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MINUTES OF MEETING #545 (2006-07)

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2007, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Professor Don Brown (Vice-Chair), Dr. Terry Boak, Dean Ian Brindle, Dean John Corlett, Ms. Barb Davis, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean James Heap, Mr. David Howes, Ms. Kim Meade, Dr. Michael Owen, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dean David Siegel, Dr. Harald Tomesch

Ms. Karen Bordonaro, Professors Michael Carter, Maureen Connolly, Tamara El-Hoss, Greg Finn, Nancy Francis, Colleen Hood, Anton Jansen, Nota Klentrou, Murray Kropf, Anna Lathrop, Pierre Lizée, Herbert MacKenzie, Dan Malleck, Cheryl McCormick, Carol Merriam, Bozidar Mitrovic, Merijean Morrissey, Rebecca Raby, Miriam Richards, Raafat Roubi, Anamitra Shome, Susan Sydor, Mary Louise Vanderlee, Louis Volante, Barry Wright, Paul Zelisko

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Professor Nick Baxter-Moore, Mr. Patrick Beard, Mr. Ron Dubien, Professor Corrado Federici, Ms. Michelle Lea, Ms. Wendy Ross, Professor Barbara Sainty, Professor Rick Welland

REGRETS: Professors Irene Blayer, Rick Cheel, Tony DiPetta, Ms. Alison Grevatt, Mr. Brad Humble, Dean Martin Kusy, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Mr. Sohail Mall, Dr. Raymond Moriyama, Ms. Marla Nasello, Professor Murray Wickett

Professor Sadava welcomed members and guests to the 545th meeting of Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 544th meeting of Senate had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

MOVED (Saunders/Merriam)

THAT the minutes of the 544th meeting of Senate held on December 6, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications

[A memo from the Secretary of Senate dated January 10, 2007 regarding the 2007 Senate Election had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The Chair referred members to the memo from the Secretary of Senate.

MOVED (Morrissey/Saunders)

THAT the election of representatives to fill Senate vacancies occurring at the end of Spring Convocation, with the exception of student representatives, take place on Friday, March 30, 2007.

CARRIED

Professor Sadava reported that he had received a communication from Professor McCormack regarding research involving animals and that the matter had been referred to the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee for consideration.

Senators were informed that Professor Radue had resigned from Senate. In accordance with FHB II: 3.5.2, Professor Cheri Bradish was the next person in standing and, pending her acceptance, would be declared a Senator at the next meeting.

4. Report of the Chair

Professor Sadava spoke to the new requirement this year that budget developers include reduction targets of 3% and 6% in their submissions. He emphasized that such reductions would need to come from part-time and operating budgets and would have serious implications for the academic programme of the University. The Chair requested that the Senate Budget Advisory Committee convene a meeting and that the President and Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-President, Finance and Administration and staff be asked to present clear and convincing evidence that the University has a major financial problem requiring such drastic solutions. Professor Sadava requested that the Budget Advisory Committee report back to Senate at its next meeting. He also requested that other relevant Senate Committees examine the implications of such proposed cutbacks and report back to Senate.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

[The President's Report to Senate dated January 24, 2007 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sadava referred Senators to the President's Report, noting that Dr. Lightstone was currently away on business.

With respect to the Chair's comments regarding the budget, Dr. Boak expanded on the request made to budget developers to present revenue and reduction targets and to discuss how the targets would impact students, services, program and enrolments in both academic and non-academic areas. The proposed expenditure reductions and revenue increases would then be further examined to determine if they could be implemented. Mr. Pillar added that the Senate Budget Advisory Committee was meeting on Monday, February 5 and that this item had been included on the agenda.

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

Prior to the presentation of the Report, Dean Siegel withdrew from the meeting.

Dr. Boak apprised Senate that the term of the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences expires on June 30, 2007. As Dean Siegel had yet to determine if he wished to stand for reappointment, and in light of his valuable contributions to the University, he had been asked to consider a one year extension. In keeping with FHB I: 6.3.1, Dr. Boak reported that the Chairs and Directors within the Faculty of Social Sciences had been consulted and that he was now advising Senate of the pending extension.

