discussion ensued during which members further discussed the reports provided. Dr. Sydor agreed to forward additional comments to Dr. Finn regarding the appended chart.

4. Other Business

The Chair noted that the next meeting would be held on May 21 at 2:00 p.m. A proposed recommendation to Senate regarding the consistency of the budget estimates with the academic policy of the University would be considered.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.