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MINUTES OF MEETING #6 (2008-09)

SENATE TEACHING AND LEARNING POLICY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009, 10:00 AM

13TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: Professor Paul Zelisko (Chair), Professor Mohamed Ayadi, Ms. Katie Cocchio, Professor Maureen Connolly, Professor Patricia Debly, Dr. Greg Finn, Ms. Margaret Grove, Professor Julian Kitchen, Professor Roberto Nickel, Dean Marilyn Rose, Professor John Sivell

Mr. Patrick Beard, Mr. Robert Eagle, Ms. Jill Grose, Associate Dean Colleen Hood, Margaret Thompson (Administrative Support)

REGRETS: Dr. Karen Bordonaro, Professor Frances Owen, Professor Virginia Reh, Dr. Philip Wright

1. Approval of Minutes

[The minutes of meeting #5 held on March 2, 2009 had been electronically distributed with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Finn/Kitchen)

That the minutes of Meeting #5 of the 2008-09 Teaching and Learning Policy Committee held on March 2, 2009 be approved.

A minor editorial change was noted and would be corrected by the Recording Secretary.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Professor Zelisko referred members to section 3.4 of the previous minutes regarding the NSSE reports. He indicated that he had yet to receive feedback from the Associate Deans.

3. Continued Business

3.1 Context Courses - Response from CAD - Update

[A communication to the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and to Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee from Dean Rose dated March 6, 2009 was circulated at the outset of the meeting.]

Dean Rose provided an overview of the consultation that had taken place with the Committee of Academic Deans as outlined in the circulated memorandum.

MOVED (Rose/ Nickel)

THAT the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee recommend to Senate that the designation of any course for which Core and Context designation is sought, be first approved by the Deans of the related Faculties and that FHB III: 6.2 be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

Professor Zelisko would bring the proposed recommendation forward to Senate, together with related background information, at its next meeting (Senate #571, June 3, 2009).

3.2 Undergraduate Degree Learning Expectations - Update

Professor Nickel provided an oral update on the work of the sub-committee (Professor Nickel, Dr. Finn, Ms. Grose, Ms. Coccio) that had been struck to assist in the development of degree level expectations for the University. He noted it had been further suggested that a working group be struck with representation from each Faculty which would be facilitated by the CTLET (M. Connolly/J. Grose). Professor Zelisko indicated that he would contact the Deans regarding representatives.

4. New Business

4.1 Annual Report to Senate

[The Annual Report to Senate dated May 19, 2009 had been electronically distributed with the meeting materials.]

Professor Zelisko reviewed the draft Annual Report during which members provided feedback. The Annual Report would be updated accordingly and submitted to Senate.

5. Other Business

Dr. Connolly expressed concern regarding the upcoming vacancy in the position of the Director of the CTLET and the appointment process. She emphasized the importance of a Committee member participating in the Selection Committee for the position.

With respect to the adjudication of the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching, Dr. Connolly noted that a member of the Committee was required to participate on the panel. Professor Zelisko agreed to serve as the Committee's representative.

With respect to future meetings, a Report from the CTLET would be included as a standing agenda item.

6. Adjournment

Professor Zelisko thanked members for their participation and dedication during the 2008-09 academic year. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.