Following the conclusion of the Report, Dean Siegel rejoined the meeting.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU

[A Report from the Academic Colleague dated January 19, 2007 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Dean Rose referred members to her written Report. In response to a question, she noted that the acronym "STEM" stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

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

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting – None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

10.1 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated January 16, 2007, together with related documentation, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Morrissey presented the Report of the Committee. Ms. Lea expanded on the appended information to the Report regarding the revised 2008 Mathematics Curriculum which had presented to the Committee for information.

10.2 Graduate Studies Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee dated January 15, 2007, together with related documentation, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Richards presented the Report of the Committee. She proposed, and Senate concurred that the recommendations regarding changes to the 2007-08 Graduate Calendar as outlined in the attachment to the Report be presented as an omnibus motion.

MOVED (Richards/Brindle)

THAT motions 1-13 as outlined in the attachment to the Report be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED (Richards/Rose)

THAT the proposed addition to the Graduate Studies section of Faculty Handbook III: 14.2 Calendar Year as outlined in the attachment to the Report be approved.

Professor Richards reviewed the rationale for the proposed addition to the Faculty Handbook. During discussion, Professor Richards and Dean Rose responded to questions.

CARRIED
(1 opposed)

10.3 Undergraduate Program Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee dated January 16, 2007, together with related documentation, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Finn presented the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee, noting that the first item outlined in the Report was for information.

Professor Finn suggested, and Senate concurred, that the motions be presented within two omnibus motions. He further noted that the motion within item 4. regarding the Department of Computer Science and an articulation agreement with SanJian University was being withheld pending the location of a hard copy of the agreement.

MOVED (Finn/Saunders)

THAT motions 1 through 5 and 7 through 20 as outlined in items 1-12 of the Report be approved.

In response to a concern regarding the termination of the Bachelor of Arts Honours Co-op program for Communications Studies, Film Studies and Popular Culture, the Chair recognized Professor Baxter-Moore who expanded on the rationale for the recommendation and responded to questions.

MOVED (Finn/Saunders)

THAT motions 21 through 72 as outlined in items 13-43 of the Report be approved.

CARRIED

10.4 Governance Committee

[A Report from the Chair of the Governance Committee January 17, 2007, together with related documentation, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Connolly referred members to the Report which included several items for information. The following decision items were presented for Senate's consideration.

Re: Revisions to FHB II: 9.6.1 Graduate Studies Committee Terms of Reference

MOVED (Connolly/Richards)

THAT Senate approve the amendment to FHB II: 9.6.1 Graduate Studies Committee Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A of the Report.

CARRIED

Re: Draft Response to UPRAC Report

MOVED (Connolly/Finn)

THAT Senate accept the Draft Response to the UPRAC Report dated December 12, 2006 as outlined in Appendix B of the Report.

CARRIED

Re: Appointment of Senate Election Scrutineers

MOVED (Connolly/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve that Senators Mary Louise Vanderlee and Rick Cheel be appointed as scrutineers for the Senate election to be held March 30, 2007.

CARRIED

Re: Amendment to FHB II: 5 – Undergraduate Student Senator Election Timelines

MOVED (Connolly/Saunders)

THAT Senate approve that FHB II: 5 be amended as outlined in Appendix C of the Report.

Professor Connolly thanked Senator O'Brien for his assistance, noting that he had been instrumental in bringing this change forward.

CARRIED

Re: Honorary Degree Nominations

Professor Sadava noted that a motion was required to move ***in camera*** to discuss the nominations for Honorary Degrees. Non-Senators withdrew from the meeting.

MOTION (Connolly/Morrissey)

That Senate move *in camera*.

CARRIED

Senate moved ***in camera*** at 4:20 p.m.

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Senate resumed **open** session at 4:38 p.m.

[During the ***in camera*** session, a confidential summary of the nominations approved by the Governance Committee was projected on the screen. A separate motion was presented and voted on for each nomination.]

11. Other Business

Professor Sadava noted that he was remiss in acknowledging that Mr. David Howes, Chair of the Board of Trustees, was in attendance.

In response to a question, Ms. Davis indicated that the 2007-08 academic dates would be presented for information at the next meeting of Senate.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.