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MINUTES OF THE

525th MEETING OF SENATE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005

AT 3:00 P.M.

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

Present: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Professor Sharon Abbey (Vice-Chair), Ms. Barb Anderson (Registrar), Dr. David Atkinson (President), Dean Ian Brindle (Faculty of Mathematics and Science), Dean Rosemary Hale (Faculty of Humanities), 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), Dr. Sybil Wilson (Acting Dean, Faculty of Education)

Professors Jeffrey Atkinson, Irene Blayer, Cheri Bradish, Donald Brown, Michael Carter, Maureen Connolly, Carman Cullen, Robert Dimand, Jane Dywan, Joe Engemann, Eugene Kaciak, Martin Mathew, Miriam Richards, Linda Ritchie, Barnett Singer, John Sivell, John Sorenson, Ed Sternin, Susan Sydor, Glenn Tattersall, Bob Welch, Rick Welland, Allister Young

Mr. Nick Brown, Mr. David Howes, Ms. Marla Nasello, 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. Pat Beard, Director, Institutional Planning and Analysis
Professor Don Cyr, Associate Dean, Faculty of Business
Professor Corrado Federici, Associate Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Professor Greg Finn, Associate Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science

Regrets: Dean John Corlett, Mr. Victor Genova, Ms. Michelle Green, Ms. Margaret Grove, Professor John Hay, Dean Martin Kusy, Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir, Dr. Raymond Moriyama, Professor Danny Rosenberg, Professor Barbara Sainty

Absent: Dr. Roger Humann, Professor Evangelia Tsiani, Professor Terry Wade

Professor Sadava welcomed members to the 525th meeting of Senate.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 524th meeting of Senate had been circulated via e-mail prior to the meeting.

MOVED (Woodhead/Sydor)

THAT the minutes of the 524th meeting of Senate held on January 12, 2005 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None

3. Communications

a) Senate Election Date (Agd. 525-2)

Professor Sadava noted that he had received a communication from the Secretary of Senate, Mr. Farrell, recommending that, in keeping with FHB II: 3.4.2, the election of faculty representatives to Senate be called for Thursday, March 31, 2005.

MOVED (Brindle/Cullen)

THAT the election of faculty representatives to fill Senate vacancies occurring at the end of Spring Convocation take place on Thursday, March 31, 2005.

CARRIED

b) 2005-06 Schedule of Academic Dates (Agd. 525-3)

The Chair noted that the Academic Schedule of Dates from Winter 2005 to Winter 2006, submitted by the Registrar, Ms. Anderson, had been distributed for Senators' information.

c) Senate and Board Initiatives (Agd. 525-9)

Professor Sadava referred members to the response from the Chair of the Board regarding his proposed initiatives to improve communications between the Board and Senate.

In response to a suggestion, Professor Sadava concurred that should an annual joint meeting be established between the Governance Committee of Senate and the Executive Committee of the Board, such a meeting should convene later in the term, rather in September as proposed in the correspondence. The Chair further indicated that the proposed initiative for the Chair/Vice-Chair of Senate to be one of the three faculty members elected to the Board would be further considered by the Governance Committee.

4. Report of the Chair - None

5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor (Agd. 525-1)

Dr. Atkinson briefly reviewed his written Report dated February 9, 2005. He emphasized that due to the growing number of Convocation ceremonies, the list of candidates approved for honorary degrees was diminishing quickly. He encouraged Senators to submit nominations of worthy candidates. Nomination forms and guidelines were available on the University Secretariat website at http://www.brocku.ca/secretariat/ . The Governance Committee would soon be meeting to review submissions and would present its recommendations to Senate in March.

The President was pleased to note that the Board Executive Committee had approved the renaming of the Senate Chamber to the Dr. Charles Sankey Chamber, in honour of Brock's second Chancellor and one of the founders of the University. A ceremony to recognize the name change would be held in July in conjunction with Dr. Sankey's 100th birthday.

Noting the recent release of Bob Rae's final report on postsecondary education titled *Ontario - A Leader in Learning*, Dr. Atkinson remarked that it was a good Report for universities and colleges. He briefly highlighted several of the recommendations contained within the Report. During discussion, the President responded to questions.

