

REPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The [685th meeting of Senate](#) was held on December 16, 2020. The [Faculty Handbook](#) has been updated to reflect any approved policy changes. During the meeting, Senate undertook the following actions:

- received a Report from the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee, and
 - approved changes to FHB III: 11.2.1 Definitions and 11.2.2 Minimum Academic Requirements as outlined in the Report
- received a Report from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, and
 - approved the appointment of the following new members to the Health Science Research Ethics Board (HREB) 2020-2021:
 - Shawn Beaudette (Kinesiology)
 - Stephen Cheung (Kinesiology)
 - Terrance Wade (Health Sciences)
 - approved the appointment of the following members in new roles on the Social Science Research Ethics Board (SREB) 2020-2021:
 - Co-Chair, Angela Book - Psychology
 - Co-Chair, Dipanjan Chatterjee - Finance, Operations & Information Systems, Goodman School of Business
 - Board Member, Robert Steinbauer - Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship and Ethics, Goodman School of Business
 - approved the Brock Niagara Centre of Excellence for Inclusive and Adaptive Physical Activity as outlined in the proposal within the Report
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, and
 - authorized the University to extend its emergency acceptance of the Duolingo test to satisfy Brock's EPT requirement. The required minimum Duolingo score is 110. The Co-op Accounting program will require a Duolingo score of 120.
- received a Report from the Governance Committee, and
 - approved that Section 2 of the Faculty Handbook be amended to update references to administrative position titles as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report
 - approved that Faculty Handbook 2: 9.1.1 be amended to provide clarity surrounding ex officio members' status in quorum at meetings of Senate's committees as follows (strike-out indicates deletion; highlight indicates addition):
 - 9.1.1 Quorum
 - 9.1.1.1A quorum for a Senate committee shall be one-half of its membership (excluding BUFA observers). ~~In accordance with FHB II: 9.1.3, t~~The Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate shall not be counted when determining quorum for Senate committee. A committee may proceed with its agenda with only 30% in attendance provided that the agenda has been circulated in accordance with FHB II: 9.1.6 A and its decisions will be ratified at a later full-quorum meeting in advance of being forwarded to Senate.
 - approved the following appointments to the Advisory Committee on the Presidency:
 - Jens Coorsen, Georgii Nikonov, Michelle Webber
- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee
- received the Report of the Chair

- received the Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor
- received the Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, and passed the following motion:
 - That Senate extend the enactment of the academic grade alternatives for students during disruptions outlined in FHB III.C.6.9 for the Fall 2020 term, and that these alternatives apply to all undergraduate students at Brock.
- received the Report of the Vice-President, Research
- received an oral update from the Two Row Council

SENATE ACTIONS TAKEN VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

- approved the Minutes of the 684th meeting of Senate held on November 18, 2020
- received the Report of the Academic Colleague
- received the Report of the Actions of the Board from the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 10, 2020
- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee, and
 - approved the Request for Major Modification to move BECE to solely online delivery
 - approved the Request for Major Modification, to allow applicants without OCT accreditation to apply for admission to the BEd Specialist program
 - approved the Request for Major Modification, to change the name of the BA Applied Linguistics/Teaching English as a Subsequent Language to BA Applied Linguistics/Teaching English as a Second Language
- received the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee, and
 - approved the addition of MPHA 5P17 to the Master of Public Health in the 2020-21 Graduate Calendar
 - approved the 2021-2022 Graduate Calendar changes as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report.
- received the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee, and
 - approved the changes to the Undergraduate Calendar as outlined in the Report
- received the Report of the Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee and the Report of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee

THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETING. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SENATE AND SENATE COMMITTEES IS AVAILABLE AT <https://brocku.ca/university-secretariat/senate/meetings/>.

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December 17, 2020