



MINUTES OF MEETING #6 (2007-08)

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008, 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), Dean Martin Kusy, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Professor William Mathie, Mr. Damien O'Brien, Mr. Tim Ribaric, Professor Mary Louise Vanderlee

REGRETS: Dean David Siegel

Professor Cheel called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2007-08) meeting #5 held November 28, 2007 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED (Vanderlee/O'Brien)

That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee (2007-08) meeting #5 held November 28, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

Due to the time commitments of some members, it was agreed that the agenda would be adjusted to the following order: Item 5, 6, 4, 2, 3, 7 and 8.

5. Report of the Sub-Committee re Honorary Degrees

Mr. O'Brien, as the Chair of the sub-committee reviewing the criteria and process for awarding Honorary degrees, provided an update on the work of the sub-committee.

The Committee was asked for its input and ideas were presented for the consideration of the sub-committee. It was suggested that the comparators used to review the criteria and process should include Universities that operate in the same context as Brock and that it may be useful to determine the norm in Ontario and Canada.

It was also noted that a purpose of awarding an Honorary Degree is to honour an individual who is a role model and whose life and/or career reflects what students and others would want to aspire to i.e. outstanding and remarkable achievements. The individual would bring a message to the University and to the community during Convocation that would inspire others.

The Committee was asked to forward their ideas to Mr. O'Brien for the consideration of the sub-committee. The sub-committee would further consult with the President's Office, as required.

6. Honorary Degree Nominations

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

MOVED (Connolly/O'Brien)

That the Governance Committee move *in camera*.

CARRIED

The Committee moved *in camera* at 3:25 p.m.

The Committee resumed **open session** at 4:28 p.m.

[During the *in camera* session, a confidential report regarding Honorary Degree Nominations dated January 9, 2008 was distributed to the Committee. During the *in camera* session, the Committee discussed Honorary Degree nominations and approved recommendations to forward to Senate for its consideration. Following the discussion, the confidential reports were returned to Mr. Farrell.]

4. Senate Election Date and Recommendation for Scrutineers

Professor Cheel informed the Committee that Senate appoints, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, two Senators who are not standing for election to serve as scrutineers for the election. The following motion was presented.

MOVED (Barker/Connolly)

That Senators Mary-Louise Vanderlee and Rick Cheel be appointed as scrutineers for the Senate election to be held March 28, 2008.

CARRIED

Due to time constraints discussion of agenda item 2. *Enforcement of the Faculty Handbook* and agenda item 3. *Organizational Nomenclature Review* would be postponed until the next meeting of the Committee.

7. Other business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.