Dr. Atkinson and Professor Sadava urged Senators to review the document which was available on the web at http://www.raereview.on.ca/ . In addition, the President indicated that several copies would be placed on reserve in the Library. Professor Sadava proposed, and Senators concurred, that discussion of the Report be placed on next month's Agenda.

6. Report of the Academic Colleague - COU - None

7. Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees

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

8. Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting - None

9. Reports of Standing Committees

a) Undergraduate Program Committee (Agd. 525-4, 525-5)
[A detailed background report to Agd. 525-5 had been circulated by e-mail prior to the meeting.]

Professor Ritchie presented the Committee's Report.

RE: Agd. 525-4

1. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Sydor)

THAT Senate approve the addition of Bachelor of Education in Adult Education and Bachelor of Education as outlined in Appendix 1 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

2. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Welland)

THAT Senate approve the Department of Applied Language Studies, that the streams in Applied Linguistics, Hearing Sciences, Speech and Language Sciences and Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language, be re-designated as Majors as outlined in Appendix 2 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

3. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Paquin)

THAT Senate approve that the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Visual Arts add a combined major program as outlined in Appendix 3 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

4. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Singer)

THAT Senate approve the deletion of the Brock/Waterloo French Teaching Specialization Program from the Department of Pre-Service Education as outlined in Appendix 4 of Agd. 525.4.

CARRIED

5. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Dimand)

THAT Senate approve The Centre for the Environment add a stream in Economics (Pass and Honours) as outlined in Appendix 5 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

6. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Woodhead)

THAT Senate approve for the Department of English Language and Literatures, that the BA with Major in English and Professional Writing be renamed Studies in Rhetoric and Professional Writing as outlined in Appendix 6 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

7. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Dywan)

THAT Senate approve for the Department of English Language and Literatures, that the Humanities Language Requirement be revised as outlined in Appendix 7 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

8. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Singer)

THAT Senate approve the revision of the General Studies Bachelor of Arts Program as outlined in Appendix 8 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

9. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Sidenberg)

THAT Senate approve The Centre for Labour Studies add a Minor Program as outlined in Appendix 9 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

10. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Woodhead)

THAT Senate approve CHSC 3P40 for a Labour Studies credit as outlined in Appendix 9 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

11. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Paquin)

THAT Senate approve the introduction of a Major in Human Geography to the options available for The Policing and Criminal Justice Program as outlined in Appendix 10 of Agd. 525-4.

CARRIED

12. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Wilson)

THAT Senate approve the Proposed Certificate in Aboriginal Language as outlined in Appendix 11 of Agd. 525-4.

Recognizing that Aboriginal Studies would soon migrate to the Faculty of Humanities, it was clarified that there was no need for the motion to be tabled until that time.

CARRIED

13. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Sydor)

THAT Senate approve the name change from Centre for Continuing Studies to The Centre for Continuing Teacher Education as outlined in the e-mail dated December 10, 2004.

CARRIED

14. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Singer)

THAT Senate approve that a Variable Topics Course (V series), if previously offered three times, be converted to the appropriate (alpha) half-credit course.

Ms. Anderson responded to questions. She noted that it would be the responsibility of the Undergraduate Program Committee to signal to the department when the submission was made that the course had been offered three times and must be converted.

CARRIED
(2 abstentions)

15. **MOVED** (Ritchie/Welland)

THAT Senate approve that a Multiple Topics Course (M series), if previously offered three times, be converted to the appropriate (alpha) full-credit course.

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

RE: Agd. 525-5
[A detailed background report to Agd. 525-5 had been electronically distributed prior to the meeting.]

Professor Ritchie proposed, and Senate concurred, that an omnibus motion be presented.

MOVED (Ritchie/Sivell)

THAT Senate approve the motions contained within items 1-11 as outlined in Agd. 525-5.

CARRIED

RE: Agd. 525-5 A and B
[Related materials had been electronically distributed prior to the meeting.]

Professor Sadava noted that in order to proceed and address the reports that had been recently circulated, a motion was required to waive the five-day rule (FHB II: 7.1.3)

MOVED (Ritchie/Singer)

THAT the Five-Day Rule outlined in FHB Section II: 7.1.3 be waived and the material be introduced for Senate's review.

