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MINUTES OF MEETING #562 (2008-09)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Professor John Sivell (Vice-Chair), Dr. Ian Brindle, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Thomas Dunk, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean James Heap, Interim Dean Anna Lathrop, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Ms. Kim Meade, Interim Dean Joffre Mercier, Interim Dean Barbara Sainty, Dr. Thomas Winger

Professors Tansu Barker, May Bletz, Dr. Karen Bordonaro, Professors Rick Cheel, Nancy Francis, Murray Kropf, Dan Malleck, Jamie Mandigo, Jane McLeod, Carol Merriam, Merijean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Tom O'Neill, Frances Owen, Gary Pickering, Virginia Reh, Adonis Skandalis, R. Angus Smith, Garth Stevenson, Susan Sydor, Louis Volante, Michelle Webber, Paul Zelisko

Ms. Melissa Barnard, Mr. Joseph Brown, Ms. Sheryl Huff

Mr. Roelof Makken, Ms. Joy Rogers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard

REGRETS: Professor Irene Blayer, Dr. Terry Boak, Ms. Lianne Bradley, Professors Rick Cheel, Christine Daigle, Tony DiPetta, Tamara El-Hoss, Dr. Greg Finn, Mr. Ned Goodman, Mr. David Howes, Mr. Hassan Kahlid, Mr. Ryan Klamot, Professor Nota Klentrou, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Mr. Christopher Lindley, Professor Phillip Mackintosh, Mr. Kurtis McCartney, Professor Michael Plyley, Dean Marilyn Rose, Professors Kirill Samokhin, Murray Wickett, Barry Wright, Dr. Philip Wright

Professor Connolly welcomed members and called the meeting to order. The following announcements were shared for the information of Senate:

- Fall Convocation ceremonies would be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Professors Sivell and Sydor would be assisting with the duties of carrying the mace.

- During fall convocation, Professor John McNamara, Department of Child and Youth Studies, would be awarded the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching. The Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity would be awarded to Professor Maurice Feldman, Centre for Applied Disability Studies. Mrs. Marilyn Walker, artist, teacher, award-winning author and community leader would be awarded an honorary degree. The Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal would be awarded to undergraduate student, Jacelyn Holmes, and graduate student, Kimberly Costello.

- Professor Ernesto Virgulti, Department of Modern Languages, was recently awarded a Spirit of Ontario Award from the National Congress of Italian Canadians - Ontario Region for his exceptional academic achievements inside and outside the classroom.

- The following had recently been confirmed as Senators: Ms. Lianne Bradley, undergraduate student representative and Professor Phillip McIntosh, faculty representative.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 561st meeting of Senate held on September 24, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Mercier/Merriam)

THAT the minutes of the 561st meeting of Senate held on September 24, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications - None

4. Report of the Chair - None

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Lightstone provided an oral update noting that the University continues to advocate for funding in support of the Niagara Health and Biosciences Research Complex. During a recent meeting on campus, the President had an opportunity to impress upon the Honourable John Baird the vital importance of the project. As well, during a meeting with the Honourable Jim Bradley, the President had discussed Brock's response to the MTCU's request to Universities and Colleges for information on proposed capital projects as part of the government's commitment to develop a ten-year $60 billion infrastructure plan for the Province.

6. Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic
[A Report *NSSE 2008 - An Overview of the Preliminary Results* dated October 15, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The Chair referred members to the Report regarding the preliminary results of the 2008 National Survey of Student Engagement. During a brief discussion, Mr. Beard addressed questions from

members. It was noted that the Report included only an extract of the analysis of the data and a more in-depth presentation would be provided to the Senate Teaching and Learning Policy Committee at its upcoming meeting.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU - None

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

The Brief of the Board meeting held September 25, 2008 had been posted for the information of Senate.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Graduate Studies Committee

[The Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated October 2, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

1. Re: Proposed Amendment to FHB III: 14.5.4 - Transfer Students

MOVED (Skandalis/Sainty)

THAT Senate approve that the requested change to FHB III: 14.5.4 - Transfer Students be approved as outlined in the Report.

Professor Skandalis reviewed the rationale for the proposed amendment as outlined in the Report. During a brief discussion, he responded to questions.

CARRIED

10.2 Undergraduate Program Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee, together with Appendix 1: *Degree/Diploma Articulation Agreement between Niagara College of Applied Arts & Technology, Graphic Design Production - Art and Design Fundamentals Program and Brock University, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Visual Arts Degree Program, Faculty of Humanities* had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Mandigo/Francis)

THAT Senate accept the Articulation Agreement between Niagara College Graphic Design Production - Art and Design Fundamentals Diploma Program and Brock University Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Visual Arts Degree Program, Faculty of Humanities.

CARRIED

11. Other Business - None

12. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.