



MINUTES OF THE
533rd MEETING OF SENATE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

AT 3:00 PM

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

Present: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Professor Donald Brown (Vice-Chair), Ms. Barb Anderson (Registrar), Dr. Terry Boak (President and Vice-Chancellor), Dean Ian Brindle (Faculty of Mathematics and Science), Ms. Margaret Grove (University Librarian), Dean Rosemary Hale (Faculty of Humanities), Dean James Heap (Faculty of Education), 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, Tony DiPetta, Jane Dywan, Heather Gordon, Debra Inglis, Herbert MacKenzie, Dan Malleck, Angela Mills, Dolana Mogadime, MeriJean Morrissey, Roberto Nickel, Rebecca Raby, Jonathan Radue, Miriam Richards, Danny Rosenberg, Barbara Sainty, Anamitra Shome, Adonis Skandalis, Susan Sydor, Mary Louise Vanderlee, David Vivian, Michelle Webber, Bob Welch, Murray Wickett, Allister Young

Mr. Tom Goldspink, Mr. David Howes, Mr. Kithio Mwanzia, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Ms. Jessica Paquin, 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
Professor Colleen Hood, Chair, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies
Associate Dean Anna Lathrop, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
Ms. Michelle Lea, Director, Admissions
Professor Tony Ward, Chair, Department of Economics and Director, Centre for the Environment

Regrets: Dean John Corlett, Professor Nota Klentrou, Dr. Raymond Moriyama, Dean David Siegel
Absent: Professor Bozidar Mitrovic, Mr. Michael Sidenberg, Ms. Beth Visser,
Mr. Sean Woodhead, Professor Barry Wright

Professor Sadava welcomed members and guests to the 533rd meeting of Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 532nd meeting of Senate had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

Professor Richards referred members to page 2, item 4 of the minutes. She suggested that in order to more accurately describe what had transpired during the *in camera* session, the minutes be amended to read as follows "... Mr. David Edwards, Chair of the Committee on the Presidency ~~consulted with~~ notified Senate regarding the chosen candidate ..."

MOVED (Dywan/O'Brien)

THAT the minutes of the 532nd meeting of Senate held on November 16, 2005 be approved as amended.

CARRIED
(3 abstentions)

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Professor Richards stated that she would like to speak further regarding the events that had transpired during the *in camera* session of the 532nd meeting with respect to the presidential appointment procedures (FHB I: 3.2.2, D.6).

The procedures had been previously amended and approved by Senate on November 17, 2004. Included in those amendments had been the removal of the requirement for the strongest Presidential candidate to meet publicly with the University community. The revised procedures also stated that the Committee on the Presidency was to consult with Senate *in camera* regarding the chosen candidate before making a formal recommendation to the Board for his/her appointment.

Professor Richards expressed concern that what had transpired during the *in camera* session of the 532nd meeting of Senate did not constitute a "consultation".

During discussion, the Chair clarified that matters previously discussed during an *in camera* session could not be discussed in **open** session.

MOVED (Saunders/Goldspink)

THAT Senate move *in camera*.

CARRIED

Non-Senators, with the exception of the Associate Deans, retired from the meeting. Senate moved *in camera* at 3:15 p.m.

Senate resumed **open session** at 3:35 p.m. and non-Senators rejoined the meeting.

[During the *in camera* session, discussion ensued regarding the proceedings that had transpired during the confidential session of the 532nd meeting of Senate held on November 16, 2005 with

respect to the interpretation and intention of the required *in camera* consultation with Senate. It was emphasized that the concerns being expressed pertained specifically to the procedures. A confidential motion was presented and approved.]

During the **open** session, it was

MOVED (Richards/Mackenzie)

THAT the recommendation approved during the *in camera* session become part of the public minutes.

CARRIED

The following motion had been presented and approved during the *in camera* session:

MOVED (Brindle/Saunders)

THAT Senate expresses its concerns about the presidential appointment procedures (FHB 1: 3.2.2) and whether the procedures were followed. Senate directs the Senate Governance Committee to review these two issues and report back to Senate, respecting the boundaries of confidentiality imposed by *in camera* restraints.

