

REPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

A special meeting of Senate was held on April 22, 2020. The Agenda and materials for this meeting are available by clicking [HERE](#). During the meeting, Senate undertook the following actions:

- reviewed a Proposal for Fall 2020 Term Course Offerings presented by the Provost, and approved the following motion:
 - THAT:
 - a) the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, in consultation with the President and Vice-Chancellor, be authorized to mandate that the Fall 2020 term be delivered in its entirety through online or alternate delivery methods; and,
 - b) the University Registrar be authorized to adjust restrictions or programming for the Fall 2020 term as needed, without modifying the Academic Calendar, related to the following items:
 1. Contact hours;
 2. Notes referencing the delivery mode - onsite, online or blended online;
 3. Prerequisite requirements as they relate to year 1 courses and sequencing; and,
 4. Experiential Education components of course provided that such adjustments be undertaken at the direction of and in consultation with Departments, Centres and Programs, coordinated by the respective Faculty Deans.

The 680th meeting of the Brock University Senate (2019-20) was held on April 29, 2020. The Agenda and materials for this meeting are available by clicking [HERE](#). During the open session of the meeting, Senate undertook the following actions:

- received a Report from the Governance Committee, and
 - approved amendments to Faculty Handbook Section 2: 7.1.8 regarding remote attendance at Senate meetings
- received a Report from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, and
 - postponed consideration of motion to approve the Open Access Policy to the next meeting of Senate
- received a Report from the Graduate Studies Committee, and
 - approved amendments to Faculty Handbook Section 3 B: 6.5 - Advanced Standing
 - approved a motion recommending that the Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, respond to requests related to COVID-19 disruption in a way that provides flexibility and options to research-based graduate students to successfully complete their programs as elaborated in the options listed in the Appendix to the Report
- received the Report of the Chair of Senate
- received the Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor
- received the Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, and
 - approved amendments to Faculty Handbook Sections 3.C.15.1 and 3.C.15.2 to clarify the source data used for Program Review Discontinuation

- received the Report of the Vice-President, Research
- received an oral update from the Two Row Council
- engaged in a generative discussion regarding online and alternative format delivery - issues and challenges for fall 2020
- held an in camera session to consider the election of a next Chancellor and for a consultation regarding the position of Provost and Vice-President, Academic

SENATE ACTIONS TAKEN VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

Senate undertook the following actions via approval of the consent Agenda:

- approved the Minutes of the 679th Meeting of Senate held on April 1, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Senate held on April 22, 2020
- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee, and
 - approved the Request for Major Modification to change the MA in Philosophy program duration from 3 to 5 terms and add a pro-seminar component
 - approved the Request for Major Modification to remove the co-op option from the BA in Applied Linguistics/Teaching English as a Subsequent Language
- received the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee, and
 - approved the motions contained in items 1-6 of the Report regarding undergraduate program changes
- received the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee, and
 - approved the addition of SJES 5P12 and SJES 5P22 to the Master of Arts in Social Justice and Equity Studies in the 2020-21 Graduate Calendar
- received the Report of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee

THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETING. DETAILS OF SENATE MEETINGS, INCLUDING APPROVED MINUTES, ARE AVAILABLE AT <https://brocku.ca/university-secretariat/senate/meetings/>.

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April 30, 2020