



MINUTES OF MEETING #10 (2007-08)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008, 3:45 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Rick Cheel (Chair), Professor Irene Blayer,
Professor Maureen Connolly, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recorder),
Professor Greg Finn, Dean Martin Kusy, Mr. Tim Ribaric,
Professor Mary Louise Vanderlee

REGRETS: Professor Tansu Barker, Mr. Patrick Beard, Mr. Justin Carre,
Professor William Mathie, Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Dean David Siegel

Professor Cheel called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. The meeting was preceded by a meeting with Senate Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2007-08) meeting #9 held April 2, 2008 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED (Kusy/Connolly)

That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2007-08) meeting #9 held April 2, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

Agenda Items

- 2. Nominations to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic Advisory Committee – *in camera***
- 3. Honorary Degree Nominations – *in camera***

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

MOVED (Connolly/Finn)

That the Governance Committee move *in camera*.

CARRIED

The Committee moved *in camera* at 3:57 p.m.

The Committee resumed **open session** at 4:35 p.m.

[During the **in camera** session, the Committee discussed nominations to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and recommended a slate of nominees to the President for consideration. As previously reported to Senate 558, the Committee followed the procedures for recommending members to senior academic and administrative advisory committees as outlined in the Governance Committee Terms of Reference in Faculty Handbook II: 9.5.1 and called for nominations from full-time faculty members from each of the Faculties and Professional Librarians. The procedure provides an opportunity for all eligible faculty members to be nominated for consideration to serve on each respective advisory committee.

The Governance Committee will strike a sub-committee to consider developing procedures regarding how nominees are selected for advisory committees by the various Faculties and/or units before names are forwarded to the Committee for consideration. The Governance Committee will report to Senate on the work of the sub-committee in the new academic year. The Committee agreed to report the above actions to Senate in public session.]

4. Report of the Sub-Committee re Honorary Degrees

The sub-committee would provide its report during the first meeting of the 2008-09 Governance Committee, to be held in September.

5. Organizational Nomenclature Review

The Committee will strike a sub-committee to review the current nomenclature for academic departments, centres and institutes, and research units, centres and institutes, and will also consider the definition of a school. The University currently has a school but no approved nomenclature or definition in the Faculty Handbook that would provide a consistent approach.

Professor Connolly agreed to Chair the sub-committee and Professor Cheel volunteered to be a member. Professor Cheel will invite Dr. Manley-Casimir and interested members of the Governance Committee to join the sub-committee.

There is a pending item coming to the Committee regarding the proposed School of Indigenous Studies that will need to be considered with respect to nomenclature.

The Governance Committee will report to Senate on the work of the sub-committee in the new academic year.

6. Process for Faculty of Graduate Studies Representatives on Senate Committees

This agenda item will be considered by the 2008-09 Governance Committee.

7. Update re UPC and Consideration of the Status of Departments as Related to Academic Reviews

During its previous meeting held April 2, the Committee discussed the various problems associated with the late submission of Academic Review documents including possible penalties/sanctions that could be imposed and who would be responsible for the timely submission of the material.

The role that the Undergraduate Program Committee could have in this matter was discussed. Professor Connolly raised the issue with the Undergraduate Program Committee at a meeting held April 11, 2008.

Professor Connolly reported that UPC agreed that when new programs or major changes to programs are brought forward, the status of any Academic Review would be taken into consideration. Pat Beard would inform UPC of the status of Academic Reviews, as required.

8. Review of the Governance Committee Annual Report

The Annual Report of the 2007-08 Governance Committee was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The Committee approved the report for submission to Senate for the meeting to be held on May 28, 2008.

9. Other business

Professor Cheel thanked the Committee for its hard work, diligence and good humour throughout the year. The numerous matters considered over the year, as reflected in the Annual Report, show the many accomplishments of the Committee. He also expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Committee Vice-Chair Professor Vanderlee.

On behalf of the Committee, Professor Connolly thanked Professor Cheel for his dedication and leadership over the past year. She also expressed appreciation to BUFA Observer Tim Ribaric for his involvement with the Committee and to those members who would not be returning.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.