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## Brock University Senate

MINUTES OF MEETING #7 (2009-10)

### SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010, 3:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Stan Sadava (Chair), Mr. Patrick Beard, Interim Dean Rick Cheel, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recording Secretary), Dr. Greg Finn, Dean James Heap, Professor Michael Plyley, Professor Cristina Santos, Professor Susan Sydor

ALSO

PRESENT: Dr. Ian Brindle, Professor Tony Bogaert (for agenda item 2)

REGRETS: Mr. Roland Acha, Professor Sandra Felton, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Ms. Laurie Morrison

Professor Sadava called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

[The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2009-10) meeting #6 held on January 27, 2010 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

**MOVED** (Plyley/Cheel)

**That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2009-10) meeting #6 held on January 27, 2010 be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Self Study: Department of Community Health Sciences**

[The confidential Department of Community Health Sciences Self Study and the list of those to be interviewed by the reviewers were distributed with the meeting materials.]

The Committee considered the Self Study of the Department of Community Health Sciences, and the list of those to be interviewed by the reviewers. Professor Bogaert and Mr. Beard provided background on the documents.

**MOVED** (Santos/Heap)

**That the Department of Department of Community Health Sciences Self Study and the list of those to be interviewed by the reviewers be approved.**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Committee of the Presidency Nomination Process

Professor Sadava outlined the procedures for the Appointment/Reappointment of Presidents (FHB I: 3.2) regarding the composition of the Committee on the Presidency which includes “three individuals appointed by Senate, each of whom shall be either a faculty member or a Professional Librarian”. A call for nominations was issued on March 5, 2010, with a closing date of midnight on March 19.

A special meeting of the Committee will be held to review the nominations. The Committee would then bring forward, in camera for the consideration Senate, the names of those who are recommended for removal from the list.

### 4. Review of the List of Proposed Honorary Degree Recipients – *in camera*

[The confidential files for proposed Honorary Degrees Recipients were available for members to review in the Secretariat Office prior to the meeting.]

The Procedures and Guidelines for Nomination of Honorary Degrees were amended by Senate on April 22, 2009. One of the amendments includes a process for the removal of a nominee from the confidential List of Proposed Honorary Degree Recipients, as follows:

“If, after five years, a person who has been included on the List has not been awarded an Honorary Degree their nomination will be re-considered by the Senate Governance Committee. The committee may recommend removal of the nominee from the List or that the nominee remains on the List. In cases where the recommendation is for removal from the List, the committee will document its reasons in detail and communicate those reasons to Senate for final approval.”

Professor Sadava noted that a motion was required to move *in camera*.

**MOVED** (Plyley/Cheel)

**That the Governance Committee move *in camera*.**

**CARRIED**

The Committee moved *in camera* at 3:20 p.m.

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The Committee resumed **open session** at 3:52 p.m.

[During the *in camera* session, the Committee conducted its first review of the confidential List of Proposed Honorary Degree Recipients as outlined in the Procedures and Guidelines for Nomination of Honorary Degrees. Confidential recommendations to Senate were approved and the Committee will bring forward, in camera for the consideration Senate, the names of those who are recommended for removal from the list.]

### 5. Other Business

The Committee was informed of a recent article in the National Post regarding the University of Calgary and the potential loss or suspension of grants from NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR due to problems with the management of the research grants. Dr. Brindle agreed to provide a status report about Brock University and the funding agencies to Senate through the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.