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MINUTES OF MEETING #548 (2006-07)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007, 3:15 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Dr. Terry Boak, Dean Ian Brindle, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Martin Kusy, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Ms. Kim Meade, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dean David Siegel, Dr. Harald Tomesch

Professors Michael Carter, Rick Cheel, Maureen Connolly, Tamara El-Hoss, Colleen Hood, Nota Klentrou, Murray Kropf, Anna Lathrop, Herbert MacKenzie, Dan Malleck, Cheryl McCormick, Carol Merriam, Bozidar Mitrovic, Merijean Morrissey, Miriam Richards, Anamitra Shome, Susan Sydor, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Louis Volante, Paul Zelisko

Ms. Anna Lise Domanski, Mr. Tom Goldspink, Ms. Michelle Green, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Ms. Joy Rogers

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Justin Carre, Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir, Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Corrado Federici, Ms. Iva Mathews, Ms. Gail Pepper, Professor Merle Richards

REGRETS: Professor Irene Blayer, Ms. Karen Bordonaro, Professors Don Brown, Cheri Bradish, Dean John Corlett, Professors Tony DiPetta, Greg Finn, Nancy Francis, Ms. Alison Grevatt, Ms. Margaret Grove, Deans Rosemary Hale, James Heap, Mr. David Howes, Mr. Brad Humble, Professors Anton Jansen, Pierre Lizée, Mr. Sohail Mall, Ms. Marla Nasello, Dr. Michael Owen, Ms. Lisa Piroli, Professors Rebecca Raby, Raafat Roubi, Mr. Andrew Saunders, Professors Murray Wickett, Barry Wright

Professor Sadava welcomed members and guests to the 548th meeting of Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 547th meeting of Senate had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Vanderlee/Zelisko)

THAT the minutes of the 547th meeting of Senate held on March 21, 2007 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 regarding the recent announcement made by Minister Bentley during his April 10th campus visit that an additional $6.6 million in funding had been allocated to Brock through an infrastructure grant. The President noted that the University was grateful for the one-time funding which would be designated to its infrastructure needs.

The President read his Letter to the Editor of the St. Catharines Standard which he had submitted earlier in the day in response to today's article "Brock Laments Space Crunch". Unfortunately, the article had failed to reflect the tenor of the event held at Brock yesterday or the remarks made to those assembled by Minster Bradley, Minister Bentley and the President.

During a brief discussion, the President responded to questions regarding his Report.

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

During his oral Report, Dr. Boak noted that two exceptional events had recently been held on campus, specifically, the Curriculum Planning Workshop organized by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, and the Mapping the New Knowledges 2007 second annual Graduate Students and Faculty Research Conference organized by Graduate Studies and Research Services.

Dr. Boak was pleased to note that the official signing of the *Collective Agreement between Brock University and the Brock University Faculty Association*, July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008, had occurred earlier this morning.

Referring to the funding from the infrastructure grant mentioned during the Report of the President, Dr. Boak noted that while specific allocation of the funds had yet to be determined, he recognized the need to continue to modernize classrooms.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU

The Academic Colleagues had not met since the previous meeting of Senate.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

There had been no meetings held since the previous meeting of Senate.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Governance Committee

Professor Connolly provided a brief oral update on the activities of the Committee. The Committee had recently met with Senate Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries. During that meeting, several changes were proposed to the Faculty Handbook regarding Committee responsibilities. The Governance Committee would present its recommendations at the next meeting of Senate.

Agd. Item

10.3 Graduate Studies Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee dated April 3, 2007, together with related appendices, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Richards presented the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee.

1. Re: Philosophy

MOVED (Richards/Mitrovic)

THAT Senate approve the changes to the course bank for the Philosophy graduate program as outlined in the attachment to the Report.

CARRIED

2. Re: History

MOVED (Richards/Kropf)

THAT Senate approve the first calendar entry for the new MA in History graduate program as outlined in the attachment to the Report.

CARRIED

3. Re: Proposed Amendments to Faculty Handbook

MOVED (Richards/Klentrou)

THAT Senate approve the proposed changes to the Graduate Studies section of the Faculty Handbook III: 14.5 as outlined in the attachment to the Report.

Professor Richards reviewed the proposed changes to the graduate admissions policy. During discussion, the mover and seconder agreed that 14.3.1 B) be amended to read: "Application and admission procedure will be defined and outlined by the Faculty of Graduate Studies according to parameters recommended by the graduate program."

QUESTION on the motion, as AMENDED **CARRIED**

10.4 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated April 3, 2007, together with related appendices, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Morrissey presented the Report.

1. Re: Proposed Amendment to FHB III: 19 Awards

MOVED (Morrissey/Connolly)

THAT Senate approve the proposed amendment to FHB III: 19 Awards as outlined in the Report.

During discussion, Ms. Davis and Professor Morrissey responded to questions. It was noted that the Committee's recommendation to create a policy for the current practice of listing awards on transcripts was specific to undergraduate students.

CARRIED

2. Re: For the information of Senate

As noted in the Report, a sub-committee has been struck to review the current distinction between a 4-year major degree and an honours degree.

10.5 Committee on University Infrastructure

[A Report from the Chair of the Committee on University Infrastructure dated April 3, 2007 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Klentrou presented the Report which outlined, in detail, the activities of the Committee. Of note, the Committee had participated in a consultation session with Urban Strategies regarding the development of an architecture policy. The University will be formally recognized by The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada for its efforts in creating the document *Shaping Our Future - A Guide to the Planning, Design and Architecture of the Natural and Built Environment* during the May 2007 Festival of Architecture.

10.6 Teaching and Learning Policy

[A Report from the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee dated April 4, 2007 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Lathrop reviewed the written Report which contained an update on the activities of the Committee and included a report regarding the design phase of the Learning Commons. In response to a question regarding WebCT, it was noted that a taskforce with faculty-wide representation is currently testing other web-based systems as the University's license expires in 2009. For further information, Senators were asked to contact the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies.

Agd. Item

10.2 Undergraduate Program Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated April 3, 2007, together with related appendices, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly presented the Report which contained one decision item and several items for the information of Senate.

1. Re: Bachelor of Education - Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education

MOVED (Connolly/Richards)

THAT Senate approve that the Aboriginal Adult Education and Bachelor of Education program be removed from the Undergraduate Calendar and that the new program proposal Bachelor of Education be accepted in the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report.

Professor Connolly referred members to the detailed submission. Professor Sadava noted that Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir and Dr. Merle Richards were present to address questions.

CARRIED

11. Other Business

11.1 Medical Emergency Response Planning (MERP) White Paper

[A DRAFT Discussion Paper on Medical Emergency Response Planning created April 1, 2007 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The Chair noted that due to a prior commitment, Dean Corlett had been unable to attend today's meeting to address the Report and had requested that the item be deferred to the next meeting of Senate.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.