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MINUTES OF MEETING #560 (2007-08)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Professor Barry Wright (Vice-Chair), Dr. Terry Boak, Ms. Barb Davis, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Martin Kusy, Interim Dean Anna Lathrop, Ms. Kim Meade, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dean David Siegel, Dr. Thomas Winger

Ms. Karen Bordonaro, Professors Mohamed Ayadi, Rick Cheel, Tamara El-Hoss, Nancy Francis, Nota Klentrou, Herb MacKenzie, Bozidar Mitrovic, Merijean Morrissey, Tom O'Neill, Brian Roy, Anamitra Shome, R. Angus Smith, Garth Stevenson,
Susan Sydor, Michelle Webber, Paul Zelisko

Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Mr. Kurtis McCartney, Ms. Joy Rogers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Professors Jane Koustas, John Lye, Jeanette Sloniowski, Murray Wickett
Ms. Joanne McKee, Mr. Steven Pillar,

REGRETS: Professors Tansu Barker, Irene Blayer, Shyamal Bose, Dr. Ian Brindle, Mr. Justin Carre, Professors Christine Daigle, Tony DiPetta, Dr. Greg Finn, Mr. Ned Goodman, Ms. Alison Grevatt, Deans Rosemary Hale, James Heap, Ms. Victoria Howerton, Mr. David Howes, Professors Anton Jansen, Ken Klassen, Murray Kropf, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Mr. Sohail Mall, Mr. Roelof Makken, Professor Dan Malleck, Ms. Iva Mathews, Professor Cheryl McCormack, Dr. Joffre Mercier, Professor Carol Merriam, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Professors John Sivell, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Louis Volante

Professor Connolly welcomed members and guests to the 560th and final meeting of the 2007-08 Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 559th meeting of Senate held on May 14, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Klentrou/Zelisko)

THAT the minutes of the 559th meeting of Senate held on May 14, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications

Professor Connolly noted the following celebratory announcements.

The recipients of the 2008 Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching, to be awarded during the Spring Convocation ceremonies, were:

- Hilary Findlay, Department of Sport Management, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Ken Klassen, Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, Faculty of Business
- Debra McLauchlan, Pre-Service Department, Faculty of Education
- John McNamara, Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Angus Somerville, Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Humanities
- Ed Sternin, Department of Physics, Faculty of Mathematics and Science

The Chair also recognized past recipients of the Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity, Nota Klentrou and John Hay, as each recently made their presentation during the Distinguished Research and Creative Activity Lecture Series.

4. Report of the Chair

Professor Connolly expressed thanks to members for their commitment and service during the 2007-08 academic year and recognized those Senators whose terms were soon ending. She further recognized the Vice-Chair of Senate, Professor Wright, and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Senate Committees for their assistance and acknowledged President Lightstone, Dr. Boak, Mr. Farrell and Ms. Thompson for their ongoing encouragement and support.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

The Chair noted that Dr. Lightstone was away on University business.

6. Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Dr. Boak expressed thanks to Professor Connolly for her leadership as Chair of Senate and to Vice-Chair, Barry Wright, Secretary, Mike Farrell and Associate Secretary, Margaret Thompson for their support.

Dr. Boak provided a brief update on the progress of several senior administrative searches. Of note, Dr. Thomas Dunk would be joining the University in July as the new Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Dr. Philip Wright would commence his position as Director of Information Technology Services in June. As the search for a Dean of the Faculty of Business had not been successful, an interim Dean would be appointed.

In closing, Dr. Boak extended his personal appreciation to outgoing Deans Martin Kusy and Dave Siegel for their leadership, friendship and exceptional contributions to Brock University.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU - None

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees - None

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

10. Graduands - Spring 2008 Convocation

[The Report of the Registrar dated May 20, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Ms. Davis referred Senators to her Report which contained a summary of the number of candidates, as of May 20, 2008, who had met the requirements for the various undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates to be conferred during the Spring 2008 Convocation ceremonies.

MOVED (Roy/Sydor)

THAT the Spring 2008 Convocation Degrees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

11. Reports of Standing Committees

11.1 Graduate Studies Committee

[The Reports of the Graduate Studies Committee dated May 20, 2008 and May 26, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Shome presented the Report for the information of Senate which included a report from the University Librarian outlining new initiatives. As per Faculty Handbook II: 7.1.3, the Chair noted that a motion was required to waive the Five-Day Rule to consider the new graduate program proposal.

MOVED (Shome/El-Hoss)

THAT Senate waive the Five-Day Rule to consider the new graduate program proposal for a MA in Critical Sociology.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED (Shome/Siegel)

THAT Senate approve the proposal for the new graduate program MA in Critical Sociology as outlined in the Report and that it be forwarded to OCGS for review and approval.

During a brief discussion, Dean Siegel and Dean Rose responded to questions.

CARRIED

11.2 Research and Scholarship Policy Committee

[The Report of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee dated May 20, 2008, together with related appendices outlined below, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Klentrou presented the Report of the Research and Scholarship Committee.

a) Re: Institute for Transnational Studies in the Americas (ITSA)
[Documentation related to the establishment of the proposed joint Institute with the University at Buffalo had been appended to the Report.]

MOVED (Klentrou/ El-Hoss)

THAT Senate approve the formation of the Institute for Transnational Studies in the Americas (ITSA) for a term of five years, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013 as outlined in the Appendices to the Report.

At the invitation of the Chair, Professor Koustas provided an overview of the rationale for the recommendation as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

11.3 Budget Advisory Committee

[The Report of the Budget Advisory Committee dated May 22, 2008, together with a Report TOPIC: Draft Final 2008-09 Budget - Draft for Discussion Purposes Only and Attachment 1: 2008-09 Requested Budget Compared to the 2007-08 Approved Budget and Attachment 2: 2008-09 Financial Highlights had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Shome presented the Report of the Committee.

MOVED (Shome/ Stevenson)

THAT the Draft Final 2008-09 Budget estimates be deemed consistent with the academic policy of the University.

CARRIED

12. Annual Reports

[The 2007-08 Annual Reports of Senate Committees had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

During the presentation of the 2007-08 Annual Reports, each Committee Chair/Vice-Chair provided a brief overview of the initiatives undertaken during the academic year. Reports were received from the following Committees:

a) Budget Advisory Committee
b) Governance Committee
c) Graduate Studies Committee
d) Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee
e) Research and Scholarship Policy Committee
f) Student Appeals Board
g) Teaching and Learning Policy Committee
h) Undergraduate Program Committee
i) Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

13. Other Business

13.1 Student Awards

[A Report from the Manager of Student Awards dated May 21, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The Report which contained a list of the names of those students to be awarded a Dean's Medal, a Distinguished Graduate Student Award, or a Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal during the upcoming spring 2008 convocation ceremonies had been posted for the information of Senate.

On a separate matter and in response to a question regarding the composition of Senate, Professor Connolly indicated that the number of representatives from each faculty and the process of electing such representatives would be further reviewed by the Governance Committee in the fall.

14. Adjournment

Professor Connolly thanked Senators for their service, and the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.