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MINUTES OF MEETING #558 (2007-08)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008, 3:15 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Professor Barry Wright (Vice-Chair),

Dr. Ian Brindle, Ms. Barb Davis, Dr. Greg Finn, Dean James Heap, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dean David Siegel, Dr. Thomas Winger

Professors Tansu Barker, Irene Blayer, Shyamal Bose, Rick Cheel, Christine Daigle, Tony DiPetta, Tamara El-Hoss, Ken Klassen, Nota Klentrou, Anna Lathrop, Herb MacKenzie, Dan Malleck, Cheryl McCormick, Carol Merriam, Merijean Morrissey, Tom O'Neill, Anamitra Shome, John Sivell, R. Angus Smith, Garth Stevenson, Susan Sydor, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Louis Volante, Paul Zelisko

Mr. Justin Carre, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Mr. Roelof Makken, Mr. Sohail Mall, Ms. Iva Mathews, Mr. Kurtis McCartney, Ms. Joy Rogers

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor May Bletz, Mr. Troy Brooks,

Associate Dean Corrado Federici, Ms. Sheryl Huff, Mr. Christopher Lindley,

Professor Virginia Reh

REGRETS: Professor Mohamed Ayadi, Dr. Terry Boak, Ms. Karen Bordonaro, Dean John Corlett,

Professors Nancy Francis, Anton Jansen, Mr. Ned Goodman, Ms. Alison Grevatt, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Rosemary Hale, Ms. Victoria Howerton, Mr. David Howes, Professor Murray Kropf, Dean Martin Kusy, Ms. Kim Meade, Dean Joffre Mercier,

Professors Bozidar Mitrovic, Brian Roy, Michelle Webber

Professor Connolly welcomed members and guests to the 558th meeting of Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 557th meeting of Senate held on March 19, 2008 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Vanderlee/Morrissey)

THAT the minutes of the $557^{\rm th}$ meeting of Senate held on March 19, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes** - None

3. Communications

Professor Connolly first shared the following Senate highlights:

- The Office of Research Services, Brock International, the Faculty of Education and the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies successfully hosted the first Scholarship of Engagement event on March 18, 2008. Thanks were expressed to those who had participated in and supported the event.
- The Canada Foundation for Innovation recently awarded \$85,972 to Brock University to support a project led by Professor Vincenzo De Luca, Canada Research Chair in the Department of Biological Sciences.
- The 8th Annual "Making a Difference" Awards Luncheon, sponsored by the Student Development Centre, Services for Students with disABILITIES office was held on April 3, 2008. Congratulations were extended to award recipients Suzanne Burchell, Senator Rick Cheel and Patrick Ounlert.
- The Mapping the New Knowledges Conference and the Café Scientifique which showcased leading-edge research by graduate students and researchers was held April 4 and 5, 2008 and was sponsored by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Office of Research Services and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

With respect to communications, Professor Connolly related the following:

- An orientation session regarding the open source Learning Management System, Sakai, would be held on April 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Thistle 253.
- Student access to the Student Medical Certificate, approved at Senate 555 on January 23, 2008 would be further examined and the process would be clarified at the next meeting of Senate.

4. Report of the Chair

Professor Connolly noted that the next meeting of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Committee Secretaries with the Governance Committee would be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

With respect to the composition of the 2008-09 Senate, the following faculty had been recently elected: Professors Tansu Barker, May Bletz, Tony DiPetta, Nota Klentrou, Jamie Mandigo, Jane McLeod, Merijean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Fran Owen, Gary Pickering, Michael Plyley, Virginia Reh, Kirill Samokhin, Adonis Skandolis, R. Angus Smith, Murray Wickett and Paul Zelisko. As well, it was noted that from May 2008 - May 2009, Professor Lathrop would be serving as acting Dean of Applied Health Sciences for Dr. Corlett and would be an ex

officio member of Senate.

Senate Committee Chairs were reminded to submit their Committee's Annual Report for the May 28th meeting of Senate. Reports from the previous year could be viewed on the Secretariat website at http://www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate/agendae/2007-05-30/agenda.php. If required, an annual report template could be requested from the Secretariat Office.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

[The President's Report dated April 9, 2008, together with a media release from the Council of Ontario Universities dated March 25, 2008, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Lightstone referred members to his written Report. He expanded on the University's initiatives to obtain federal government funding for the Niagara Health and Bioscience Research Complex, how such federal funding might be allocated, and the positive discussions held with Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry, during his recent tour of Brock's campus on April 4, 2008.

With respect to the 2008-09 operating budget, Dr. Lightstone reviewed the update as contained in his Report. While it appeared that a major budget-cutting exercise would not be necessary to balance the 2008-09 budget, the University's dependency on one-time funding was of concern and solutions for the future would need to be identified. During a brief discussion, the President addressed questions and comments from members.

The Chair indicated that a motion was required to move *in camera* for the next item from the President. On a motion by Professor Morrissey, seconded by Professor Daigle and carried, Senate moved *in camera* at 3:43 p.m. Non-Senators retired from the meeting.

Senate resumed **open** session at 3:52 p.m. Non-Senators rejoined the meeting.

[During the *in camera* session, the President consulted with Senate regarding the recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding the search for a Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Senate passed a confidential motion.]

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

10.1 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

[The Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated April 9, 2008, together with the appendices outlined below, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor MacKenzie presented the Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee.

a) Re: Academic Integrity Policy

[The Academic Integrity Policy (Code of Student Academic Conduct) had been posted on line with the meeting materials.]

Professor MacKenzie referred Senators to the Academic Integrity Policy (Code of Student Academic Conduct).

During discussion, Professor MacKenzie, Mr. Troy Brooks, Academic Integrity Officer, and Dr. Finn responded to questions and comments.

It was noted by Mr. Brooks that several initiatives would be undertaken to promote and communicate the policy to the University community.

MOVED (MacKenzie/Zelisko)

THAT Senate accept the Academic Integrity Policy as outlined.

CARRIED

b) Re: Proposed Amendments to FHB III (relating to the Academic Integrity Policy) [The proposed amendments to FHB III had been posted on line with the Report.]

MOVED (MacKenzie/Finn)

THAT Senate accept the amendments to Faculty Handbook Section III (relating to the Academic Integrity Policy) as outlined in the attachment to the Report.

CARRIED

10.2 Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee

[The Report of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee dated April 2, 2008, which included the 2007 Annual Waste Audit, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Stevenson briefly reviewed the Report, which included the 2007 Annual Waste Audit, for the information of Senate.

10.3 Governance Committee

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated April 3, 2008, together with related appendices, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Cheel referred members to the Report and noted the following for the information of

Senate:

- a) The draft amendments to Faculty Handbook Section I regarding Review of Procedures for the Appointment/Reappointment of Senior Academic and Administrative Officers had been appended to the Report for discussion. The amendments would be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at its next meeting.
- b) Brock University's Response to the Report of the Auditors on Undergraduate Program Reviews at Brock University had been appended to the Report.
- c) The process of calling for nominations for the Advisory Committee for the search for the Provost and Vice-President, Academic would soon be underway.
- 11. Other Business None
- **12. Adjournment -** The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.