

REPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The meeting of the 682nd meeting of Senate was held on September 16, 2020. The Agenda and materials for this meeting are available by clicking [HERE](#). During the meeting, Senate undertook the following actions:

- received a memorandum from the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, and
 - approved that:
 1. the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, in consultation with the President and Vice-Chancellor, be authorized to mandate that the Winter 2021 term be delivered predominantly through online or alternative delivery methods; and
 2. the University Registrar be authorized to adjust restrictions or programming for the Winter 2021 term as needed, without modifying the Academic Calendar, related to the following items:
 - a. contact hours;
 - b. notes referencing the delivery mode (i.e., onsite, online, or blended learning);
 - c. prerequisite requirements as they relate to year 1 courses and sequencing; and
 - d. experiential education components of courses;provided that such adjustments be undertaken in consultation with Departments, Centres and Programs, coordinated by the respective Faculty Deans
- received a Report from the Governance Committee, and
 - approved that the following individuals be appointed to serve on the Two Row Council for the 2020-2021 term:
 - Kelyn Best - Indigenous Undergraduate Student
 - Robyn Bourgeois - Indigenous Faculty Member
 - Stanley (Bobby) Henry - Indigenous Faculty Member
 - Catherine Longboat - Indigenous Faculty Member
 - Sarah McGean - Indigenous Staff Member
 - Gary Parker - Community Representative identified by the Aboriginal Education Council
 - Lyn Trudeau - Indigenous Graduate Student
 - Sandra Wong - Representative from Aboriginal Student Services
 - approved that Senators David Hutchison and Kirsty Spence, who are not standing for election, serve as scrutineers for elections held during the 2020-21 term
 - approved amendments to Faculty Handbook 2:9.5.1 j. sections 8 and 9 regarding the voting process for recommending members of Advisory Committees
- received the Report of the Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee and reviewed a presentation on COVID-19 Financial Update
- received a memorandum from the Registrar and Associate Vice-President Enrolment Services, and
 - approved that the Senate Chair and Vice-Chair be authorized to approve the Fall 2020 Convocation Degrees and Certificates as submitted to them by the Registrar

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- received the Report of the Chair of Senate during which it was recognized that the term of Chancellor Shirley Cheechoo ends after Fall convocation and Senate acknowledged and expressed appreciation to Chancellor Cheechoo for her significant role, passion and dedication that has helped to lead Brock down the path of fulfilling its contribution to truth and reconciliation, diversity and inclusiveness
- received the Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor
- received the Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic
- received the Report of the Vice-President, Research

SENATE ACTIONS TAKEN VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

- approved the Minutes of the meeting of Senate-Elect and of the 681st meeting of Senate held on May 27, 2020
- received a Report informing Senate of the motions that had been approved during the summer months by the Senate Chair and the Senate Vice-Chair; the Report containing the motions approved can be viewed [HERE](#) (see Agenda Item 16.1)
- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee, and
 - approved the Final Assessment Report for the cyclical review of the graduate and undergraduate programs in the Department of Applied Linguistics
 - approved the Request for Major Modification, to remove all Fields of Specialization from the Med (Master of Education) and replace them with concentrations, be approved.
- received the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee, and
 - approved the addition of variable topics course 2021-2022: COSC 4V77 - Probabilistic Graphical Models and Neural Generative Models to the course bank
 - approved the revision to the pre-requisite and course note of BIOL 2Q04.
- received the Report of the Governance Committee, and
 - approved the following changes in the 2020-2021 Senate Committee memberships:
 - a) Remove Christopher Yendt from Student Appeals Board
 - b) Add Andreanne Hebert-Hache to Student Appeals Board
 - c) Add Ian Ritchie as Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee for a two-year term ending 2023.
 - d) Add Tim Dun as Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee for a two-year term ending 2023.

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/>.