CARRIED
(2 abstentions)

3. Communications – None

4. Report of the Chair - None

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

[The Report from the President dated December 7, 2005 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Boak referred members to his written Report dated December 7, 2005. He noted that the University had received an interim accountability agreement from the government with respect to quality improvement funds which signalled a new era in the universities' accountability to the government.

During a brief discussion, Dr. Boak responded to questions.

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

Dr. Manley-Casimir provided a brief verbal update on the academic planning exercises currently underway.

At the invitation of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost, Dr. Owen reported on "*Research at Brock University*" by way of a PowerPoint presentation. He highlighted several key areas including sponsored research grants and contracts, research infrastructure (services and facilities) and strategic planning. During a brief discussion, Dr. Owen responded to questions.

Dr. Owen noted that he would forward a written Report to Senators following the meeting.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU

Dean Rose indicated that she would be attending the COU meetings later in the week and would provide a report at the next meeting of Senate.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

[A Brief of the Board meeting been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

The Chair noted that a Brief of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 16, 2005 had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting – None

10. Reports of Standing Committees

a) Graduate Studies

[A Report from the Graduate Studies Committee dated November 29, 2005, together with related appendices, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Richards presented the Committee's Report.

Re: Revisions to FHB III 14.11 – Graduate Appeals

MOVED (Richards/Paquin)

THAT Senate approve the revisions to FHB III 14.11 Graduate Appeals as outlined in the appendix to the Report.

Professor Richards provided the rationale for the proposed motion.

Dean Hale expressed concern regarding the elimination of the roles of Faculty Deans during an appeal of a graduate student. She suggested that it would be beneficial to table the motion to provide an opportunity for the Committee on Academic Deans (CAD) to discuss the proposed motion.

During discussion, Professor Connolly, Professor Richards, and Dean Rose expanded on the numerous consultations that had occurred prior to bringing the motion forward to Senate. Professor Richards noted that the Dean of Graduate Studies had an understanding and familiarity of graduate studies across the university, and therefore, would ensure that a standardized process of judging appeals would be utilized for all students.

MOVED (Hale/Kusy)

That the motion be TABLED.

CARRIED
(14 opposed / 6 abstentions)

Dr. Manley-Casimir indicated that he would ensure that the proposed motion would be presented for discussion at the upcoming meeting of CAD. It was anticipated that the motion would be brought back to Senate for consideration at its next meeting.

Re: Revisions to FHB III 14.6.3 – Continuous Registration in Graduate Programs

MOVED (Richard/s/Shome)

THAT Senate approve the revisions to FHB III 14.6.3 Continuous Registration in Graduate Programs outlined in the appendix to the Report.

Professor Richards reviewed the rationale for the proposed motion and responded to questions.

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

Re: 2006-07 Graduate Calendar

MOVED (Richards/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve the addition of SJES 5P35 to the graduate course bank as outlined in the appendix to the Report.

CARRIED

MOVED (Richards/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve the addition of ECON 5N03 to the graduate course bank as outlined in the appendix to the Report.

During discussion, Dean Rose and Professor DiBattista responded to questions and expanded on the rationale for the introduction of the non-credit, mandatory refresher course, titled Mathematics and Statistics Review for Economists.

CARRIED
(2 abstentions)

Professor Richards indicated that the proposed motion in the Report regarding the Master of Science – Mathematics & Statistics had been amended as follows:

MOVED (Richards/Saunders)

THAT Senate approve the Master of Science - Mathematics & Statistics program and the 2006/07 Graduate Calendar entry for the MSc Mathematics & Statistics program as outlined in the appendix to the Report.

Dean Rose explained that the motion had been amended as she just recently learned that the Master of Science – Mathematics & Statistics program, which had been forwarded and approved by the OCGS, had not previously been presented to Senate. Dean Rose explained the unfortunate circumstances involved, which were due in part to past process irregularities. She expanded on the solidity of the proposal and noted that it had been vetted through all other appropriate venues. Dean Brindle encouraged Senators to endorse the proposal.

CARRIED

b) Undergraduate Program Committee

[A Report from the Undergraduate Program Committee had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Vanderlee presented the Report. The Chair proposed, and members agreed to present an omnibus motion for each Department with the exception of the motion regarding the creation of a new program in Tourism and Environment.

