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MINUTES OF MEETING #559 (2007-08)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008, 3:15 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Dr. Terry Boak, Dr. Ian Brindle, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean Martin Kusy, Interim Dean Anna Lathrop, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Ms. Kim Meade, Interim Dean Joffre Mercier, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dr. Thomas Winger

Professors Mohamed Ayadi, Tansu Barker, Irene Blayer, Ms. Karen Bordonaro, Professors Shyamal Bose, Rick Cheel, Christine Daigle, Tamara El-Hoss, Nota Klentrou, Herb MacKenzie, Dan Malleck, Cheryl McCormick, Merijean Morrissey, Tom O'Neill, John Sivell, Garth Stevenson, Susan Sydor, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Michelle Webber, Paul Zelisko

Mr. Roelof Makken, Ms. Iva Mathews, Mr. Kurtis McCartney, Ms. Joy Rogers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Melissa Barnard, Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor May Bletz, Ms. Lianne Bradley, Mr. Joseph Brown, Professor Kelli-an Lawrance

REGRETS: Mr. Justin Carr, Professor Tony DiPetta, Dr. Greg Finn, Professor Nancy Francis, Mr. Ned Goodman, Ms. Alison Grevatt, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean James Heap, Ms. Victoria Howerton, Mr. David Howes, Professors Anton Jansen, Ken Klassen, Murray Kropf, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Mr. Sohail Mall, Professor Carol Merriam, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Professors Brian Roy, Anamitra Shome, Dean David Siegel, Professors R. Angus Smith, Louis Volante, Barry Wright

Professor Connolly welcomed members and guests to the 559th meeting of Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 558th meeting of Senate held on April 9, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Vanderlee/Morrissey)

THAT the minutes of the 558th meeting of Senate held on April 9, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

With respect to access to the Student Medical Certificate, approved at Senate 555, Professor Connolly reported that an e-mail had been forwarded to all Associate Deans requesting that the Certificate be posted on their faculty/departmental websites or made available in some other manner.

3. Communications

Professor Connolly reminded Senate Committee Chairs that their Annual Reports were to be submitted to the University Secretariat for the May 28 meeting of Senate. The following highlights were shared:

- The YWCA Niagara Region Women of Distinction Award nominees included the following who held ties with Brock: Debra McLaughlan, Karen Natho, Jenny Brown and Joan Wiley. Congratulations were expressed to all nominees and to winners Joan Wiley in the category of Public Affairs and Communications and Karen Natho in the category of Education, Training and Development.
- During the 5th Annual Best Practices in Teaching and Learning Symposium held May 6th, 22 Brock community members were presented with a "Best Practice Award" which honours those who engage in a "Best Practice" that enhances students' learning experiences. The names of the winners were displayed on the overhead screen, and Senators applauded.
- Dr. Thomas Dunk was recently appointed as the new Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, effective July 1, 2008.
- Information regarding the public presentations by the three candidates for the position of Vice-President, Research, as outlined in the May 7 edition of *Brock News*, was displayed on the overhead screen.

4. Report of the Chair - None

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

[The President's Report dated April 18, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Lightstone referred members to his written Report which included an overview of the state of the University.

Noting that Dean Kusy and Dean Siegel would soon be leaving their positions, Dr. Lightstone expressed his heartfelt appreciation to each of them for their tremendous contributions to the University.

MOVED (Lightstone/Mitrovic)

THAT Senate express its gratitude and appreciation to Dean Martin Kusy, Faculty of Business and to Dean David Siegel, Faculty of Social Sciences for the exemplary leadership, commitment and service provided to the University during their decanal terms.

CARRIED

Senators applauded and Dean Kusy thanked members of the Brock community for their support.

In response to a question regarding his written Report, Dr. Lightstone expanded on the "system redesign" exercise currently being undertaken by Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities as a result of expected enrolment pressures. Senators engaged in a comprehensive discussion regarding potential outcomes from the exercise and strategies to be undertaken. The President related that he would keep Senate updated and would forward the Ministry's report to Senate once available.

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

Dr. Boak provided an oral update regarding the processes to be implemented during the next year to assist with the conversion from WebCT to the open source learning management system, Sakai. During an ensuing discussion, Dr. Boak and Professor Connolly responded to questions and received comments from members.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU

[The Report of the Academic Colleague dated May 7, 2008, together with the COU Academic Colleagues' Working Paper *The Challenge of Participatory Technologies for Teaching and Learning at Ontario Universities* had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Dean Rose referred Senators to her written Report. She expanded on the discussions held during the meeting of the Academic Colleagues with respect to "Student Mobility and Pathways". Dr. Boak encouraged Senators to review the "Bologna Accord", also known as the Bologna Declaration, which achieves to reform higher education by creating a system of comparable and understandable degrees throughout Europe and promotes student mobility among different fields of study, institutions and nations.

Dean Rose then referred Senators to the COU Academic Colleagues' Working Paper "*The Challenge of Participatory Technologies for Teaching and Learning at Ontario Universities*". In response to a suggestion, the University Secretariat would forward the report to Deans, Chair and Directors to share with their faculty members.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

[A Brief of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 1, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The actions of the Board of Trustees as outlined in the Board Brief from the meeting held

May 1, 2008 had been posted for information.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Teaching and Learning Policy Committee

[The Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee dated May 1, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sivell presented the Report for the information of Senate.

10.2 Undergraduate Program Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated May 14, 2008, together with related appendices outlined below, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly referred Senate to the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee.

a) Re: Bachelor of Public Health (Honours) Program

[The Bachelor of Public Health (Honours) Program 2008-2009 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Klentrou/Sydor)

THAT Senate approve the Bachelor of Public Health (Honours) Program 2008-09 as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report.

Interim Dean Lathrop and Professor Lawrance reviewed the rationale for the proposal as detailed in the appended documentation. During discussion, it was clarified that as the proposed degree would ultimately replace the current Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Community Health, the program structure in Year 1 would continue to include Math 1P98 and BIOL 1F90.

CARRIED

b) Re: Changes to the Course Bank

[Changes to the course bank as outlined in Appendices 2-7, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The changes to the course bank had been posted for the information of Senate.

10.3 Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee

[The Report of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee dated May 7, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Stevenson presented the Report of the Committee.

a) Re: Proposed Amendments to FHB III: 16 - Academic Computing and Communications Policies

MOVED (Stevenson/Vanderlee)

That Senate approve the proposed amendments to Faculty Handbook III: 16 Academic Computing and Communications Policy, sections 16.5.1 and 16.7, as outlined in the Report.

CARRIED

Professor Stevenson reviewed the remainder of the items outlined in the Report for the information of Senate. In response to a question, Ms. Meade noted that the anticipated completion date for the Learning Commons and Fire Alarm Replacement Project was mid-August. Professor Connolly noted that a presentation regarding the use of the Learning Commons as a platform for transforming teaching and learning had recently been provided at a CTLET symposium by Guelph University's CIO/Chief Librarian and Director, Learning Commons and could be made available to Senate.

10.4 Governance Committee

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated May 8, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Cheel presented the Report and reviewed the two information items with respect to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the Review of Organizational Nomenclature.

11. Other Business - None

12. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.