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BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
BRESCIA COUNCIL

December 15, 2017
1:00pm
Room 136, St. James Building

MINUTES

Present: A. Barnfield, E. Bell, A. Chater, T. D'Souza, W. Da, N. De Moras, B. Diemert, J. Doelman, P. Dworatzek, C. George, D. Grace, S. Hajpel, H. Hallett, B. Hartman, S. Horsley, D. Hudecki, L. Jakubowski, M. Jean, H. Kirk, S. Kleinknecht, M. J. Le Ber, C. Lord, J. Matthews, J. Mitchell, E. Morphy, S. Mumm, C. O'Connor, R. Ogilvie, H. Persaud, K. Pittao, C. Sharon, C. Vitkauskas, A. Walby, G. Warecki, E. West, C. Whippey

Regrets: C. Aguilar, L. Ahmadi, A. Alabi, P. Barker, D. Battram, C. Bell, S. Buchner, P. Chimbos, J. Coghlin, H. Cummins, L. Descartes, M. Dorschell, T. Francolini, A. Garcia, D. Gardiner, L. Janes, R. Johnson, M. Kocins, M. Lee, K. Lucier, J. Madill, T. Mahoney, S. Morrison, P. O'Neil, L. Piche, J. Seabrook, M. Simm, C. Temple, K. Vezina, E. Whelan

Guests: A. Hoorneart**,** J. Patterson, J. Smith, M. Voykin

Recorder: L. Davison, M. Lace

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1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by M. J. Le Ber, Chair of Brescia Council.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum** *(50% plus one of the Voting members = 30)*
   Quorum was confirmed.

3. **Acknowledgement of the Traditional First Nations' Lands**
   C. Lord acknowledged the Traditional First Nations' Lands.

4. Opening Reflection
C. George provided the opening reflection.

5. Approval of Agenda
Approved on consensus.

6. Consent Agenda:
i. Approval of Draft Minutes, November 24, 2017
Approved on consensus.

7. Business Arising
There was no business arising.

8. For Approval

i. Changes to the *Constitution of the Brescia Council*
M. J. Le Ber reported that even though there was consensus by Councillors on the proposed changes to the *Constitution of the Brescia Council*, at the November meeting, the process as outlined in the *Constitution* was not completely followed. As a result, notice to the Brescia University College community was sent through an e–mail indicating what the proposed changes were. Also, as stated in the *Constitution*, "A 2/3 vote of voting Councillors present is required for Constitutional changes to be passed." Since a vote had not been taken, the *Constitution* was brought back to Council.

Proposal #1: **That Brescia Council recommend to the Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees that they approve the proposed changes to the *Constitution of the Brescia Council.***

Vote (2/3 required): 28 members voted and this fulfilled the requirement.
Against: there was no one against the proposal.
Abstentions: there were no abstentions.

Approved on consensus.

ii. Academic Plan
J. Mitchell commented that the changes suggested at the November meeting of Brescia Council were incorporated. Attention was drawn to one additional change that was required, the date of the Strategic Plan in page 4 reads "2017–2022" and needs to be changed to "2017–2021."

Proposal #2: **That Brescia Council approve the Draft Academic Plan as recommended by the Educational Policy Committee, and that Brescia Council recommend that the Institutional Planning Committee review and approve the Plan.**

Approved on consensus with the change in date as discussed.

9. For Discussion

i. Budget Advisory Report

M. J. Le Ber reported that the Annual Summary Report from the BAC–BC has been brought forward for discussion. Reference was made to Appendix A.C.2d of the *Constitution.*

A. Walby provided an overview of the report, noting that it will become part of the budget narrative document that accompanies the Fiscal 2019 budget. Faculty will provide input regarding operational and capital budget needs through the Office of the Vice–Principal and Academic Dean. The F2019 budget will go to the BAC–BC for review and recommendation to Brescia Council. A. Walby reported that the Ministry is changing the funding model, but at this time we have not been provided with full, detailed information on the precise impact the funding formula will have on Brescia's grant revenue.

During the discussion of the report, concern was expressed that no faculty hires were included as a priority in the Summary Report. It was noted that while the Chairs of the Schools have met with the Acting Vice–Principal and Academic Dean, to present the School priority hires in alignment with the *Collective Agreement* [Article 8.2], the timeline of this process varies from that of the BAC process. The Acting Vice–Principal and Academic Dean will meet with the Principal to review and discuss the School priorities presented. The Principal will decide which new or vacant positions will be taken to the Board of Trustees for approval.

A concern was expressed regarding the impact of the funding model for the new Academic Pavilion on the overall budget for Brescia. There was discussion and the importance of building new food labs and state–of–the–art classrooms was stressed in order for Brescia to remain competitive in recruiting and retaining students. It was also noted that interest rates were low and this was a good time to proceed with financing of this project. Assurances were given that the Board of Trustees is diligent in its deliberations of structuring the financing for the build in a way that will be affordable for Brescia. There were no specific recommendations made to amend the report.

10. New and Other Business

M. J. Le Ber noted that we still required three people to sign up for the Acknowledgement of the Traditional First Nations' Lands and there was no new or other business.

11. Announcements

Adjourned at 2:15pm