

**MINUTES OF MEETING #7 (2007 - 2008) OF THE  
SENATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP POLICY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 26th, 2008 AT 10:00AM - 11:30AM  
IN MC D350-L**

**PRESENT:** Dr. Nota Klentrou (Chair), Dr. Sandra Bosacki, Dr. Ian Brindle, Dr. Patricia Debly, Dr. Tamara El-Hoss (Vice-Chair), Ms. Margaret Grove, Dr. Bulent Menguc, Dr. Bozidar Mitrovic, Dr. Lynn Rempel, Dr. Marilyn Rose, Dr. Angus Smith, Ms. Judy Maiden (Recorder)

**ARRIVED AFTER MEETING START:** Dr. Terry Boak

**REGRETS:** Ms. Frances Chandler, Ms. Iva Matthews, Dr. Cheryl McCormick, Dr. Joffre Mercier, Dr. Barry Wright

**Introductions / Welcome** (Nota Klentrou)

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** (El-Hoss/Brindle)

**THAT** the agenda be accepted

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**MOVED** (El-Hoss/Bosacki)

To change the date in the heading for the April 14<sup>th</sup> minutes

**THAT** the minutes of the #6 (2007 - 2008) Senate Research & Scholarship Policy Committee held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be approved with a minor change.

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising**

Sub-committee reports

3.1 Best Practices

(Sandra Bosacki)

The Sub-Committee met on May 14<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the definitions of centres, institutes and research units from the list which had been created. The Senate Governance Committee is currently compiling the information.

Currently under consideration is the need to rework a lecture series for either “out going” (senior/retired) tenure professors or for recently tenured professors. Important factors to consider are; to realize the importance of the audience and the need to decide who to target the talks to. The need to know how we can create best practices to ensure that we provide a successful and informative lecture/speaker series to promote research and scholarship among the Brock community - one that will interest - community members, faculty members, and students (graduate/undergraduate).

This year Frances Chandler planned two successful Café Scientifiques. The first dealt with autism and the second with obesity. The attendance was good for both. The cost was expensive at \$3500, but \$3000 was received from Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR). The Office of Research Services (ORS) picked up part of the additional costs. There is a need to think of other ways to fund future workshops. These workshops can and do support community involvement.

Goals worked on this year were; 1) to promote interdisciplinary networking/collaboration: work on a collaborative, on-line database of research interests of faculty members including providing space for a collaborative on-line forum or discussion. 2) to increase research grant application internal review process and to encourage and support all Faculties to develop writing groups (for publication, grants) that include peer review and mentoring, as well as strengthening research component of CV and to further develop recognition of Brock University Faculty as research scholars.

**ACTION** Sandra Bosacki will summarize the actions for next years sub committee and send to Tamara El-Hoss and Judy Maiden.

The larger committee is pondering reorganizing sub-committees for next year.

### 3.2 External Recognition/ Raising our Profile

(Nota Klentrou)

The sub-committee met last week with David Petis, Vice-President Advancement. He brought up two ideas that the Advancement Office had discussed with the Office of Research Services. The ideas are to create an “Emeritus Dean” and a “University Professor” position. The University Professor would be awarded to extremely achieved professors in the community who are well recognized. York University and McMaster University already have these awards in place. These titles could be used to raise our profile and it would be a good achievement for many professors at Brock.

For the Emeritus Dean this is a title that could be carried forward after their active service ends. There would be certain recognition of their past service and the award would be a more formal way of acknowledging it. Out in the community the title of “Emeritus Dean”

carries some weight and may carry more clout and influence as well. It could be used for external fund raising. The idea is that these people will serve and benefit the university and this would give them more prestige to the outside community. They would be a spokesperson for the university, but would not interfere with the active deans if present at meetings as the title would be honorific in nature and there would be no salary attached to the title. The initials behind a name can carry weight in foreign places like China.

For active deans who have recently retired, we could “grandfather” them if they plan to remain active. A question asked was if the title is going to be automatically awarded and will every dean get it. Some people felt it should be automatic. The Advancement Office is looking for help with this issue.

These titles are still in the discussion stage, but if this does happen and there are positive actions this committee would have to eventually go through Senate for approval. The Chair, Nota Klentrou is convinced we need to discuss this in the coming year.

Ian Brindle suggested that we define what would be the extent of benefits for these positions. We need to reflect on this and develop guidelines and pass them on to David Petis for his review. Ian Brindle, Nota Klentrou, Angus Smith and Tamara El-Hoss will meet to develop the above.

**ACTION** Ian Brindle to provide guidance for the new title Dean Emeritus

**ACTION** This Sub-Committee is to put together guidelines for a discussion document for the positions of Emeritus Dean and University Professor for next year’s committee to review.

