

REPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

A meeting of the [2021-22 Senate-Elect](#) and the [691st meeting of Senate](#) were held on May 26, 2021. The [Faculty Handbook](#) has been updated to reflect any approved policy changes. During the meeting, Senate undertook the following actions:

- appointed Jens Coorssen as the faculty member representative to serve on Brock University's Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending June 30, 2024
- approved the 2021-22 Senate Committee Slate
- received a Report from the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee, and
 - approved amendments to FHB III: C. 5-5.7 (Academic Computing and Communications Policies) as outlined in the Appendix to the Report
- received a Report from the Governance Committee, and
 - approved the continuation of online Senate and Senate Committee meetings for the 2021-2022 term
 - approved amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report
- received a Report from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, and
 - received the Annual Report of the Brock University Research Ethics Board / Office of Research Ethics dated March 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, and
 - approved amendments to FHB III: A: 5 - Withdrawals and A: 4 - Registration and Course Changes as outlined in the Report
 - approved amendments to FHB III: A: 3.4 - Categories of Admission and 3.5 - Proof of Proficiency in English as outlined in the Report
- received a Report from the Student Appeals Board, and
 - approved the following amendments to the Faculty Handbook to incorporate revised Student Appeals Board procedures applicable to both undergraduate and graduate students:
 - a) Faculty Handbook 3: A. 12 (Undergraduate Appeals) be deleted;
 - b) Faculty Handbook 3: B. 11.2.B. (Method of Appeal to the Student Appeals Board) and 3:B. 11.2.B (Hearing at the Senate Student Appeals Board) be deleted; and
 - c) New Faculty Handbook 3: C. 17 (Appeals) be inserted as outlined in the attachment to the Report
- received a Report from the Academic Review Committee, and
 - approved the recommendation of the Provostial Committee on Program Viability Review to discontinue the BA in International Political Economy offered by the Departments of Economics and Political Science
 - approved the recommendation of the Provostial Committee on Program Viability Review to discontinue the BSc in Computing and Solid State Technology offered by the Department of Physics

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- received a Report from the University Registrar and Associate Vice-President, Enrolment Services and
 - approved the Spring 2021 Convocation degrees and certificates as submitted
- received the Report of the Senate Chair
- received the Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor and passed the following motion:
 - that Senate express its sincere appreciation to Dr. Gervan Fearon for his leadership, commitment, and dedicated service to Brock University and to the Niagara community as President and Vice-Chancellor from August 1, 2017
- received the Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, and
 - approved that Senate enact academic grade alternatives as outlined in FHB III.C.6.9 for the Spring/Summer 2021 term
- received the Report of the Vice-President, Research
- received an oral update from the Two Row Council
- received the Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees and passed the following motion:
 - that Senate express its sincere appreciation to outgoing Board Chair, Gary Comerford, for his hard work and dedication to Brock University

SENATE ACTIONS TAKEN VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

- approved the minutes of the meeting of Senate-Elect held on May 12, 2021, approved the minutes of the 690th meeting of Senate held on May 12, 2021, and approved the minutes of the special meeting of Senate held on May 18, 2021
- received the Report of the Academic Colleague
- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee, and
 - approved the Final Assessment Report for the cyclical review of the Joint (with Lakehead and Windsor) PhD in Education Studies program
- received a Report from the Graduate Studies Committee, and
 - approved the revisions to the 2021-22 Graduate Calendar as outlined in the Report
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Program Committee, and
 - approved the changes to the Undergraduate Calendar as outlined in the Report
- received a Report from the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee
- received a Report from the Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee
- received a confidential Report regarding student awards
- received the Annual Reports from each Senate Committee, the Student Appeals Board, and the Two Row Council

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/>.