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MINUTES OF (SPECIAL) MEETING #568 (2008-09)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Professor John Sivell (Vice-Chair), Dean Ian Brindle, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Thomas Dunk, Dr. Greg Finn, Dean Rosemary Hale, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dr. Liette Vasseur, Dr. Philip Wright

Professors Rick Cheel, Christine Daigle, Tamara El-Hoss, Nancy Francis, Nota Klentrou, Murray Kropf, Phillip Mackintosh, Dan Malleck, Jamie Mandigo, Jane McLeod, Carol Merriam, Merijean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Tom O'Neill, Frances Owen, Michael Plyley, Virginia Reh, Garth Stevenson, Susan Sydor, Murray Wickett, Barry Wright, Paul Zelisko

Ms. Melissa Barnard, Mr. Will Crothers

Ms. Joy Rogers

Mr. Mike Farrell, Secretary, Ms. Margaret Thompson, Associate Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Kathy Belicki, Associate Dean Don Cyr, Associate Dean John Lye

REGRETS**:** Professors Tansu Barker, Irene Blayer, May Bletz, Drs. Terry Boak, Karen Bordonaro, Ms. Lianne Bradley, Mr. Joseph Brown, Professor Tony DiPetta, Mr. Ned Goodman, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean James Heap, Mr. David Howes, Ms. Sheryl Huff, Mr. Ryan Klamot, Interim Dean Anna Lathrop, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Mr. Roelof Makken, Ms. Kim Meade, Professor Gary Pickering, Interim Dean Barbara Sainty, Professors Kirill Samokhin, Adonis Skandalis, R. Angus Smith, Louis Volante, Michelle Webber, Dr. Thomas Winger

Professor Connolly welcomed members to the 568th (Special) meeting of Senate. The meeting had been convened to consider the unfinished business from the previous meeting of Senate.

The Chair was pleased to note that the Senate election had recently been completed and referred members to the names of the new Senators displayed on the overhead screen. A meeting of Senate-Elect would be held on April 22, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. prior to the Senate meeting.

Senators and their colleagues were encouraged to attend the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on April 6, 2009 to consider curriculum change with respect to three-year and four-year degree programs.

1. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting

1.1 Undergraduate Program Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Mandigo referred Senators to the remaining items within the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee

Dr. Finn noted that at the 567th meeting of Senate held March 25, 2009, the first recommendation outlined in item 2 of the Report regarding Film Studies had been presented and then tabled due to time constraints.

MOVED (Finn/Morrissey)

THAT the motion tabled at Senate 567 regarding Film Studies be postponed to the next meeting of Senate (Senate 569, April 22, 2009) to provide an opportunity for further consultation between the Faculties involved.

CARRIED

a) Re: Faculty of Business

MOVED (Mandigo/Sydor)

THAT Senate approve the addition of a Certificate in Administrative Studies for the Faculty of Business as outlined in page 1-6 of the Report.

CARRIED

b) Re: Sport Management

MOVED (Mandigo/Finn)

THAT Senate approve the changes in the major program requirements for the Department of Sport Management as outlined in pages 13-15 and the changes in the course bank as outlined in pages 15-16 of the Report.

CARRIED

c) Re: Computer Science

MOVED (Mandigo/Lanteigne)

THAT Senate approve the changes in the course bank for the Department of Computer Science as outlined in pages 16-17 of the Report.

CARRIED

d) Re: Policing and Criminal Justice

MOVED (Mandigo/Plyley)

THAT Senate approve the changes in the Policing and Criminal Justice articulation agreement program requirements for the Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film-Communication Studies as outlined in page 17 of the Report.

THAT Senate approve the changes in the Policing and Criminal Justice articulation agreement program requirements for the Department of Geography as outlined in page 17-18 of the Report.

THAT Senate approve the changes in the Policing and Criminal Justice articulation agreement program requirements for the Department of Political Science as outlined in page 18-19 of the Report.

THAT Senate approve the changes in the Policing and Criminal Justice articulation agreement program requirements for the Department of Psychology as outlined in page 19 of the Report.

CARRIED

e) Re: Psychology

MOVED (Mandigo/Wright)

THAT Senate approve the changes in the course bank for the Department of Psychology as outlined in pages 19-21 of the Report.

CARRIED

1.2 Governance Committee

[The Reports of the Governance Committee dated February 26, 2009 and March 19, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Cheel presented the Reports of the Governance Committee.

Report 1 - February 26, 2009

a) Proposed Amendment to FHB I: 8.3.1 - Appointment/Reappointment of Deans

MOVED (Cheel/Plyley)

THAT the proposed amendment to Faculty Handbook I: 8.3.1 regarding the Term of Office of a Dean as outlined in the Report be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

CARRIED

b) Revised Procedures and Guidelines for Nomination of Honorary Degrees

MOVED (Cheel/Lanteigne)

THAT the revised Procedures and Guidelines for Nomination of Honorary Degrees as outlined in Appendix A be approved.

During discussion, several questions arose regarding the wording within the criteria for selecting candidates Additional amendments were presented from the floor to Professor Cheel who suggested that the Governance Committee be provided an opportunity to further review the proposed suggestions.

MOVED (Daigle/Reh)

THAT the revised Procedures and Guidelines for Nomination of Honorary Degrees be referred back to the Governance Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED

Report 2 - March 25, 2009

a) Academic Program Reviews

MOVED (Cheel/Sydor)

THAT the Academic Program Review of the Department of History be accepted as outlined in Appendix A of the Report.