CARRIED

Professor Ritchie noted that the motions contained within Agd. 525-5 A and B had either been deferred or not presented at the previous meeting of Senate due to the need for further discussions between Dean Hale and Dean Siegel. She noted that discussions had been held and there had been no changes made to the reports.

MOVED (Ritchie/Dimand)

THAT Senate approve the deletion of Communications Policy (CSSP) stream (regular and co-op) as outlined in Appendix B of Agd. 525-5 (A).

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

MOVED (Ritchie/Siegel)

THAT Senate approve the revision and renaming of Media and Culture (CSMC) stream requirements (regular and co-op) as outlined in Appendix B of Agd. 525-5 (A).

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

MOVED (Ritchie/Siegel)

THAT Senate approve the revision and renaming of Information Technology (CSIN) stream requirements (regular and co-op) as outlined in Appendix B of Agd. 525-5 (A).

CARRIED
(1 abstention)

During the meeting, Professor Ritchie noted that she had overlooked Agd. 525 (B) and presented the following motion:

MOVED (Ritchie/Singer)

THAT Senate approve the motions regarding changes in major program requirements for the Department of Communications, Popular Culture and Film as outlined in Agd. 525 (B).

CARRIED

b) <u>Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee</u> (Agd. 525-6)

Professor Sydor presented the Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee. She noted that the first five motions pertained mainly to housekeeping issues.

MOVED (Sydor/Woodhead)

THAT Senate approve that FHB III: 15.1.1, Academic Misconduct: Definitions, be amended to add Section "D" as outlined in the Memorandum dated December 10, 2004 attached to Agd. 525-6.

THAT Senate approve that FHB III. Academic Regulations, 11.7 regarding Notification of Intention to Graduate, be amended as outlined in the Memorandum dated December 2, 2004 attached to Agd. 525-6.

THAT Senate approve that FHB III. 2.5 (A.4), Proof of English Proficiency be amended as outlined in the Memorandum dated January 19, 2005 attached to Agd. 525-6.

THAT Senate approve that FHB III. 2.5, (B), Proof of English Proficiency be amended as outlined in the Memorandum dated January 19, 2005 attached to Agd. 525-6.

THAT Senate approve that FHB III., Section 2.5, Proof of English Proficiency be amended to include Section "C" as outlined in the Memorandum dated January 19, 2005 attached to Agd. 525-6.

CARRIED

Professor Sydor then presented the following motion:

MOVED (Sydor/Brown)

THAT Senate approve the creation of a task force to study student examination schedules and the use of examinations in student evaluation.

Professor Sydor provided the rationale for the proposed motion. She explained that while the issue of exam schedules was within the mandate of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, the use of examinations (or alternatives for exams) was not and would require the assistance of those knowledgeable in that area, i.e. members of the Teaching and Research Policy Committee and the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies; hence, the Committee had recommended that a task force be struck. In response to a question, Professor Sydor indicated that the Committee had not developed terms of reference for the task force as that would be better accomplished by the task force itself.

A lengthy discussion ensued during which Senators deliberated if the two issues ought to be examined together, under one task force, or separately. It appeared that the evaluation of the student exam schedules was a pressing matter and the use of examinations (or alternative) in student evaluation would be an ongoing and lengthy issue to examine. On the other hand, the two issues were closely linked to one another. During discussion, several suggestions were presented on ways to proceed.

The following amendment to the motion was proposed.

MOVED (D. Atkinson/Martin)

THAT the motion be amended by striking out "and the use of examinations in student evaluation".

Several members spoke for and against the proposed amendment.

CARRIED
(1 opposed)

It was pointed out that it was important not to lose sight of the need to examine the use of examinations or alternatives in student evaluation, whether it be conducted by the CTLET or the Teaching and Research Policy Committee**.**

QUESTION on the main motion, as amended **CARRIED**

A question arose regarding the membership of the Task Force. During discussion, several Senators volunteered to serve including Ms. Paquin, Mr. Woodhead, Ms. Anderson, Professor Connolly and Professor Sydor. In order to ensure a balanced representation on the Task Force, it was suggested that the Governance Committee establish the membership.

MOVED (Sternin/Richards)

THAT the membership of the Task Force to study student examination schedules be entrusted to the Governance Committee.

