



MINUTES OF MEETING #3 (2009-10)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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), Professor Sandra Felton, 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 #4)

REGRETS: Mr. Roland Acha, Professor Michael Plyley

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2009-10) meeting #2 held October 7, 2009 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED (Brindle /Heap)

That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2009-10) meeting #2 held October 7, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

4. Professor Emeritus/a honorific designation

The Committee agreed to discuss agenda Item 4 at this time as Professor John Sivell was in attendance for the discussion. A draft proposed amendment to Faculty Handbook II: 11 was circulated to the Committee with the meeting materials.

Professor Sadava noted that during Senate 573 held October 14, 2009, the recommendation regarding a proposed amendment to Faculty Handbook II: 11 Professor Emeritus was referred back to the Governance Committee for its reconsideration.

The Committee reconsidered the recommendation and the following amendment was presented, which includes the current wording of the existing policy that the honorific designation of Professor Emeritus/a shall be automatically awarded on acceptance to a full Professor upon retirement. It is now recommended, that to withhold or to withdraw the awarding of the honorific designation, the President must seek the approval of Senate.

MOVED (Cheel/ Brindle)

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

CARRIED

Proposed amendments to Faculty Handbook II:
(shading indicates additions)

11. PROFESSOR EMERITUS/A

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 be automatically awarded on acceptance to a full Professor upon retirement.

The President must seek the approval of Senate to withdraw or to withhold the awarding of the honorific designation.

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 on-going research of professors Emeriti/ae.

The University shall publicize the accomplishments of Professors Emeriti/ae

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Professor Sivell retired from the meeting.

2. Ontario Quality Assurance Framework

Update #2 - Report from the Review System Planning Group was distributed with the meeting materials. Dr. Finn provided the Committee with an overview of the report and the three options for a governance model which would reflect the role of Senate with respect to its responsibility for the educational policy of the University.

The Committee discussed the three governance options and the possible reporting lines and connections to Senate for oversight of academic reviews that the Governance Committee, the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, or a new Committee would have within the new framework.

The Committee discussed the option of a new Committee that would be established outside of Senate as a Committee of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic which would be responsible to and report to Senate. Discussion will continue on the governance model with an outline for operating within or outside of the Senate Committee structure while reporting to Senate. Further consultation with the Governance Committee will occur as the development of the Internal Quality Assurance Process and the work of the Review System Planning Group continues.

A recommendation would not be forwarded to Senate until the full report was drafted and reviewed by the Committee. During the November 18, 2009 meeting of Senate, Dr. Finn will present an overview of the Ontario Quality Assurance Framework consultation draft.

3. Organizational nomenclature review

A draft proposal on organizational nomenclature, dated March 9, 2009, as prepared by Professor Cheel and Dean Brindle was circulated with the meeting materials.

Professor Sadava welcomed Professor Tamara El-Hoss: Chair, Research and Scholarship Policy Committee and Professor Angus Smith: Chair, sub-committee on Centres and Institutes, to the meeting to discuss organizational nomenclature. As both Committees have been discussing this topic for a considerable time, there was a need to review their roles in order to avoid duplication of the work to be done. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee through the sub-committee Chaired by Professor Smith, would continue with its work and that it would not be necessary for the Governance Committee to continue its review of organizational nomenclature.

The sub-committee will review current nomenclature for research units, centres and institutes, along with academic departments, centres and institutes, as outlined in the Faculty Handbook and will also consider the definition of a school. The University currently has a school but no approved nomenclature or definition in the Faculty Handbook. The sub-committee is also undertaking a review of approved centres etc. and how each falls under current definitions. When its work is completed, the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee will be reporting to Senate on organizational nomenclature.

5. Other business

Professor Sydor referred to the Senate policy on Research Ethics as outlined in the Faculty Handbook III: 8 and noted that the Research Ethics Board has not reported to Senate since 2005. Dr. Knuttila agreed to look into the matter and would report back to the Governance Committee.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.