



MINUTES OF MEETING #2 (2007-08)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007, 3:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Rick Cheel (Chair), Professor Tansu Barker, Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Irene Blayer, Dr. Terry Boak, Mr. Justin Carre, Professor Maureen Connolly, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recorder), Professor William Mathie, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Mr. Tim Ribaric, Dean David Siegel, Professor Mary Louise Vanderlee

REGRETS: Dean Martin Kusy

Professor Cheel welcomed members and called the meeting to order. He introduced Mr. Tim Ribaric as the BUFA Observer to the 2007-08 Senate Governance Committee. Each member introduced themselves to the Committee.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting #1 (2007-08) held June 21, 2007 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED (Mathie/O'Brien)

That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting #1 (2007-08) held June 21, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Review list of University Committees

The Committee agreed to consider Item 3 on the agenda at this time.

Professor Cheel explained that the Senate/University Committee Relationships 2006-2007 document would be updated through the Governance Committee annually and presented to Senate for information. Mr. Farrell will work with Professor Cheel to update the list for this year.

2. Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President Academic Senate status

Dr. Boak provided background on the new position of Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President Academic. Professor Greg Finn was the successful candidate for the position and is currently an elected member of Senate. The Committee discussed ex officio status for this position which would represent the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic at Senate meetings, as required, and would also have ex officio voting status on Senate Committees as an alternate to the President and Vice-Chancellor and the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

This ex officio appointment would be 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 ex officio appointment, there would continue to be a majority of full-time teaching staff elected to Senate, as required by the *Act* which states: 12 c) a) such number elected by and from the full time teaching staff as shall always constitute a majority.

There are currently 33 full-time teaching staff members and one Professional Librarian on Senate as well as 27 other members including ex officio (17); students (8) and Board of Trustees (2).

Professor Finn would need to resign his elected Senate seat in order to become an ex officio member of Senate. The vacant seat would then be filled by the person next standing in the last election.

MOVED (Vanderlee/O'Brien)

That the Governance Committee recommend to Senate that the position of Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President Academic become an ex officio voting member of Senate.

CARRIED

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4. and 5. Search Committee membership: Vice-President, Research; Dean of Applied Health Sciences; Dean of Business; Dean of Social Sciences

Dr. Boak informed the Committee that several appointment/reappointment Committees were required to be constituted. The President, in consultation with the Governance Committee, has the responsibility of selecting members for the various Advisory Committees. Board approval will be sought by the President to create the new position of Vice-President, Research and to follow the appointment regulations established in the Faculty Handbook for the Vice-President, Academic and Provost. A new process for this position would be developed for the future.

The Chair noted that a motion was required to move *in camera* to discuss nominations to the various Committees.

MOVED (Barker/Connolly)

That the Governance Committee move *in camera*.

CARRIED

The Committee moved *in camera* at 3:31 p.m.

The Committee resumed **open session** at 4:40 p.m.

[During the *in camera* session, the Committee discussed and approved a recommendation regarding the membership of the various appointment/reappointment Committees. Professor Cheel will contact each of the suggested nominees regarding their willingness to serve.]

6. Other business

Professor Connolly provided an update on the Senate Committee composition noting that the remaining vacant positions will soon be filled.

Dr. Boak informed the Committee of the method for further developing the report, *Brock University 2014; Knowledge, Engagement, Transformation*, and that the process for developing an academic strategy as discussed by the Committee during its previous meeting would not be implemented at this time.

MOVED (Boak/Vanderlee)

That the motion from Meeting #1 of the Senate Governance Committee held June 21, 2007 to create an ad hoc Committee of Senate be rescinded and that item #5 be expunged from those minutes.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.