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MINUTES OF THE
529th MEETING OF SENATE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2005

AT 2:30 P.M.

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

Present: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Professor Sharon Abbey (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 (Acting 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), Dean David Siegel (Faculty of Social Sciences), Acting Dean Sybil Wilson (Faculty of Education)

Professors Jeff Atkinson, Irene Blayer, Cheri Bradish, Donald Brown, Maureen Connolly, Carman Cullen, Jane Dywan, Joe Engemann, Miriam Richards, Linda Ritchie, Danny Rosenberg, Barbara Sainty, John Sivell, Ed Sternin, Susan Sydor, Bob Welch, Rick Welland

Mr. Nick Brown, Ms. Jessica Paquin, Mr. Chris Schutz, Mr. Michael Sidenberg, Ms. Wendy Staff, Mr. Sean Woodhead

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

Also

Present: Mr. Ron Dubien, Chief Information Officer
Professor Corrado Federici, Associate Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Professor Maurice Feldman, Child and Youth Studies
Professor Dorothy Griffiths, Chair, Child and Youth Studies
Professor Dolanda Mogadime, Senator-Elect
Professor Frances Owen, Child and Youth Studies
Ms. Gail Pepper, Director, Office of Graduate Studies
Mr. Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration

Regrets: Dr. David Atkinson, Mr. David Howes, Dr. Raymond Moriyama, Ms. Marla Nasello, Professor Barnett Singer, Professor Glenn Tattersall, Professor Terry Wade

Absent: Professor Michael Carter, Mr. Victor Genova, Ms. Michelle Green, Professor John Hay, Dr. Roger Humann, Professor Eugene Kaciak, Professor Martin Mathew, Professor John Sorenson, Professor Evangelia Tsiani, Professor Allister Young

Professor Sadava welcomed members to the 529th and final meeting of the 2004-05 Senate. He encouraged members and guests to remain for the reception following today's meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 528th meeting of Senate had been posted on-line with the Agenda materials.

MOVED (Kusy/Sivell)

THAT the minutes of the 528th meeting of Senate held on May 18, 2005 be approved.

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

In the absence of the President, Mr. Pillar responded to a question from Professor Sternin regarding accessibility funding. Mr. Pillar explained that the funding had been previously provided to universities from the government in response to enrolment increases due to the double cohort. The criteria utilized by the University last year to address the increased of enrolment in courses and approve new faculty positions had been developed by the University, not instituted by the province.

3. Communications – None

4. Report of the Chair

Noting that this was the last meeting of his first term serving as Chair of Senate, Professor Sadava recognized those faculty members whose Senate terms were expiring: Jeff Atkinson, Chair of the Committee on University Infrastructure, Irene Blayer, Cheri Bradish, Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, Carman Cullen, Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Robert Diamond, Vice-Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, Joe Engemann, Vice-Chair of the Teaching and Research Policy Committee and Vice-Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, Eugene Kaciak, Mathew Martin, Danielle Parks, Linda Ritchie, Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee, Barnett Singer, Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee, John Sivell, Chair of Governance Committee, Ed Sternin, Glenn Tattersall, Evangelia Tsiani, Terry Wade, and Rick Welland, Vice-Chair of the Student Appeals Board.

In addition, Professor Sadava recognized and expressed personal thanks to:

- Mr. Mike Farrell, for whom he greatly relied on, and who had seamlessly assumed the role of Secretary this year. The Chair commended Marlene Penner and Margaret Thompson for their support and helpfulness. Professor Sadava remarked that it was due to the excellent staff support that he and other Senate Committee Chairs are able to take on these additional roles.

- Dr. David Atkinson, for whom the University is a better place. Professor Sadava credited President Atkinson for making Brock University a more interesting and exciting place to be and praised the transparent reporting processes implemented during Dr. Atkinson's tenure as President.
- Professor Sharon Abbey, for whom he depended on as Vice-Chair of Senate. Professor Sadava noted that, in addition to her competence and expertise, Professor Abbey's presence had been a personal source of reassurance to him. She was encouraging, helpful and understanding, and Professor Abbey deeply cared about the University. Professor Sadava wished her a wonderfully productive sabbatical year, and on behalf of the University, encouraged Professor Abbey to come back to Senate in the future.

Professor Sadava acknowledged those Student Senators whose terms were expiring: Mr. Nick Brown, Mr. Victor Genova, Ms. Michelle Green, Ms. Marla Nasello, Mr. Chris Schutz and Mr. Michael Sidenberg. In closing, the Chair gave thanks and credit to the 2004-05 Senate for their support and hard work.

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor

Professor Sadava referred members to the President's farewell letter to Senators dated May 31, 2005 that had been circulated at the outset of the meeting. Unfortunately, Dr. Atkinson was unable to attend today's meeting, which would be the last to occur during his term as President of Brock University.

