



MINUTES OF MEETING #5 (2007-08)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007, 3:45 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Mary Louise Vanderlee (Vice-Chair), Professor Tansu Barker, Mr. Patrick Beard, Professor Irene Blayer, Professor Maureen Connolly, Mr. Mike Farrell (Recorder), Professor Greg Finn, Dean Martin Kusy, Professor William Mathie, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Dean David Siegel

REGRETS: Mr. Justin Carre, Professor Rick Cheel, Mr. Tim Ribaric

Vice-Chair Vanderlee called the meeting to order at 3:53 p.m. A meeting of the Governance Committee with Senate Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries was held prior to the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting #4 (2007-08) held November 7, 2007 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED (Siegel/Kusy)

That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting #4 (2007-08) held November 7, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Review list of Senate/University Committee Relationships

Professor Vanderlee presented the draft report titled "Senate/University Committee Relationships 2007-08" which had been distributed with the meeting materials and asked for comments from the Committee. The list was compiled by the University Secretariat Office last year at the request of the Governance Committee in order to develop a better understanding of the various University-wide Committees and their mandates and to determine where there may be useful connections to Senate. The list was recently updated and was also presented for input during the previous meeting with the Senate Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries.

There were no changes suggested to the list by the Governance Committee. The report would be presented to Senate for information at its meeting to be held December 12, 2007.

3. Honorary Degree Nominations

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

MOVED (O'Brien/Blayer)

That the Governance Committee move *in camera*.

CARRIED

The Committee moved *in camera* at 3:58 p.m.

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

[During the *in camera* session, the Committee approved two recommendations regarding the Honorary Degree nomination criteria and process. The Committee agreed that one of the recommendations be made public, as noted below. A confidential report regarding Honorary Degree Nominations was distributed to the Committee and then returned to Mr. Farrell following discussion.]

MOVED (Mathie/Barker)

That a sub-committee of the Governance Committee be struck to review the criteria and process for awarding Honorary Degrees; and that the sub-committee be Chaired by Senator Damien O'Brien with members Professor Tansu Barker and Professor William Mathie; and that the sub-committee report back to the Governance Committee on its progress at its next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2008.

CARRIED

The Governance Committee will inform Senate about the establishment of the sub-committee and report further on this matter at a later date, after considering the report of the sub-committee. The Committee also agreed that it was important to hear the views of the President at its next meeting regarding the review of the criteria and process for awarding Honorary Degrees.

4. Other business

There was no other business.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.