



MINUTES OF MEETING #6 (2006-07)

**SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2007, NOON

MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX, ROOM MC301

PRESENT: Professor Maureen Connolly (Chair), Mr. Patrick Beard,  
Dr. Rodger Beatty (for item 2), Professor Irene Blayer, Dean Ian Brindle,  
Professor Donald Brown, Professor Rick Cheel, (Vice-Chair),  
Mr. Mike Farrell (Recorder), Professor William Mathie,  
Professor Stan Sadava, Dean David Siegel, Ms. Jo Stewart (for item #3),  
Professor Mary Louise Vanderlee

REGRETS: Dr. Terry Boak, Mr. Damien O'Brien

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting #5 (2006-07) held January 10, 2007 were circulated prior to the meeting.

**MOVED** (Vanderlee/Blayer)

**That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting #5 (2006-07) held January 10, 2007 be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Academic Program Review of the Centre for Adult Education and Community Outreach**

Dr. Rodger Beatty presented the Academic Program Review on behalf of the Centre for Adult Education and Community Outreach. He noted that the Centre had already responded to several of the recommendations in the report and that it was a valuable process. Following discussion, the Committee agreed that all review procedures had been followed and approved a motion that the Academic Program Review be accepted as outlined in Section III: 20. G of the Faculty Handbook.

The Dean's Executive Summary and Response to the Academic Program Review would be attached to the report to Senate.

**MOVED** (Vanderlee/Sadava)

**That the Academic Program Review of the Centre for Adult Education and Community Outreach be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Psychology Program Degree Requirements Changes**

Ms. Jo Stewart provided background to the Committee on behalf of the Psychology Department regarding the proposed changes to the degree requirements. The Department of Psychology proposed that its non-honours and/or with major 4-year degree needed more flexibility in the 300 level offerings. The question arose following the Department's calendar submission to the Undergraduate Program Committee which was then referred to the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee and ultimately to the Governance Committee.

The possible impact this change would have on other degree programs was discussed as it was believed that there were broader issues at stake with respect to non-honours four year degrees offered across the University. The role of the Governance Committee in this matter was questioned as it was the third Committee to deal with the issue. Similar discussions had occurred at all three Committees. It was suggested that measures should be taken to ensure this does not happen again as the length of time to make a decision is not acceptable.

It was noted that this is a regulations issue which could constitute a change in the academic calendar and should be decided by USAC. The Governance Committee agreed to present a motion to Senate to amend Faculty Handbook III: 6.4 B. by adding wording such as "except as noted". The implications of the motion for other academic programs and for University degree requirements could be discussed at Senate. It was agreed that Chair Connolly and Mr. Farrell would draft the appropriate wording for the FHB amendment and review this with the Committee before submitting the report to Senate.

The appropriate section of the FHB is noted below.

**FHB III: 6.4 General Degree Requirements**

**B.** A BA with a Major, a BSc with a Major, a BPhEd with a major or a BBA degree will be awarded upon the successful completion of 20 credits with a minimum major average of 60 percent and a cumulative average of 60 percent. At least 12 of the 20 credits must be at the 2(alpha)00-level or above, at least six of these must be at the 2(alpha)90-level or above, and at least three of these must be at the 3(alpha)90-level or above.

**4. Department of Psychology Academic Program Review – Action Plan**

Mr. Beard informed the Committee that the Department of Psychology Academic Program Review Action Plan was submitted to the Governance Committee for information after review by the Vice-President, Academic and Provost, as

required by FHB III: 20. H. 2. The Action Plan would now be forwarded to Senate for information at its next meeting to be held February 28, 2007.

**5. Graduate Studies Committee - Motions to Senate**

Chair Connolly notified the Committee that she had met with the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee to clarify the various types of items that are brought to Senate for approval and for information in order to be consistent with the Undergraduate Program Committee. The Graduate Studies Committee will present to Senate for approval new programs and majors, calendar entries and additions or deletions to the course bank that change program requirements. Information items presented to Senate include additions or deletions to the course bank that do not change program requirements. Senate would be informed of this clarification at its next meeting to be held February 28, 2007.

**6. Senate Discussion Regarding an Open or Closed Presidential Search Process**

Chair Connolly noted that the Committee provided notice to Senate that, during Senate 546, the Chair of Senate would moderate a discussion regarding the question of whether a Presidential search should be an open or closed confidential process.

Any recommendation to the Board of Trustees from Senate on this matter would be given as advice for the Board to consider. Article 11 a) of the *Brock University Act* gives the Board of Trustees the authority to appoint the President and Vice-Chancellor following consultation with Senate. FHB I: 3.2 outlines the procedures for the Appointment/Reappointment of Presidents.

**Other Agenda Items**

Due to time constraints, Agenda items 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be brought forward to be discussed during the next meeting of the Committee:

7. Electronic voting for Senate elections
8. Changes to Senate Committee membership
9. Faculty Handbook amendments:
  - a) FHB II: 6.2 - addition to clarify role of Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries
  - b) FHB II: 8.2 - update regarding committee responsibilities
10. Ad hoc vs. standing sub-committee of Governance for applications for faculty or school status

**11. Next meeting**

March 14, 2007

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.