1. Re: Community Health Sciences

MOVED (Vanderlee/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve motions 1-6 under Community Health Services as outlined in pages 1-7 of the appendix to the Report.

CARRIED

2. Re: Nursing

MOVED (Vanderlee/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve the motion under Nursing as outlined in pages 7-9 of the appendix to the Report.

CARRIED

3. Re: Tourism and Environment

MOVED (Vanderlee/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve the formation of the Department of Tourism and Environment as outlined in pages 10-13 of the appendix to the Report, and;

THAT Senate approve motions 2 and 3 under Tourism and Environment as outlined in pages 26-37 and page 13 of the appendix to the Report.

In response to a question, Professor Lathrop confirmed that it was under the purview of the Undergraduate Program Committee to recommend regarding the introduction of new undergraduate departments.

Professor Lathrop provided detailed background information regarding the rationale for the creation of a Department of Tourism and Environment within the Faculty of Social Sciences. Professor Ward expanded on the great interest and support from the involved faculty members. The formation of the new Department of Tourism and Environment would replace the current Centre for the Environment and the Tourism Studies Program.

QUESTION

CARRIED
(4 abstentions)

4. Re: Environment and 5. Re: Tourism

MOVED (Vanderlee/O'Brien)

THAT Senate approve the termination of the major program requirements and the Course Bank for the Centre for the Environment as outlined in pages 14-21 and 24 of the appendix to the Report.

THAT Senate approve the termination of ENVI 1P90 and ENVI 1P91 as satisfying the Social Sciences Context Requirements as outlined in page 13 of the appendix to the Report.

THAT Senate approve the termination of the major program requirements and the Course Bank for the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies – Tourism as outlined in pages 21-24 of the Report.

CARRIED
(2 abstentions)

c) *Governance Committee*

Recognizing the time constraints, Professor Connolly respectfully withdrew from providing her verbal report.

d) *Undergraduate Student Affairs*

[A Report from the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated November 29, 2005, together with related Appendices, had been posted on-line with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sydor presented the Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee. She noted that Ms. Lea was in attendance to respond to any specific questions.

1. Re: British and British Patterned Admission Requirements

MOVED (Sydor/Morrissey)

THAT Senate approve the new terminology and admission criteria for British and British-patterned requirements as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report.

Ms. Lea briefly reviewed the rationale for the proposed motion.

CARRIED

2. Re: Faculty of Business – Admission Requirements

MOVED (Sydor/Sainty)

THAT Senate approve the addition of two 12U Mathematics courses to the admission requirements for the BBA and BAcc programs as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Report.

CARRIED

3. Re: Faculty of Applied Health Sciences – Admission Requirements

MOVED (Sydor/Saunders)

THAT Senate approve the addition of one Grade 12U Mathematics and ~~one~~ Grade 12U Biology to the admission requirements for Physical Education (BPhEd), addition of Grade 12U Biology to the admission requirements for the Concurrent PhEd/BEEd Bachelor of Physical Education (Honours)/Bachelor of Education as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Report.

A friendly amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder to remove the word “one” prior to the Grade 12U Biology as it was redundant. During a brief discussion, Ms. Lea responded to questions.

QUESTION on the motion, as amended

CARRIED

11. Other Business

Professor Sainty, Chair of the Senate Budget Advisory Committee, provided a brief verbal report. She noted that the Committee had very recently reviewed the 2005-06 Mid-Year Review Budget together with the 2005-06 Interim Budget Estimates; however, the Committee had not brought forward a motion to Senate due to this year’s unique circumstances involving pending funding announcements from the government.

As the budget has already been in place for seven months and the University had recently approved the Mid-Year Review Budget and the 2005-06 Interim Budget as the Final Budget, she questioned the value of bring forward a motion to Senate. Professor Brown indicated that one of Senate’s responsibilities under The Brock University Act (13.i) was to advise the Board in respect of the operating budget’s consistency with academic policy.

Professor Sainty also noted that the Committee continued to become more involved in ensuring the academic policies of the University are reflected in the budget.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Professor Sadava wished members a Happy Chanukah and a Merry Christmas.