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MINUTES OF MEETING #2 (2006-07)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007, 1:00 PM

SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor Nota Klentrou (Chair), Dr. Terry Boak, Mr. Tom Goldspink, Ms. Margaret Grove, Dean Martin Kusy, Professor Dan Malleck, Professor Carol Merriam, Professor Joyce Mgombelo

Dr. Jack Miller, Mr. Steven Pillar, Mr. Tom Saint-Ivany, Ms. Margaret Sanderson, Ms. Joanne Smith, Mr. Scott Walker, Ms. Margaret Thompson (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Eric Turcotte, Associate, Urban Strategies, Inc.
Ms. Ewa Downarowicz, Designer and Planner, Urban Strategies, Inc.

REGRETS: Dean Ian Brindle, Professor Sheridan Houghten, Professor Sharilyn Ingram, Professor Eli Levanoni, Ms. Joy Rogers, Mr. Rahhal Rahhal, Professor Stan Sadava

Professor Klentrou welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

1. **Approval of Minutes**
[The Minutes of Meeting #1 held November 28, 2006 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

MOVED (Kusy/Miller)

That the minutes of meeting #1 held November 28, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes** - None

3. **Report of the Chair**

Professor Klentrou noted that due to the departure of Professor Radue from Senate and the Committee, she had agreed to a request from the Senate Governance Committee to serve as Chair

of the Committee. As a result, the previous position she held as Vice-Chair was currently vacant and nominations for the position would be addressed later in the meeting.

4. **Brock University Planning, Design and Architecture Best Practices Document -Consultation with Urban Strategies ***

[A memo to the Committee from the Executive Director, Facilities Management dated February 28, 2007 together with a Draft Outline of the Planning, Urban Design and Architecture Best Practices document for Brock University dated February 20, 2007 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

Mr. Turcotte provided an overview of the Draft Outline of the Planning, Urban Design and Architecture Best Practices document for Brock University. The document aims to set out themes and directions as they relate to campus planning, urban design and architecture.

The Committee then entered into a roundtable discussion, during which comments and suggestions were provided to and documented by the representatives from Urban Strategies.

Following discussion, Mr. Turcotte thanked Committee members for their feedback. The draft document would be refined and a final draft would be circulated for comments in approximately three weeks. In the interim, Mr. Turcotte noted that should members have any additional thoughts following the meeting, they may contact him at eturcottee@urbanstrategeis.com

5. **Status Update Major Projects**

Mr. Walker provided an oral update on the status of major projects which included the following:

- Re: Plaza 2006 – partial occupancy has commenced; construction continues and the estimated opening date for the campus bookstore is mid-April.
- Re: Learning Commons – detailed design work is underway; the fire alarm replacement in Schmon Tower/Thistle will be undertaken concurrent with the Learning Commons project; as well, preliminary discussions are being held regarding a proposal to develop an enclosed marketplace within the Thistle courtyard.
- Re: Welch Hall Addition Feasibility Study – the study concluded that the estimated project cost is higher than the amount of funding for the project; potential courses of action are currently being considered to determine how to proceed.

6. **Communications re: Timetables/Scheduling Issues**

[Two communications regarding timetables/scheduling issues had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

Professor Klentrou referred members to the two communications regarding timetables/scheduling which had been forwarded to the Committee for consideration from the Chair of Senate. It was proposed, and members concurred, that it would be more appropriate for the Timetabling Committee, a joint Committee of the University and BUFA, to address the concerns outlined in the communications. Professor Klentrou would forward the communications accordingly.

7. **Other Business**

Re: Election of a Committee Vice-Chair

Professor Klentrou called for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on University Infrastructure.

Dean Kusy, seconded by Professor Mgombelo, nominated Professor Carol Merriam who agreed to let her name stand. There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed and Professor Merriam elected as Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on University Infrastructure.

8. **Next Meetings**

Future meetings would be held as follows:

Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Board Room
Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Board Room
Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Board Room

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.