THAT the Academic Program Review of the Department of Great Books/Liberal Studies be accepted as outlined in Appendix B of the Report.

THAT the Academic Program Review of the Department of Visual Arts be accepted as outlined in Appendix C of the Report.

THAT the Academic Program Review of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures be accepted as outlined in Appendix D of the Report.

CARRIED

b) Eligibility of Associate Deans to be Elected to Senate - For Information

Professor Cheel, noting a potential conflict of interest, related that Professor Sydor, Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, would present the information.

Professor Sydor noted that, as detailed in the Report, the Committee had concurred that Associate Deans are not excluded from eligibility to be elected to Senate.

1.2 Teaching and Learning Policy Committee

[The Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee dated March 25, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly noted that she would soon need to leave the meeting for a lecture and Professor Sivell assumed the Chair.

Professor Zelisko presented the Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee.

a) University Grading System

MOVED (Zelisko/ O'Neill)

THAT Senate approve that a whole number grading scheme including all numbers between 0-100, with the exception of utilizing a mark of "49", be implemented.

A comprehensive discussion ensued during which Senators provided feedback regarding the proposed change to the grading scheme. The Registrar and Professor Zelisko responded to questions and comments.

MOVED (Klentrou/Hale)

THAT the motion be amended by striking out the words "with the exception of utilizing a mark of 49".

CARRIED

Prior to calling the question, the Chair read the revised motion as follows:

THAT Senate approve that a whole number grading scheme including all numbers between 0-100 be implemented.

CARRIED

The Registrar noted that implementation of the revised grading system would be expected to commence in the fall of 2010. As well, a question regarding the averaging of marks would need to be further considered by the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee in consultation with the Registrar.

b) Learning Disabilities: A Guide for Faculty at Ontario Universities (John Logan, Carleton University) - A COU Academic Colleagues Working Paper

As outlined in the Report, the Committee had discussed the working paper which had been previously presented at the 563rd meeting of Senate.

c) Degree Learning Expectations

Professor Zelisko noted that as detailed in the Report, a subcommittee of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee has been formed to examine degree learning expectations for Brock University.

1.3 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated March 25, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor McLeod presented the Report.

a) Department of Psychology: Request for Class Averages to be Included on Students' Transcripts. [A memo from the Chair of Psychology to the Chair of Senate dated August 19, 2008 had been appended to the Report.]

MOVED (McLeod/ Brindle)

THAT a measure of central tendency be recorded on the Brock Transcript and request that Senate refer this issue to the appropriate committees.

Professor McLeod reviewed the rationale for the recommendation as outlined in the Report. She noted that during the Committee's deliberation, a number of implementation challenges had been identified which would require careful consideration and would require a substantial amount of time.

CARRIED

It was concurred that rather than Senate Committees examine the issue separately, a working group be struck to consider the implementation of the recommendation. It was suggested that members of the working group include the Chair of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee, the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee, the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, the Chair of Graduates Studies Committee, the Registrar, the Executive Director of Information Technology, a member of the Department of Mathematics, and a member of the Department of Psychology.

1.4 Graduate Studies Committee

[The Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated March 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Klentrou presented the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee.

a) Change in Degree Requirements - MA Applied Linguistics - Course Work and Major Essay Stream

MOVED (Klentrou/Hale)

THAT Senate approve the change in degree requirements for the MA in Applied Linguistics Course Work and Major Essay as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

b) Change in Degree Requirements - MA in Classics - Course Work and Major Research Paper (Scheme A)

MOVED (Klentrou/Reh)

THAT Senate approve the change in degree and language requirements for the MA in Classics Course Work and Major Research Paper as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

c) New Calendar Entry - MA in Critical Sociology

MOVED (Klentrou/Dunk)

THAT the proposed 2009/10 Calendar entry (first Graduate Calendar entry) for the new MA in Critical Sociology be approved.

CARRIED

d) Addition of the PhD in Applied Health Sciences to the Applied Health Sciences Calendar Entry

MOVED (Klentrou/Mandigo)

THAT the 2009-10 Applied Health Sciences Graduate Calendar entry be approved with the addition of the new PhD in Applied Health Sciences as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

e) Proposed Amendment to FHB III: 14.7 - Examinations

MOVED (Klentrou/Rose)

THAT the proposed revisions to FHB III: 14.7 - Examinations be approved for inclusion in the Faculty Handbook.

CARRIED

2. Other Business

2.1 Proposed Abolition of Printed Undergraduate Calendar

Professor Stevenson had given notice to Senate that he would be presenting a motion with respect to the abolishment of the printed Undergraduate Calendar.

MOVED (Stevenson/Malleck)

THAT Senate recommend that the decision to abolish the printed Undergraduate Calendar be rescinded.

Professor Stevenson noted the effect would be that the Undergraduate Calendar would be printed in the usual manner for 2009/10 and expanded on the rationale for the proposed recommendation. A discussion ensued during which Senators expressed varying viewpoints regarding the move to eliminate the printed version of the Undergraduate Calendar.

DEFEATED

It was further noted that the Registrar and the Chair of Senate would meet to discuss timing issues related to the electronic version of the Calendar and the effective date of degree requirements.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.