CARRIED
(3 abstentions)

Mr. Woodhead urged the Task Force to work diligently on this matter on behalf of the students. Professor Sadava thanked those Senators who had volunteered to serve. He noted that should any other Senator wish to serve, to please contact Professor Sivell, Chair of the Governance Committee.

Professor Sadava invited the Task Force to submit a preliminary report at the next meeting of Senate.

c) <u>Graduate Studies Committee</u> (Agd. 525-7)

[A detailed background report to Agd. 525-7 had been distributed electronically.)

Professor Cullen presented the Committee's Report.

1. **MOVED** (Cullen/Dimand)

THAT Senate approve the addition of PCUL 5V60-5V69 to the graduate course bank.

CARRIED

Professor Cullen made note of a suggestion from Professor Connolly that the V-series be further examined by the Graduate Studies Committee as it continues to enlarge its course bank.

2. **MOVED** (Cullen/Siegel)

THAT Senate approve the addition of BTEC 5P86 to the graduate studies course bank and the deletion of BTEC 5P02 from the graduate studies course bank.

CARRIED

3. **MOVED** (Cullen/Sidenberg)

THAT Senate approve the addition of MBAB 5P25, 5P67, 5P92, 5P93, 5N11, 5N12, 5N90 to the graduate studies course bank and the deletion of MBAB 5P10 from the graduate studies course bank.

CARRIED

4. **MOVED** (Cullen/Paquin)

THAT Senate approve the addition of AHSC 5P18, 5P19 and the new cross-listed AHSC/EDU 5P29.

CARRIED

d) <u>Governance Committee</u> (Agd. 525-8)

Professor Sivell presented the Report of the Committee. He noted that for the information of Senate, the Committee had approved the self-study documents for the Department of Psychology and the Department of History.

Professor Sadava requested Senators' approval to waive the five-day rule (FHB II: 7.1.3) in order to allow Professor Sivell to introduce a motion regarding the appointment of scrutineers for the upcoming Senate election.

MOVED (Sivell/Siegel)

THAT the Five-Day Rule outlined in FHB II: 7.1.3 be waived.

CARRIED

In keeping with FHB II: 3.4.2, Professor Sivell noted that the Governance Committee had recommended two senators, who were not standing for election, to serve as scrutineers for the upcoming Senate election.

MOVED (Sivell/Brindle)

THAT Senate approve that Professor Maureen Connolly, Director, Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies and Professor Jeffrey Atkinson, Department of Chemistry be appointed as scrutineers for the Senate election to be held on March 31, 2005.

CARRIED

At the invitation of Professor Sivell, Professor Brown, Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, reviewed the background information and rationale for the proposed amendments to the Academic Review Policy which had been tabled at the 523rd meeting of Senate.

MOVED (Sivell/Sydor)

THAT Senate take from the table the motion regarding the proposed revisions to the FHB III: Academic Regulations, Section 20, Academic Review Policy presented at Senate 523, December 8, 2004.

CARRIED

MOVED (Sivell/Sydor)

THAT Senate approve the proposed revisions to FHB III: Academic Regulations, Section 20, Academic Review Policy as outlined in the revised report dated February 2, 2005 attached to Agd. 525-8.

CARRIED

10. Other Business

- On behalf of the Senate Task Force on Technology, Professor Sternin related that today's meeting had been somewhat of a trial run for future "paperless" meetings. The Senate materials and agenda had been displayed on the screen and overhead projector during the meeting. As well, numerous documents had been sent to Senators electronically. It was anticipated that, for the next meeting, Senators would be directed to the Secretariat website to access the full agenda package. Professor Sternin encouraged those Senators who had access to a lap top with wireless capabilities to bring them to the next meeting to access the documents during the meeting. During a brief discussion, Professor Sternin responded to questions and noted several suggestions from Senators. Professor Sadava commended the Task Force for their excellent work to date and welcomed Senators to forward additional comments.

- For the record, Mr. Woodhead clarified that his intention during an earlier discussion regarding the creation of a task force was to suggest that such a task force might be capable of recommending actions to be taken by a professor or any other type of course leader; not that the task force would compromise the academic freedom of a professor.

- Professor Sadava encouraged Senators to submit nominations for honorary doctorates and urged Senators to review the Rae Report as it would be discussed further at the next meeting.

11. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.