



Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #577 (2009-10)

**SENATE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010, 3:00 PM

DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Susan Sydor (presiding Chair), Professor Stan Sadava (presiding Vice-Chair), Dr. Ian Brindle, Interim Dean Rick Cheel, Dean John Corlett, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Thomas Dunk, Dr. Greg Finn, Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean James Heap, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Rudi Kroeker, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Ms. Kim Meade, Dean Marilyn Rose, Dr. Philip Wright

Professors Tansu Barker, June Corman, Christine Daigle, Nancy DeCourville, Tamara El-Hoss, Sandra Felton, Nota Klentrou, Murray Kropf, Renee Kuchapski, Kelly Lockwood, Herb MacKenzie, Dan Malleck, James Mandigo, Roberto Nickel, Tom O'Neill, Frances Owen, Michael Plyley, Stan Sadava, Cristina Santos, Astride Silis, R. Angus Smith, Mark Spencer, David Vivian, Michelle Webber, Barry Wright, Paul Zelisko, Deborah Zinni

Mr. Roland Acha, Mr. Will Crothers, Mr. Ryan Klamot, Mr. Sebastian Prins, Ms. Carly White

Mr. Bill Rickers

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Leslie Anne Boldt, Ms. Cindy Dunne, Associate Dean John Lye, Ms. Beth Natale, Ms. Margaret Sanderson, Professor Anthony Ward

REGRETS: Ms. Tabasum Akseer, Ms. Jessica Gallagher, Mr. Ned Goodman, Ms. Margaret Grove, Professor Maureen Lux, Professor Diane Mack, Professor Ingrid Makus, Professor Richard Parker, Interim Dean Barbara Sainty, Professor Larry Savage, Professor John Sivell, Mr. Kevin Smith, Professor Yeager-Woodhouse, Mr. Bruce Wormald

Professor Sydor noted that Professor Sivell was away from the University attending a conference. She welcomed members and called the meeting to order. There were several items of business from the previous meeting that would be considered under Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the 576<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on February 10, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.

**MOVED** (Zelisko/Zinni)

**THAT the minutes of the 576<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on February 10, 2010 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Business Arising from the Minutes - None****3. Communications – None****4. Report of the Chair**

[The Highlights for Senate 577 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sydor referred members to the Senate Highlights which had been posted with the meeting materials and encouraged members to review the numerous celebratory announcements.

**5. Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor**

[The President's Report to Senate dated March 8, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dr. Lightstone referred Senators to his written Report. The President reviewed and expanded on the expectations of the Province's priorities and preoccupations for post-secondary education over the next five years and the potential impact on Brock's mission and funding as detailed in the Report. During discussion, Dr. Lightstone addressed questions from members with respect to the potential future structure of the Ontario post-secondary education system.

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

Dr. Knuttila provided an oral update regarding the three decanal searches currently underway, the development of exchange agreements with universities in Australia, and the further development of the strategic plan.

**7. Report of the Academic Colleague – COU**

[The Report of the Academic Colleague dated March 19, 2010, together with a COU Update – February 1, 2010 and the COU's Final Report of the Working Group on University Pension Plans dated February 2010, had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Dean Rose referred members to the Report of the Academic Colleague and appended COU Update and the COU's Final Report of the Working Group on University Pension Plans.

During discussion, Dean Rose highlighted several issues and responded to questions and comments from members.

## 8. **Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees**

[A Brief of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 18, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sydor referred members to the Board Brief which had been posted for the information of Senate.

## 9. **Unfinished Business from the Last Meeting**

### 9.1 **Governance Committee**

[The Report of the Governance Committee to Senate 576 dated February 10, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

#### a) In Camera Items

Professor Sydor indicated that a motion was required to move *in camera* to consider several items.

On a motion by Professor Sadava, seconded by Professor Zelisko and carried, Senate moved *in camera* at 3:45 p.m. Non-Senators retired from the meeting.

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Senate resumed **open** session at 4:00 p.m. Non-Senators rejoined the meeting.

[During the *in camera* session Senate considered confidential reports and passed confidential recommendations regarding honorary degree nominations, removal from the List of Proposed Honorary Degree Recipients, and appointments to the Committee on the Presidency. The President consulted with Senate regarding the appointment of the Dean of the Faculty of Business.]

#### b) Report on the Ontario Quality Assurance Framework: Proposed Amendments to FHB II: 9

Professor Sadava reviewed the rationale for the proposed amendments to the Faculty Handbook regarding the establishment of the Academic Review Committee as a special committee of Senate.

**MOVED** (Sadava/Finn)

**THAT Faculty Handbook Section II: 9 be amended as outlined in Appendix A.**

In response to questions, Professor Finn and Professor Sadava expanded on the rationale of the proposed composition of the special committee of Senate and the proposal that the special committee be chaired by the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

**CARRIED**

- c) For the information of Senate – Academic Program Review Process: Self Study of the Department of Classics

Professor Sadava noted that the Governance Committee had reviewed and approved the Self Study of the Department of Classics and the list of those to be interviewed by the reviewers.