Professor Sternin expressed concern regarding the President's suggestion in his letter that the reason faculty members are unable to participate in institutional governance is due to their busy schedules. Professor Sternin said that faculty members do participate but there had been a recent shift in the power relationship between Senate and Administration, in favour of Administration. He indicated that this shift was due, in part, to the restructuring of Senate Committees which resulted in Senate being less influential and having less meaningful work to do. Professor Sternin stressed that members of the 2005-06 Senate needed to regain a balanced relationship.

6. Report of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost (Agd. 529-1)

Dr. Manley-Casimir referred Senators to the *Learning Commons Information Update*. During a brief discussion, Ms. Grove and Professor Connolly responded to questions.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU

Dean Rose provided a verbal report from the meetings she recently attended. She began by thanking Senate for extending her the opportunity to serve as Academic Colleague for a further two year term. The following highlights were included in Dean Rose's verbal report:

- Due to the government's commitment to higher education, it will expect greater accountability from universities. Institutions will be particularly assessed on their fulfilment of the graduate studies expansion needs of the province. As the government creates its Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario, the COU will attempt to influence its structure

and mandate through advice from the Executive Heads.

- The Executive Heads have developed principles on graduate student growth which have been forwarded to a joint working committee. Brock, as one of the smaller institutions, hopes to receive a substantial percentage of the available funds for graduate student growth.
- With respect to research funding, the Ontario government has announced research initiatives such as the Ontario Research Chairs and the establishment of a Research Council of Ontario. Through the next three years, \$300 million will be provided to cover CFI (Canadian Foundation for Innovation) commitments; however, longer-term commitments would be required for the future.
- The COU discussed a Working Paper “Interdisciplinary in a Disciplinary Universe: A Review of Key Issues” by Kathryn Shailer. Several ideas had emerged including:
 - There is a real concern that PhD’s in interdisciplinary studies can only be hired in that interdisciplinary field.
 - A natural, good fit for interdisciplinary studies would appear to be in the Professional Master’s programming area, where clusters of disciplines may produce excellent and employable graduates.
 - There is a need for the social, as well as academic, structures that support interdisciplinary studies.
 - Interdisciplinaryists could be hired to do breadth requirement courses for specific faculties
- Patrick Oosthuizen from Queen’s had presented on the changes in Engineering as a Profession. New thoughts about the training of Engineers included more interdisciplinary courses.
- Next year, the COU will attempt to table five working papers rather than three.

In response to a question from Mr. Brown, Dean Rose noted that student Senators were welcome to contact her to discuss student issues that they would like brought forward to the COU.

8. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

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

9. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting – None

10. Graduands – Spring 2005 Convocation (Agd. 529-2)

Ms. Anderson referred Senators to her Report dated May 24, 2005 which contained a summary of the number of candidates who had met the requirements for the various undergraduate and graduate degrees to be conferred at the Spring 2005 convocation ceremonies. She noted that a full list of the candidates, by name and degree, had been made available for Senators’ review in the Registrar’s Office and the University Secretariat Office.

Dean Wilson requested that Ms. Anderson recheck and confirm with her the number of degrees/certificates to be awarded with respect to the Faculty of Education (Enterprise Education and Tech Studies).

MOVED (Brindle/Brown)

THAT the Spring Convocation 2005 Degrees be approved as outlined in the attachment to Agenda 529-2.

CARRIED

11. Reports of Standing Committees

a) *Graduate Studies* (Agd. 529-3)

Professor Cullen presented the Committee's Report.

MOVED (Cullen/Siegel)

THAT Senate approve the proposal for a new graduate program in Applied Disabilities Studies as outlined in the attachment to Agd. 529-3 and that the proposal be forwarded to the OCGS for review and approval.

Dean Rose described the extensive procedures in place to ensure that proposals for new graduate programs had been thoroughly vetted prior to presenting to Senate. Professor Griffiths reviewed the background rationale, noting that the proposed program would meet a growing need for and a critical human resource shortage of applied researchers and professionals in the area of disabilities. During a brief discussion, Professor Griffiths responded to questions.

CARRIED

MOVED (Cullen/Welland)

THAT Senate approve an amendment to FHB III: 14.3 *Graduate Course Bank* by adding the following section:

14.3.3 Availability of Graduate Courses

Following registration by students within a specific graduate program, with permission of the instructor and where space allows, students from other graduate programs may register in that program's graduate courses.

In response to a question, Professor Cullen reviewed the rationale for the proposed amendment which would formalize common practice within the University.

During discussion, Professor Richards and Dean Rose responded to questions. It was affirmed that there were processes in place to ensure that students had received appropriate approval (e.g. from a supervisor or graduate program director) to register for a graduate course outside of their specific area.

CARRIED

b) *Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee* (Agd. 529-4)

Professor Sydor presented the Report.

MOVED (Sydor/Kusy)

THAT Senate approve the changes in policy to FHB III: 19.2.2 B, 19.2.2 C and 19.2.2 E, Brock Leader Awards, as outlined in Appendix 1 of Agd. 529-4.

Professor Sydor reviewed the rationale for the proposed amendment. In response to a question regarding 19.2.2 e), Ms. Meade indicated that the 15-20 allotted awards were easily dispersed each year.

