



MINUTES OF MEETING #3 (2006-07)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007, 11:00 AM

13TH FLOOR BOARD ROOM, SCHMON TOWER

PRESENT: Professor Nota Klentrou (Chair), Dean Ian Brindle, Professor Sharilyn Ingram, Professor Eli Levanoni, Professor Joyce Mgombelo, Ms. Joy Rogers

Dr. Jack Miller, Mr. Tom Saint-Ivany, Ms. Margaret Sanderson, Ms. Margaret Thompson (Secretary)

REGRETS: Dr. Terry Boak, Mr. Tom Goldspink, Ms. Margaret Grove, Professor Sheridan Houghten, Dr. Jim Kerr, Dean Martin Kusy, Professor Dan Malleck, Professor Carol Merriam, Mr. Steven Pillar, Mr. Rahhal Rahhal, Professor Stan Sadava, Ms. Joanne Smith, Mr. Scott Walker

Professor Klentrou welcomed members and called the meeting to order. Noting that there was not a quorum present, the Chair indicated that should a decision item arise, it would be deferred to the next meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

[The minutes of Meeting #2 held March 7, 2007 had been distributed with the meeting materials.]

Due to lack of a quorum, the approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

The Chair noted that discussion of the draft Planning, Design and Architecture Best Practices Document would be considered under agenda item 5.

3. Report of the Chair - None

4. Whiteboards/Blackboards

Professor Klentrou and Mr. Saint-Ivany expanded on a concern from a professor that his request for a classroom equipped with a blackboard had not been accommodated. The blackboard had been deemed essential by the professor due to the mathematical content of the course.

During discussion, it was pointed out that many whiteboards, especially those located in classrooms in Academic South, are much narrower than blackboards and not conducive to writing long equations. As the University moves toward its target of a 90:10 ratio of whiteboards to blackboards, replacements with wide whiteboards may assist in easing the transition.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that it would be advantageous for instructors to be given an option of requesting a room equipped with either a blackboard or a whiteboard while recognizing that a request was not a guarantee. Professor Klentrou agreed to contact the Associate Registrar, Examinations and Timetables, to discuss the potential of adding such an option to the scheduling form for future consideration and to determine if anything further could be done to address the current outstanding concern.

5. Brock University Planning, Design and Architecture Best Practices Document

[A memo from Mr. Saint-Ivany together with the draft copy of Brock University's "Shaping our Future - A Guide to the Planning, Design and Architecture of the Natural and Built-Environments" dated March 2007 had been electronically distributed prior to the meeting.]

Mr. Saint-Ivany provided a brief overview of the draft copy of Brock University's "Shaping our Future - A Guide to the Planning, Design and Architecture of the Natural and Built-Environments" which had been prepared in consultation with Urban Strategies, Inc. The draft had been developed following discussion sessions with many stakeholders, including the Committee on University Infrastructure, and further comments were now being sought prior to March 28, 2007

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Saint-Ivany responded to questions and received feedback from members which he would share with Urban Strategies. With respect to next steps, a final draft would be presented for approval of the Capital Projects and Facilities Committee of the Board on April 12, 2007, and its recommendation would be forwarded to the Board for endorsement on April 26, 2007.

The University will be formally recognized by The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada for its efforts in creating an architecture policy to direct future development and buildings at Brock during the 2007 Festival of Architecture in May.

6. 2007-08 Operating Budget Implications

As the University moves forward to reduce expenses and increase revenue to meet its financial challenges for 2007-08 and beyond, Mr. Saint-Ivany reviewed several of the changes that would be made with respect to facilities management. For example, by decreasing all room temperatures on the main campus by 1 degree C in the winter and increasing by 1 degree C in the summer would result in an estimated cost savings of \$57,800 and for the Hamilton Campus, an estimated \$2,600 in savings. An additional \$4,600 could be saved by turning off the Tower Ribbon Lights (not the red aviation-related lights) around the top of Schmon Tower. Mr. Saint-Ivany urged members to help increase awareness within the University community of the various ways in which individuals can help to reduce energy consumption.

In response to questions regarding deferred maintenance and facility renewal plans, Mr. Saint-Ivany indicated that there was a formalized plan in place, including the development of a rolling

five-year program of projects which provides recommendations to the University Administration. It was noted that it would be valuable for the Committee and Senate to be aware of the projects (typically exceeding \$10,000) that have been advanced for approval under the University's FY 07/08 budget development process and proposed for implementation in FY 07/08. Mr. Saint-Ivany would provide a report at the next meeting.

7. Other Business

In response to a concern raised regarding the lack of storage space on campus, Dr. Miller noted that while there was no immediate short-term solution, long-term plans continue to be examined.

8. Next Meetings

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

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.