## 9.2 *Undergraduate Program Committee*

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Mandigo referred members to the Report.

- a) Tourism and Environment Major Program Changes

**MOVED** (Mandigo/Dunk)

**THAT Senate approves the changes in the major program requirements for the Department of Tourism and Environment as outlined in pages 1-2, the changes in the with major program as outlined in pages 1-2, the changes in the certificate program requirements as outlined in pages 1-2, the changes in the minor program requirements as outlined in pages 1-3 and the changes in the course bank as outlined in page 1 and pages 3-4.**

Mr. Lanteigne indicated that he had requested that the item regarding Tourism and Environment Major Program Changes be addressed separately as the proposed elimination of seminars/small group learning were a result of budget cuts and not due to pedagogical reasons. During a brief discussion, Professor Ward, Chair, Department of Tourism and Environment, responded to a question regarding implications of the proposed changes.

**CARRIED**

## 10. Reports of Standing Committees

### 10.1 *Undergraduate Program Committee*

[The Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee to Senate 577 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Mandigo presented the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee.

- a) Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Undergraduate Course Bank

Professor Mandigo referred members to the 77 motions as contained in items 1-39 of the Report. He pointed out minor editorial changes to the Report and highlighted substantive changes.

The Chair questioned, and Senate concurred, that the motions be presented as an omnibus motion.

Prior to the consideration of the omnibus motion, Ms. Dunn, Director, Co-op Programs Office, responded to questions and expanded on the rationale for the additional courses within the Co-op Program which will recognize the academic work currently being completed by the students.

**MOVED** (Mandigo/Wright)

**THAT the motions as contained in items 1-39 of the Report be approved.**

**CARRIED**

### ***10.2 Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee***

[The Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee dated March 16, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor MacKenzie presented the Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee.

a) Amendment to the 2010/11 Calendar, Admissions Section

**MOVED** (MacKenzie/Finn)

**THAT Senate accept the amendment to the 2010-2011 Calendar: Education – Teacher Education, Admissions section as outlined in the Report.**

During discussion, Dean Heap responded to questions and expanded on the rationale for the proposed changes which would assist in widening the pool of applicants for consideration of admission.

**CARRIED**

b) Amendment to FHB III: Section 2.5, Subsections A, B and C: Proof of Proficiency in English

**MOVED** (MacKenzie/Finn)

**THAT Senate accept the amendment to FHB III: Section 2.5, Subsections A, B and C: Proof of Proficiency in English as outlined in the Report.**

**CARRIED**

c) Amendment to FHB III: Section 2.4.1, (B) Minimum Average

**MOVED** (MacKenzie/Finn)

**THAT Senate accept the amendment to FHB III: Section 2.4.1, (B) Minimum Average as outlined in the Report.**

**CARRIED**

### 10.3 Graduate Studies Committee

[The Report of the Graduate Studies Committee dated March 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Klentrou presented the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee.

a) Change in Degree Requirements – MA in Classics

**MOVED** (Klentrou/ Nickel)

**THAT Senate approve the change in degree requirements for the MA in Classics as outlined in the Report.**

**CARRIED**

b) Change in Degree Requirements – Master of Arts in Applied Disability Studies, Master of Applied Disability Studies and Diploma in Disability Studies

**MOVED** (Klentrou/Owen)

**THAT Senate approve the changes in degree requirements for the MA in Applied Disability Studies, the Master of Applied Disability Studies and the Diploma in Disability Studies as outlined in the Report.**

**CARRIED**

### 10.4 Governance Committee

[The Report of the Governance Committee dated March 17, 2010 had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Sadava referred members to the Report of the Governance Committee.

a) Report from the Review of the List of Proposed Honorary Degree Recipients – *In camera*

The item had been considered earlier in the meeting during the *in camera* session.

b) Senate Appointment to the Committee on the Presidency – *In camera*

The item had been considered earlier in the meeting during the *in camera* session.

c) For the Information of Senate – Academic Program Review: Self Study of the Department of Community Health Sciences

The Governance Committee had reviewed and approved the Self Study of the Department of Community Health Sciences and the list of those to be interviewed by the reviewers.

**10.5 Teaching and Learning Policy Committee**

[The Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee dated March 16, 2010, together with the Provision of University Goods or Services to Persons with Disabilities Policy, had been posted with the meeting materials.]

Professor Owen presented the Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee.

**a) First Generation Programme**

The Committee had received an update on the First Generation Programme which has been quite successful in easing the transition to post-secondary education for those individuals who are the first in their immediate families to pursue such a route. Professor Owen recognized the Ms. Jill Brindle and Mr. Jesse Barraza for their work in this area.

**b) Provision of University Goods or Services to Persons with Disabilities Policy**

As detailed in the Report, Professor Owen noted that the Committee had received a presentation regarding the new *Provision of University Goods or Services to Person with Disabilities Policy*, appended to the Report, which was developed in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. During discussion, Ms. Sanderson, Accessibility Coordinator, responded to questions related to accessible classroom design standards and support services for students.

**11. Other Business - None****12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.