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MINUTES OF MEETING #1 (2006-07) OF THE

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 AT 3:00 P.M.

IN THE SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Professor Rick Cheel (Vice-Chair), Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Irene Blayer, Dr. Terry Boak, Dean Ian Brindle, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recorder), Professor Debra Inglis, Professor William Mathie, Damien O'Brien, Professor Stan Sadava, Dean David Siegel, Professor Mary Louise Vanderlee

REGRETS: Professor Donald Brown

Chair Connolly welcomed members to the first meeting of the 2006-07 year and asked each person to introduce themselves.

1. Review of the Governance Committee 2005-06 Annual Report

Chair Connolly briefly reviewed the Governance Committee 2005-06 Annual Report as received by Senate on May 31, 2006 and provided details regarding issues to be considered this year. She noted some of the initiatives were completed or underway i.e. the formation of the Advisory Committee on the Appointment of the Chancellor, the Senate by-election and the Terms of Reference for the new Committees.

2. Review of the Governance Committee Critical Path

Chair Connolly reviewed the Critical Path which shows date sensitive initiatives to be considered by the Committee throughout the year. She noted that other initiatives will arise during the year for the Committee's consideration. Responding to a question regarding academic reviews, Dr. Boak stated that the UPRAC report is due soon and may signal changes to be made to the current process. The report would be brought to the Governance Committee for review.

3. Department of Psychology Academic Review

Dean Siegel provided a brief overview of the Department of Psychology Academic Program Review stating that it provides a very positive review of the Department. The report identifies ways in which the current positive situation could be improved. He was pleased with the Department's response to the review and how it has responded to the recommendations, some of which have already been implemented.

The Committee agreed that all review procedures had been followed as outlined in Section III: 20. G of the Faculty Handbook and the following motion was presented.

MOVED (Cheel/O'Brien)

That the Academic Program Review of the Department of Psychology be accepted.

CARRIED
2 abstentions

The recommendation, along with the Dean's Executive Summary and Response to the Academic Review, would be forwarded to Senate for its consideration during its meeting of September 27, 2006.

4. Advisory Committee on the Appointment of the Chancellor - Update

Professor Sadava informed the Committee that the Advisory Committee on the Appointment of the Chancellor has developed a profile for the new Chancellor and has issued a call for nominations to the Brock community. Nominations close on October 9. He reviewed the Committee membership and process noting all meetings are held in camera. A recommendation would be coming to the Governance Committee for its consideration. The Chancellor is elected by Senate. Chancellor Moriyama's term ends on March 31, 2007.

An update, along with the membership of the Committee, will be presented for the information of Senate at its meeting of September 27, 2006.

5. New Committee Mandates and Membership

Chair Connolly reviewed the process for developing the new Committee Terms of Reference for the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee and the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and referred members to the drafts as received. On May 31, 2006, Senate approved a motion to divide the Senate Teaching and Research Policy Committee into the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee. The Governance Committee was given the task to develop the Terms of Reference and membership for each Committee. The draft Committee Terms of Reference were discussed during the Senate orientation and the initial planning session with Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries held on September 6, 2006. The Faculty Handbook would need to be amended to include the new Terms of Reference.

The Committee discussed each of the Terms of Reference and suggested changes. It was agreed that Mike Farrell would make the changes and circulate a revised draft to the Committee for comment before forwarding to Senate for its consideration on September 27, 2006. Chair

Connolly would review the Terms of Reference with the respective Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

MOVED (O'Brien/Vanderlee)

That Faculty Handbook Section II: 9 be amended to include the Terms of Reference for the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee, as amended.

CARRIED

MOVED (Sadava/Inglis)

That Faculty Handbook Section II: 9 be amended to include the Terms of Reference for the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, as amended.

CARRIED

6. Senate Committee Membership and Senate By-election

Mr. Farrell reviewed the Senate By-election timelines stating that there were three new positions and one vacancy to be filled. Chair Connolly provided an overview of the current Committee membership and the challenges in filling all of the positions as outlined in the by-laws. During discussion, the interpretation of the word "designate" was discussed as it applies to some ex officio positions. The Committee agreed to further discuss the interpretation of "designate" at its next meeting.

7. Definition of a School for the FHB

Chair Connolly explained that the University has a School of Fine and Performing Arts but there is no definition of School that has been approved by Senate and included in the Faculty Handbook. Following discussion, it was agreed to clarify how the definition of a School differs from the current definition of an Institute. Chair Connolly will consult with the Dean of Humanities and the Director of the School of Fine and Performing Arts and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

8. List of University Committees and Senate Liaison

The draft list of University-wide committees was circulated to the Committee. Following discussion, it was agreed that Chair Connolly and Vice-Chair Cheel would review the list and make the appropriate connections to Senate Committees (logical linkages) and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

9. BUSU Vice-President, University Affairs as an Ex officio Member of Senate

Mr. O'Brien stated that in order to facilitate more effective communication and understanding between the Brock University Students' Union, its membership and Senate, he had requested that consideration be given to the Vice-President, University Affairs becoming an ex officio voting member of Senate. This position has the responsibility to liaise with internal organizations within the University. This would be an additional Senate seat as there would continue to be six undergraduate student representatives elected by the undergraduate student body on Senate.

Mike Farrell explained that this would be an ex officio appointment made under Article 12 d) of the *Brock University Act* which outlines the composition of Senate including "such other persons elected or appointed as the Senate determines." With this appointment, there would continue to be a majority of Full-time Teaching Staff elected to Senate, as required by the *Brock University Act*.

MOVED (O'Brien/Cheel)

That the Brock University Students' Union Vice- President, University Affairs become an ex officio voting member of Senate and that Faculty Handbook Section II: 1.5 be amended as follows:

FHB Section II: 1.5 - Elected Student Representatives

Six members of the Brock University Students' Union, elected by the Students' Union (see FHB II: 5), the Vice-President, University Affairs ex officio and two graduate students, elected by the Graduate Students Association.

CARRIED

10. Other Business

None.

11. Next Meeting

October 11, 2006

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.