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MINUTES OF THE  
**538<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF SENATE-**  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006  
AT 3:15 PM

IN THE DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

- Present:** Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Professor Don Brown (Vice-Chair), Ms. Barb Anderson (Registrar), Dean Ian Brindle (Faculty of Mathematics and Science), Dean John Corlett (Faculty of Applied Health Sciences), Ms. Margaret Grove (University Librarian), Dean Rosemary Hale (Faculty of Humanities), Dean Martin Kusy (Faculty of Business), Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir (Vice-President, Academic and Provost), Ms. Kim Meade (Associate Vice-President, Student Services), Dr. Michael Owen (Associate Vice-President, Research), Dean Marilyn Rose (Graduate Studies), Dr. Harald Tomesch (President, Concordia Seminary)
- Professors Michael Carter, Maureen Connolly, Jane Dywan, Heather Gordon, Debra Inglis, Nota Klentrou, Herbert MacKenzie, Angela Mills, MeriJean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Rebecca Raby, Jonathan Radue, Miriam Richards, Anamitra Shome, Adonis Skandalis, Susan Sydor, Mary Louise Vanderlee, David Vivian, Bob Welch, Barry Wright
- Mr. David Howes, Mr. Kitheo Mwanzia, Mr. Andrew Saunders, Mr. Bill Tays
- Mr. Mike Farrell, Secretary  
Ms. Margaret Thompson, Associate Secretary (Recorder)
- Also Present:** Mr. Patrick Beard, Coordinator, Academic Reviews and Planning  
Associate Dean David DiBattista, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Regrets:** Dr. Terry Boak, Mr. Tom Goldspink, Dean James Heap, Professor Dolana Mogadime, Dr. Raymond Moriyama, Professor Danny Rosenberg, Professor Barbara Sainty, Dean David Siegel, Professor Michelle Webber, Mr. Sean Woodhead
- Absent:** Professor Tony DiPetta, Professor Dan Malleck, Professor Bozidar Mitrovic, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Mr. Michael Sidenberg, Ms. Beth Visser, Professor Murray Wickett, Professor Allister Young

Professor Sadava welcomed members and guests to the 538<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the 537<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

**MOVED** (Dywan/Saunders)

**THAT the minutes of the 537<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on March 22, 2006 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**

Professor Sadava noted that there was no report as Dr. Boak was currently away from the University.

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

During his oral report, Dr. Manley-Casimir:

- expanded on the rationale for the University's decision, in keeping with a recommendation approved by the Board of Trustees, to set a 4% tuition increase for all of its provincially funded undergraduate, graduate and professional programs which is below the maximum percentage per permitted by the Ontario government;
- noted that the University had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council in Sioux Lookout for a new undergraduate teacher education program;
- recognized and congratulated the Faculty of Business as Brock University recently received an Honorable Mention in the Beta Gamma Sigma 2006 Outstanding Chapter Awards.

At the request of Dr. Manley-Casimir, Dr. Owen provided a detailed presentation with respect to the 2005 SSHRC and NSERC competition results. Congratulations were expressed to the successful faculty members. A discussion ensued regarding funding implications and Brock's plans to improve its success rate and participation rate over the next few years. Dr. Owen indicated that he would provide a follow-up analysis that would include the number of grants submitted which contained a request for graduate student support.

Dr. Manley-Casimir took under advisement a suggestion that the academic achievements of the University be more broadly publicized, especially on Brock's website.

**7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU – None**

## 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 Program Committee

[A Report to Senate from the Undergraduate Program Committee dated April 3, 2006, together with Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Vanderlee presented the Report of the Committee.

**MOVED** (Vanderlee/Wright)

**That Senate approve that the Centre for Digital Humanities be granted academic status.**

**CARRIED**

Dean Hale expressed appreciation to the Committee for their assistance during the process.

Professor Vanderlee, noting that the Committee accepts submissions throughout the year, encouraged departments to forward submissions prior to the fall deadline.

### 10.2 Teaching and Research Policy Committee

[A Report from the Teaching and Research Policy Committee dated March 30, 2006 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Dywan presented the Report of the Committee.

**MOVED** (Dywan/Carter)

**a) THAT Senate confirm the importance the Core and Context requirement as it now stands (one credit each of Humanities, Science and Social Science).**

**b) THAT Senate affirm that the Deans of Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social Science encourage and provide resource support as possible for the offering of additional Context courses in the evening during the regular academic year, and during the spring and summer terms. These offerings would be in addition to the courses in the day.**

**c) THAT Senate recommend that Deans and Departments explore the potential for and resources necessary to have more Core and Context courses offered as ½ credit courses.**

Professor Dywan reviewed the rationale for the motions as outlined in the Report.

A protracted discussion ensued with respect to the current academic regulations regarding Core and Context credits (FHB III: 6.2). With respect to motion b), it was pointed out that the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences also offers a context course which fulfils the Social Sciences requirement and that other Faculties may wish to offer context courses in the future.

**MOVED** (Saunders/Connolly)

**THAT motion b) be amended to read: “THAT Senate affirm that the Deans of ~~Humanities, Mathematics and Science and Social Science~~ and Departments encourage and provide resource support as possible for the offering of additional Context courses ...”**

Discussion on the implications of the amendment ensued. Professor Dywan indicated that it was not the Committee’s intention at this time to propose changes to the Core and Context regulation with respect to which Faculties offer context courses. She noted, however, that should it be the will of Senate, the breadth of context course offerings could be further examined by the Committee. It was also suggested that the potential to include second year courses be examined.

**DEFEATED**  
(6 in favour/13 opposed/10 abstentions)

**MOTION** (Richards/Gordon)

**That motion (b) be amended to read: “THAT Senate affirm that the Deans of Humanities, Mathematics and Science, Social Science, and Applied Health Sciences encourage and provide resource support as possible for the offering of additional Context courses in the evening during the regular academic year, and during the spring term. These offerings would be in addition to the courses in the day so that extra sections of some context courses be made available in the evening and spring.**

**QUESTION on the motion to amend**

**CARRIED**  
(4 opposed)

**QUESTION on the MAIN motion, as amended**

**CARRIED**  
(2 opposed/1 abstention)

Senate suggested that the Teaching and Research Policy Committee further examine the potential to expand the breadth of the core and context courses, and that the Registrar be included in the discussions. The Committee would report back at a future meeting of Senate.

### **10.3 Governance Committee**

Professor Connolly noted that the Governance Committee would be selecting a member of the full-time teaching staff to serve on the sub-committee to select the next Chancellor. She encouraged interested members to contact her should they be interested in allowing their name to be nominated. A broader announcement to the entire full-time teaching staff would be distributed.

## **11. Other Business**

### **a) Concordia Seminary**

[A Report to Senate from Dr. Harald G. Tomesch, President, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary dated April 4, 2006 had been posted on line with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Tomesch presented the Report for the information of Senate. He noted that Concordia Seminary is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the 2005-2006 academic year and has benefited greatly by its affiliation agreement with Brock over the past 24 years. He highlighted several areas in the Report regarding the Seminary's vision and its activities.

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.