Ian Brindle received a copy of a letter from Accelerator in regard to Dr. Doug Bruce for a large grant he will receive over the next three years. This is in recognition of his stature as a researcher.

It was mentioned that there is not much research on the front page of Brock University’s web page and this needs to be changed. On other university web sites research is first and foremost.

### 3.3 Financial

(Bulent Menguc)

The sub-committee was unable to get together all at once, but met in smaller groups to determine the extent of the amount the university supports from internal funds.

Once Marilyn Rose has constructed the questionnaire it will be passed on to Bulent Menguc. Together Bulent Menguc and Barry Wright will take this task on. There was no response from any deans in the request for information, but Marilyn Rose mentioned that the deans were comfortable with this new template.

**ACTION** Bulent Menguc is to continue to create the questionnaire for the committee

### 3.4 Policies and Procedures

- i. Intellectual Property Policy updates (Ian Brindle)

Maureen Murphy and Ian Brindle will continue to work on this document. Maureen Murphy will provide a template of the proposal of the agreement between faculty and students. The revised template should not be in the negotiations as it would be inappropriate and would result in extensive discussions and slow the process down. A template will be provided to better explain the process.

**ACTION** Maureen Murphy and Ian Brindle to continue to work on the document for next meeting

## 4. **New Business**

- a. Library Report – “New Initiatives at the Library” (Margaret Grove)

The Library is embarking on two important and interconnected initiatives that will enhance its ability to support the teaching, learning and research programs of Brock University. The two initiatives are the Liaison Program and Changes in Book Purchasing. The new Liaison Program and its strategies will strengthen the book collection and gain efficiencies in purchasing. These changes are designed to achieve a much tighter alignment of the Library’s activities with the University’s academic priorities. The enormous growth in graduate programs and enrolments along with the University’s plans to continue to expand its graduate offerings has created a need to acquire a greater depth and breadth of information resources across the curriculum.

In April 2008, after an internal review the library decided to develop a formal Liaison Program based a new department called Liaison Services. The Library will embark on a search for the position of Head, Liaison Services shortly. This program represents a shift in emphasis from the traditional inward focus of libraries to one that is much more outward looking.

To improve the book collection the Library is implementing a number of changes. The Library will set up approval plans with an academic book vendor in order to receive timely notification and descriptions of academic books as they are published. Approval plans will ensure that books are on the shelves quickly, provide the Library with an increased discount and provide more consistent coverage of new publications, and pick up interdisciplinary titles that may otherwise fall through the cracks. The Library will conclude the vendor selection process shortly and will then proceed to set up approval plans throughout the spring and summer months.

New book lists were posted to the library web site. The library is trying to control the amount of work load involved in these processes.

b. The Research Unit for Global Education (RUGE)

(Ian Brindle)

A proposal was submitted to this committee from the Pre-Service Department of the Faculty of Education as they would like to set up this research unit within their department. Patricia Debly suggested requesting more details in regard to how much money is required as the budget is currently too vague.

**ACTION** Ian Brindle will ask Anne Elliott for additional information in regard to the amount of money requested for the budget.

It was asked, "What is Global Education?" In the proposal it is outlined on page one in the Purpose of the proposal under item D. It was mentioned that in Global Education there are a lot of disciplines involved and it can mean working across many cultures and across the world. It is defined depending on who the researcher is. This term is used frequently.

It was thought that to be defined as a research unit the structure would have to be small and it could be dependant upon the number of people involved. A research unit is usually approved at the departmental level.

This proposal will have to go to Senate for full approval.

**ACTION** To add to agenda for the new committee in September

**MOTION** To submit to Senate the motion for approval of this Research Unit (Marilyn Rose made this motion to submit to Senate in September)

(Mitrovic/Bosacki)

## 5. Updates and Information Items

Institute for Transnational Studies in the Americas (ITSA) update

(Nota Klentrou)

A motion to approve the formation of the Institute for Transnational Studies in the Americas (ITSA) for a term of five years, from July 1, 2008 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was submitted to Senate by Nota Klentrou on May 20<sup>th</sup> and it received overwhelming approval.

## 6. Other Business

(Committee)

The Vice-President Research candidate schedules were distributed for the presentations and meetings with this committee.

A good discussion was generated with those from this committee who met with the first candidate, Dr. Liette Vasseur, Laurentian University. The overall attendance for her

presentation was dismal and it was hoped there would be a better turnout at the next two presentations for the other candidates.

The additional candidates are Dr. David Gauthier, University of Regina and Dr. Dan Weeks, Simon Fraser University.

All meetings to be held in: MC D350-L Research Services/Graduate Studies Boardroom.

**MOVED** (Smith/Mitrovic)

**MOTION** to adjourn

**CARRIED**

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am