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MINUTES OF MEETING #567 (2008-09)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Dean Ian Brindle, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Thomas Dunk, Dr. Greg Finn, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean James Heap, Interim Dean Anna Lathrop, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dr. Thomas Winger

Professors Tansu Barker, Irene Blayer, May Bletz, Dr. Karen Bordonaro, Professors Rick Cheel, Christine Daigle, Tamara El-Hoss, Nancy Francis, Nota Klentrou, Dan Malleck, Jamie Mandigo, Jane McLeod, Carol Merriam, Merijean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Tom O'Neill, Frances Owen, Gary Pickering, Michael Plyley, Virginia Reh, Kirill Samokhin, Adonis Skandalis, Garth Stevenson, Susan Sydor, Louis Volante, Murray Wickett, Barry Wright, Paul Zelisko

Ms. Melissa Barnard, Mr. Joseph Brown

Ms. Joy Rogers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Jean Bridge, Associate Dean Don Cyr, Professor David Fancy, Professor Barry Grant, Professor Sharilyn Ingram, Ms. Beth Natale, Professor David Siegel, Ms. Jo Stewart

REGRETS**:** Dr. Terry Boak, Ms. Lianne Bradley, Mr. Will Crothers, Professor Tony DiPetta Mr. Ned Goodman, Mr. David Howes, Ms. Sheryl Huff, Mr. Hassan Kahlid, Mr. Ryan Klamot, Professor Murray Kropf, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Professor Phillip Mackintosh, Mr. Roelof Makken, Ms. Kim Meade, Interim Dean Barbara Sainty, Professor John Sivell, Professor R. Angus Smith, Dr. Liette Vasseur, Professor Michelle Webber, Dr. Philip Wright

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 565th meeting held February 11, 2009 and of the 566th meeting held March 4, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Morrissey/Merriam)

THAT the minutes of the 565th meeting of Senate held on February 11, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED (Daigle/Reh)

THAT the minutes of the 566th meeting of Senate held on March 4, 2009 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Professor Connolly noted that, as requested at the 565th meeting of Senate, a letter of congratulations had been forwarded to Professor Emeritus Kenneth Kernaghan in recognition of his appointment to the Order of Canada. She further noted that in follow-up to a question raised at Senate 565, the 2009-10 Schedule of Important Dates presented during the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee had since been updated to align several dates with those listed in the Undergraduate Calendar.

3. Communications

The Chair noted that several communications had been received regarding a proposed change to the current grading system. The matter would be considered later in the meeting during the Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee.

4. Report of the Chair

The following highlights were shared for the information of Senate:

- Brock raised over $56,800 in support of the Spread-the-Net campaign, and the Chair expressed thanks to those who supported the campaign.
- Professor Tomas Hudlicky was recently awarded nearly $125,000 from the NSERC Idea to Innovation grant for developing a new, simpler route to Tamiflu.
- Brock has received more than $2.4 million in federal funds for three Canada Research Chairs.
- The University recently launched a $75 million capital campaign (The Campaign for a Bold New Brock), the largest in its history.
- The third and final event of the Mapping the New Knowledges Conference will be held on May 1.
- Professor Barbra Zupan, Applied Linguistics, along with a team of international researchers, has

received a $600,000 grant from the U.S. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research to carry out a three-year controlled trial of a treatment program.

- The Crossing Borders 2009 conference will be held at Brock University on March 26-27.
- Professor James Allard, Department of English Language and Literature is one of the final 10 contenders in the 2009 Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition.
- Past Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama is a recent recipient of the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Lightstone provided an oral update regarding the development of the 2009-10 operating budget, funding opportunities for capital projects, and graduate expansion funding allocation.

The President expressed thanks to those who attended the recent launch of the Bold New Brock Campaign. He emphasized the importance of the Brock community's participation in the campaign.

During discussion, Dr. Lightstone addressed questions and comments from Senators.

Following discussion, the Chair noted that a motion was required to move ***in camera***.

MOVED (Zelisko/Francis)

THAT Senate move *in camera.*

CARRIED

Senate moved ***in camera*** at 3:30 p.m. Non-Senators retired from the meeting.

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Senate resumed **open** session at 4:20 p.m.

[During the ***in camera*** session:

- The President consulted with Senate regarding the recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding the search for the Provost and Vice-President, Academic. Senate passed a confidential motion.

