

Minutes of the Meeting
Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee
Friday May 1st, 2009
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Sankey Chambers

Present: J. MacLeod (Chair), C. Lidstone (Administrative Co-ordinator),
T. Dunk, G. Finn, H. MacKenzie, J. Stewart and M. Wickett

Regrets: R. Cheel, M. Connolly, B. Davis, A. Lathrop, J. Lightstone, K. Meade, G.
Stevenson and L. Volante

Guest: B. Natale

1) Minutes of the April 3rd, 2009 meeting

MOVED (Wickett/MacKenzie) to approve the Minutes of the April 3rd, 2009 meeting;
CARRIED

These motions were ratified via e-mail:

MOVED (Klamot/Wickett) to approve the Minutes of the February 6th, 2009 meeting.
CARRIED

MOVED (Wickett/Stevenson) to **TABLE** the discussion of the Policy on Travel and
Research.
CARRIED

MOVED (Hood/Wickett) to approve the changes to FHB III: 12.4.2 (iv, v, vi and vii),
15.2.1 C (6) and the changes to the Academic Integrity Policy Section 5 (g), Section 6.3,
(f), Section 7.5.3 (a), Section 8.5.3.C (6) and Appendix 2. C (6) **CARRIED**

2) Business arising from the Minutes of the April 3rd, 2009 meeting – None.

3) Proposal – Alternative to Academic Suspension, Pilot Program

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G. Finn reviewed in detail the background, existing models, Brock Pilot Model and the Proposal which will be effective 2009-2010 after adjudication takes place in May. The intent is not to change the Academic Regulations at this time as it is a Pilot Program and will be evaluated after the Fall/Winter 2009-2010. The Alternative to Academic Suspension Pilot Program will be forwarded to Senate as information only.

Members were in favor and commended the Working Group on Student Retention for putting the proposal together.

4) Discussion – Eliminating 3 year degrees

There was lengthy discussion about the elimination of the 3 year degrees:
Some of the issues discussed were:

- 1) Quality vs. quantity and the absence of evidence to support how that would enhance Brock's reputation
- 2) Lots of evidence available to support not eliminating the 3 year degree
- 3) Additional expenses for taking additional courses
- 4) Service to the community: 3 year degree fitting into lifestyle and the retention rate
- 5) Required resources to accommodate the new program

5) Other Business

-Changes to the Academic Integrity Policy and Faculty Handbook was added to the April 3rd, 2009 Agenda under Other Business.
-The Chair invited members to submit any issues for the year end report to Senate.
-J. Stewart suggested that consideration should be given to the training of newly hired Academic Advisors.

6) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.