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## **MEETING OF SENATE ORIENTATION (2009-10)**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009, 3:00 PM

## DR. CHARLES A. SANKEY CHAMBER, MACKENZIE CHOWN COMPLEX

PRESENT: Professor John Sivell (Chair), Professor Susan Sydor (Vice-Chair), Dr. Ian Brindle,

Dr. John Corlett, Ms. Barb Davis, Dean Thomas Dunk, Dr. Greg Finn,

Dean Rosemary Hale, Dean James Heap, Dr. Murray Knuttila, Mr. Rudi Kroeker,

Mr. Rob Lanteigne, Dr. Jack Lightstone, Interim Dean Barbara Sainty,

Dr. Liette Vasseur, Dr. Thomas Winger

Professors June Corman, Nancy DeCourville, Tamara El-Hoss, Sandra Felton, Nota Klentrou, Renee Kuchapski, Kelly Lockwood, Maureen Lux, Diane Mack, Herbert MacKenzie, Ingrid Makus, James Mandigo, Frances Owen, Richard Parker, Michael Plyley, Stan Sadava, Cristina Santos, Larry Savage, Astride Silis, R. Angus Smith, Mark Spencer, David Vivian, Michelle Webber, Deborah Yeager-Woodhouse, Paul Zelisko, Deborah Zinni

Mr. Roland Acha, Ms. Tabasum Akseer, Mr. Will Crothers, Ms. Jessica Gallagher,

Mr. Daud Grewal, Ms. Carly White

Mr. Bill Rickers

Mr. Mike Farrell, Secretary, Ms. Margaret Thompson, Associate Secretary

**ALSO** 

PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Beard, Ms. Laurie Morrison

REGRETS: Professors Tansu Barker, Christine Daigle, Mr. Ned Goodman, Ms. Margaret Grove,

Mr. Ryan Klamot, Professors Murray Kropf, Dan Malleck, Ms. Kim Meade,

Professors Roberto Nickel, Tom O'Neill, Mr. Sebastian Prins, Dean Marilyn Rose,

Mr. Bruce Wormald, Dr. Philip Wright

# 1. Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

Professor John Sivell, Chair, called the 2009-10 Senate Orientation Meeting to order and welcomed new and returning members of Senate.

Dr. Lightstone added his personal welcome to Senators. During the President's introductory remarks, he expanded on the significant role and responsibilities of Senate as one of the two University governing bodies, together with the Board of Trustees, and as sanctioned by *The Brock University Act*.

The President introduced Dr. Murray Knuttila who had commenced his term as Provost and Vice-President, Academic on July 1, 2009. Dr. Knuttila provided a brief overview of his background and thanked members of the Brock community for the warm welcome he has received.

At the invitation of Professor Sivell, Mr. Kroeker, Chair of the Board of Trustees, provided welcoming remarks to Senate during which he noted that it was an honour and privilege to serve both the Board of Trustees and the Senate.

At the request of Professor Sivell, all members present introduced themselves and noted their affiliation.

### 2. Overview of Senate Committee Structure and Mandates

By way of an overhead presentation, Professor Sydor provided an overview of the current structure and responsibilities of each of the eight Committees of Senate and of the Student Appeals Board. Projected areas of focus within each Committee for the upcoming academic year were highlighted.

### 3. Overview of the Senate Web Site

Mr. Farrell reviewed the contents of the Senate website <a href="www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate/">www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate/</a> and the process by which members are notified of the posting of meeting materials and other pertinent communications from Senate.

#### 4. Other Business

The Chair related that the President and Vice-Chancellor had one item to report to Senate.

Dr. Lightstone noted that as the search for a Dean of Graduate Studies had not been successful during the 2008-09 academic year, Dr. Marilyn Rose's term as Dean had been extended for one year to June 30, 2010. Following recent consultations with the Provost and Vice-President, Academic and the Faculty Deans, it was decided that the commencement of a search for a Dean of Graduate Studies during the 2009-2010 academic year be deferred as there were currently three other decanal searches underway and the additional time would provide a further opportunity to review the function and structure of graduate studies. The President advised Senate that he would bringing the matter of extending the term of the Dean of Graduate Studies for an additional one year (to June 30, 2011) to the Board of Trustees.

Professor Sivell questioned if Senate would like to present a motion in support of the President's decision and asked for a motion to waive the Five-Day Rule (FHB II: 7.1.3) which requires the

unanimous consent of all members present.

**MOVED** (Brindle/Sainty)

That the Five-Day Rule be waived.

**DEFEATED** 

## 5. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning, the Chair asked Senators if there were any additional matters to be forwarded to Senate Committees for consideration. It was requested that a policy on travel and field research be examined by the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee and the Undergraduate Program Committee and that the scheduling of classrooms in relation to pedagogical requirements be examined by the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. and was followed by a meeting of the Governance Committee with Senate Committee Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Secretaries.