- A confidential report from the Registrar was displayed on the overhead screen with respect to agenda item 11 - *Approval for Early Issue of Degree Diploma*. Senate passed a confidential motion.

- A confidential summary of nominations for Honorary Degrees as recommended to Senate from the Governance Committee was circulated. The full nomination packages had been available in the Secretariat Office for Senators to review. During Senate's deliberations, individual confidential recommendations were passed. Prior to moving to open session, the confidential reports were returned to the Secretary.]

6. Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic - None

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU

[The *Academic Colleague's Report* dated March 17, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dean Rose provided a brief overview of the Report for the information of Senate.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

A Brief from the Board of Trustees meeting held on February 26, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials for the information of Senate.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting

9.1 Research and Scholarship Policy Committee

[The Report of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee dated February 6, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Pickering presented the Report.

a) Application for Approval of New Research Institute - *Niagara Community Observatory*

MOVED (Pickering/Owen)

THAT Senate approve the new research institute, *Niagara Community Observatory*, for a probationary term of three years as proposed and outlined in the attachment to the Report.

CARRIED

9.2 Governance Committee

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated February 26, 2009 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Cheel presented the Report of the Governance Committee.

a) Senate Business Over the Summer Months

The Chair noted that a motion had been laid on the table at the 565th meeting of Senate regarding Senate business over the summer months.

MOVED (Cheel/Finn)

THAT the recommendation be taken from the table.

CARRIED

MOVED (Cheel/Sydor)

THAT the Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate consult with members of Senate, as appropriate, in making decisions on routine matters over the summer months on the understanding that any action would be presented to Senate at its next meeting and could be rescinded by Senate and that Faculty Handbook Section II: 7.1.1 be amended accordingly.

A comprehensive discussion ensued during which Senate deliberated the rationale for the proposed recommendation and Professor Cheel responded to questions.

CARRIED

MOVED (Cheel/Sydor)

THAT members of the Governance Committee act as the Executive Committee of Senate over the summer months to consider non-routine matters and that a quorum for the Executive Committee would be six members with a majority of elected Senators and not less than two ex officio members present in order to conduct business on the understanding that any action would be presented to Senate at its next meeting and could be rescinded by Senate and that Faculty Handbook Section II: 7.1.1. be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

Noting the hour, the Chair requested that the recommendation regarding the appointment of scrutineers be presented for Senate's consideration.

b) Appointment of Senate Election Scrutineers

MOVED (Cheel/Sydor)

THAT Senators John Sivell and Maureen Connolly be appointed as scrutineers for the Senate election to be held March 27, 2009.

CARRIED

The Chair noted that if Senators wished to continue past the two-hour meeting limit, a motion would be required to extend the meeting.

MOVED (Plyley/Daigle)

THAT the meeting be extended to 5:15 PM.

CARRIED

It was further concurred that the item #2 in the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee be considered at this time. The remaining items within the Report of the Governance Committee, together with the remaining outstanding agenda items would be deferred to the next meeting of Senate.

10. Reports of Standing Committees

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

The Chair noted that as there had been a delay in the submission of the Report, a motion to waive the five-day rule would be required.

MOVED (Mandigo/Cheel)

THAT the Five-Day Rule outlined in FHB II: 7.1.3 be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Professor Mandigo referred Senators to item 2 within the Report regarding Film Studies. A correction was noted to the motion to change Department of Chemistry to Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film.

MOVED (Mandigo/Finn)

THAT Senate approves the addition of an articulation agreement program between Brock and Fanshawe College in Advanced Film Making, Broadcast Journalism-Television News and Broadcast Television Digital Post-Production with BA with Major Film Studies for the Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film as outlined in page 6-13 of the Report.

The Chair recognized that several non-Senators from the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Social Sciences were in attendance and would be granted speaking privileges. A discussion ensued regarding the development of the Film Studies program, the consultation process involved, and the development of interdisciplinary programs at the University.

It was pointed out that the discussion would warrant more than the allotted additional fifteen minutes of time.

MOVED (Klentrou/Daigle)

THAT the proposed recommendation be laid on the table until the next meeting of Senate.

CARRIED

MOVED (Barker/Daigle)

THAT a special meeting of Senate be convened on April 1, 2009 to continue the discussion of the tabled motion and to consider the remaining outstanding agenda items from Senate 567.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

The approval for the early issue of a degree diploma had been considered during the ***in camera*** session of the meeting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.