CARRIED

c) Governance Committee (Agd. 529-5)

Professor Sivell presented the Report.

1. **MOVED** (Sivell/Connolly)

THAT Senate endorse the proposed addition of FHB I: 12. University Librarian, as outlined in Appendix A of Agd. 529-5.

Professor Sivell reviewed the rationale for the motion, noting that final approval of changes to this section of the Faculty Handbook rests with the Board of Trustees.

For clarification, Ms. Grove requested that the motion be amended to include a reference to the proposed addition of **FHB I: 13. Associate University Librarians**, which had also been outlined in Appendix A. The mover and seconder agreed.

QUESTION on the motion, as AMENDED

CARRIED

2. **MOVED** (Sivell/Brown)

THAT Senate accept the academic program review of the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology.

CARRIED

3. **MOVED** (Sivell/Sydor)

THAT Senate approve the proposed amendments to FHB II: 1.4 and 3. as outlined in Appendix B of Agd. 529-5.

As noted in the Report, Professor Sivell indicated that the proposed amendments would ensure that the Faculty Handbook regulations were in accordance with section 1. (g) of *The Brock University Act*.

Members discussed the rationale for and implications of the proposed amendments and questioned if there was a potential alternative to amending the Faculty Handbook. Professor Richards commented that the proposed change would increase the number of those available to serve on Senate, and would, in part, address the President's concern in his letter to Senate regarding faculty participation in institutional governance.

QUESTION on the motion

CARRIED

(1 abstention)

Professor Sadava noted that a motion was required to move *in camera* to discuss the next recommendation regarding an appointment to the Committee on the Presidency. Professor Jeff Atkinson and non-Senators retired from the meeting.

MOTION (Sivell/Connolly)

THAT Senate move *in camera*.

CARRIED

Senate moved *in camera* at 4:05 p.m.

Senate resumed **open session** at 4:10 p.m. Professor Jeff Atkinson and non-Senators rejoined the meeting.

[During the *in camera* session, a motion was **CARRIED** appointing Professor Jeff Atkinson as a member of the Committee on the Presidency to fill a recent vacancy.]

d) Undergraduate Program Committee (Agd. 529-5)

Professor Ritchie presented the Report of the Committee.

MOVED (Ritchie/Welland)

THAT Senate approve the name change of the Department of Applied Language Studies to the Department of Applied Linguistics as outlined in Appendix 1 of Agd. 529-6.

CARRIED

MOVED (Ritchie/Hale)

THAT Senate approve the changes to the Concurrent BA (Honours)/BEd with a Major in Dramatic Arts requirements as outlined in Appendix 3 of Agd. 529-6.

CARRIED

Professor Ritchie noted that other items contained in the Report were for information only.

12. Annual Reports (AR1 – AR-8)

Professor Sadava referred members to the Annual Reports of the Senate Committees.

MOVED (Sydor/Dywan)

THAT the 2004-05 Annual Reports submitted by Senate Committee Chairs be received.

Professor Sternin maintained that there remained flaws in the current Senate Committee structure and the Governance Committee needed to make improvements. He referred Senators to AR2 (Senate

Teaching and Research Policy Committee) and AR8 (Senate Committee on University Infrastructure) which documented specific challenges/difficulties faced by those Committees this year. Professor Sternin asserted that several issues had fallen between the cracks due to the restructuring, especially with respect to responsibilities previously under the purview of the Senate Committee on Computing and Communications Policy. He emphasized that certain decision making processes needed to remain within Senate.

Professor Sivell responded that the Governance Committee was quite aware of the issues raised within the Reports as a meeting had recently been held with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees. Next year's Governance Committee and Committee Chairs would continue to examine these issues and propose changes to the structure as necessary. At the invitation of Professor Sadava, Professor Dywan, Chair of the Teaching and Research Policy Committee, and Professor J. Atkinson, Chair of the Committee on University Infrastructure, reviewed the challenges faced by their Committees.

QUESTION on the motion

CARRIED

Professor Sadava thanked the Committee Chairs for their Reports.

13. Other Business (Agd. 529-7)

Dean Corlett referred Senators to the proposed articulation agreement with Loyalist College.

MOVED (Corlett/Rosenberg)

THAT Senate approve the establishment of an Articulation Agreement between Brock University's Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies Degree Program and Loyalist College of Applied Arts and Technology as outlined in Agd. 529-7.

Dean Corlett provided the rationale for the proposed articulation agreement and stressed the importance of the agreement for students at both Brock and Loyalist. He noted that, at the 527th meeting of Senate, the admission requirements and advanced standing had been approved.

It was queried as to why the articulation agreement was not coming forward through a Senate Committee. Professor Ritchie, Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee, responded that, regrettably, there had been some previous confusion with respect to the nature of the original proposal and Committee jurisdiction.

QUESTION

CARRIED

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. and was followed by a reception for members of Senate and Senate-Elect.