



MINUTES OF MEETING #2 (2009-10)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009, 3:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Mr. Patrick Beard, Dean Ian Brindle, Professor Rick Cheel, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recorder), Dr. Greg Finn, Dean James Heap, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Ms. Laurie Morrison, Professor Cristina Santos, Professor Susan Sydor

ALSO

PRESENT: Professor John Sivell, Chair of Senate (for item #2)

REGRETS: Professor Sandra Felton, Professor Michael Plyley

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2009-10) meeting #1 held September 16, 2009 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED (Brindle /Sydor)

That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2009-10) meeting #1 held September 16, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Update on release time for the Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate

Dr. John Sivell, Chair of Senate, informed the Committee that he and the Vice-Chair of Senate, Dr. Susan Sydor, have met with the President to discuss release time for the Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate. The President was in agreement in principle that release time would be made available. It was agreed that over this academic year, the Chair and Vice-Chair would document their Senate-related activities and hours in order to develop the basis for a formula for release time. A further meeting with the President will be held to discuss the results and to determine the appropriate formula. Release time would be funded centrally and not by the individual Faculties.

For the 2009-10 academic year, the formula would be used to provide banked release time for the current Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate, but in the future, the formula would be used to allow release time during the term of service. The formula would give those involved in these leadership positions in the future a better idea of the workload. A report of the outcome will be brought to the Governance Committee and reported to Senate.

On February 11, 2009, Senate approved a motion from the Governance Committee to recommend to the senior administration that the Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate be granted release time in order to perform their Senate duties. The recommendation reflects the desire to provide release time for the Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate which would assist in managing the workload required of the positions throughout the academic year. The recommendation was the result of discussions regarding ways to recognize service to Senate based on the input received from Senate Committees.

Dr. Sivell retired from the meeting following his report to the Committee.

3. Ontario Quality Assurance Framework

Dr. Finn provided the Committee with an overview presentation on Ontario's new Quality Assurance Framework within the context of the current structure, Brock's Institutional Quality Assurance Process, issues to be address, the role of the Governance Committee and next steps. The New Review System Planning Committee includes Dr. Finn, Dean Marilyn Rose and Mr. Beard. The proposed implementation date of the new Framework is September 2010.

The Governance Committee discussed the proposed changes to the academic program review process, the transition to the new structure, its overall implications for the University, and a governance model which reflects the role of Senate and its responsibility for educational policy.

Dean Heap provided a handout to the Committee titled: *Shooting the Moon – A commentary on the Ontario Quality Assurance Framework Consultation Draft*. The concerns raised in the document regarding the New Program and Cyclical Program Review Protocol were discussed by the Committee and will be addressed in the IQAP.

The Committee agreed to further discuss this matter during its November 4 meeting and will consult with Senate at its November 18 meeting when Dr. Greg Finn will provide a presentation. Consultation is occurring with Senate Committees and with senior administration.

The Planning Committee will meet with Mr. Farrell to discuss the governance model of the new structure with respect to the Internal Quality Assurance Process.

The Framework was drafted by the Quality Assurance and Implementation Task Force which was established to implement the recommendations of the Van Loon report (commissioned by the Executive Heads of the Ontario Council of Ontario Universities). The mandate of the Task Force is to streamline all quality assurance processes, especially those relating to graduate programs, while

making quality assurance for all programs both more transparent and accountable. Under its constitution, the Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents (OCAV) has the responsibility for implementing the quality assurance system.

4. Professor Emeritus honorific designation

The Committee reviewed Faculty Handbook II: 11 regarding the eligibility to receive the honorific designation of Professor Emeritus/a which is automatically awarded on acceptance to a full Professor upon retirement. As requested during the previous meeting, a report with proposed amendments was circulated to the Committee for consideration. The Committee discussed the current practice and alternatives with respect to awarding the honorific designation.

The following recommendation for amendment was presented and includes a process in which the President would offer the honorific designation following consultation with the Governance Committee. The amendment also includes the provision that the designation shall remain in force as long as both parties agree. The preamble provides context for offering the honorific designation.

MOVED (Cheel/ Heap)

That the Governance Committee recommend to Senate that Faculty Handbook II: 11 Professor Emeritus be amended as proposed.

Proposed amendments to Faculty Handbook II:
(strikeouts indicate deletions; shading indicates additions)

11. PROFESSOR EMERITUS

11.1 Eligibility

The honorific designation of Professor Emeritus/a indicates the mutual desire of the University and the retired full Professor to maintain an ongoing relationship which honours both the retiree and the University.

The honorific designation of Professor Emeritus/a ~~shall~~ **will** be ~~automatically awarded on acceptance~~ offered to a full Professor upon retirement at the discretion of the President, following consultation with the Senate Governance Committee. The designation shall remain in force as long as both parties agree.

11.2 Privileges of Professors Emeriti/ae

This designation shall be announced at the first Convocation following the award. Professors Emeriti/ae shall be listed in the programme and be invited to sit on the platform at all subsequent Convocations.

The University shall make every effort to provide resources to facilitate the ongoing research of professors Emeriti/ae.

The University shall publicize the accomplishments of Professors Emeriti/ae

Senate 448, 486, 516, 523

5. Organizational Nomenclature Review

The Committee agreed that it would consider the draft proposal on organizational nomenclature prepared by Professor Cheel and Dean Brindle in March 2009 and that the Chair of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee be invited to attend the meeting for the discussion.

6. Advisory Committee nominations update

Mr. Farrell notified the Committee that the second call for nominations was issued by Dr. Knuttila and Professor Sadava for the Advisory Committees for the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and the Dean of the Faculty of Education, with a one-week period to respond.

The second call was successful in providing the required nominations to forward to the President for consideration with one exception. There were no nominations for an elected member of Senate for the Faculty of Education Advisory Committee. The Faculty Handbook procedures require at least one full-time tenured faculty member who is an elected member of Senate from outside the Faculty from which the Dean is sought.

7. Other business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.