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**BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
BRESCIA COUNCIL**

**June 15, 2018
1:00pm
Room 136, St. James Building**

MINUTES

- Present:** C. Aguilar, P. Barker, A. Barnfield, D. Battram, E. Bell, A. Chater, P. Chimbos, T. D'Souza, W.W. Da, L. Descartes, M. Dorschell, A. Garcia, D. Grace, S. Hajpel, B. Hartman, D. Hudecki, R. Johnson, C. Lord, L. Jakubowski, M. Jean, H. Kirk, M. J. Le Ber, M. Lee, J. Matthews, J. Mitchell, S. Mumm, C. O'Connor, L. Piche, K. Pittao, J. Seabrook, M. Simm, L. Sunseri, C. Temple, J. Twynstra, A. Walby, G. Warecki, E. Whelan, C. Whippey
- Regrets:** L. Ahmadi, C. Bell, H. Campbell, J. Coghlin, J. Doelman, P. Dworatzek, T. Francolini, C. George, H. Hallett, L. Janes, J. Madill, T. Mahoney, S. Morrison, P. O'Neil, C. Sharen
- Guests:** A. Brown, L. Lamoureux, D. O'Shea, C. Rogers, C. McDonald, T. Thompson
- 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 = 28)
Quorum was confirmed.
 - 3. Acknowledgement of the Traditional First Nations' Lands**
C. Whippey acknowledged the Traditional First Nations' Lands.
 - 4. Opening Reflection**
Sr. Mary Frances Dorschell provided the opening reflection on behalf of C. George.

5. Approval of Agenda

Approved on consensus.

6. Consent Agenda:

- i. Approval of Draft Minutes, May 18, 2018

There were no errors, omissions, concerns or comments.

Approved on consensus.

7. Business Arising

8. For Approval

- i. Brescia Council Standing Committees

M. J. Le Ber reported that due to upcoming sabbaticals, there are some positions that need to be filled. It was noted that the second proposal indicates the positions that could be filled at this time. The outstanding vacancies will be filled before September. It was also noted that the end time for one sabbatical needed to be corrected to reflect 2019. The slate will be brought forward again to the September Brescia Council meeting.

Proposal #1: That the Brescia Council accept and approve the proposed nomination for the Brescia Council Acting Chair as presented.

All were unanimously in favour, there were no abstentions and no objections.

Proposal #2: That the Brescia Council accept and approve the proposed nominations for the Brescia Council Standing Committees as presented.

All were unanimously in favour, there were no abstentions and no objections.

9. For Discussion

- i. Brescia Council Executive Committee Survey Results

M. J. Le Ber reported that one third of the members responded. There were 19 voting members and 1 non-voting. The survey results were reviewed and considering that the Council has only been in place for two years, there is room for improvement.

Through the following suggestions it is hoped to encourage broader community engagement in regard to the first goal, building a stronger community. There will be a social at the beginning of the academic year, at Christmas and at the end of the year. A short orientation will be provided at the first meeting in September. The idea of a question period where any Brescia issues can be brought forward for discussion was suggested. Questions could be submitted in advance and confidentially if preferred. The idea of a question period was received favourably and it was noted that having an orientation would be beneficial. The goal is to have people believe that there is a strong community and engagement.

C. Aguilar offered to assist with measuring whether or not BCEC has made progress in building a stronger community within Brescia Council.

There were two comments made that there are too many Brescia Council meetings. J. Mitchell noted that there are proposals and introduction of modules that require Brescia Council approval in a timely way and to reduce the meetings could impact that process. M. J. Le Ber noted that next year there will be additional items of business coming forward that are non-academic including some policies.

There was an observation that the set-up of the Brescia Council meetings in a theatre style classroom is not conducive to encouraging conversation and discussion, and a suggestion to hold the meetings in a different arrangement such as a circle may work better.

ii. Changes to the *Constitution of the Brescia Council*

M. J. Le Ber noted that there was only one change and it was a request from the BAC to change the date in the *Constitution* from November to December. The alignment just doesn't work and it will never work, so the committee has asked for a realistic date. There were no further comments, so this will come back to the September meeting of Brescia Council for approval and then recommendation to the Board for approval.

10. New and Other Business

There was no new or other business.

11. Announcements

J. Mitchell reminded everyone of the retirement reception for Dr. Alicia Garcia, following the Council meeting. M. J. Le Ber was thanked for all her work.

M. J. Le Ber noted that there are a number of contract faculty that will be departing this year and wanted to acknowledge the contributions of Lucyna Mahood, Carlie Bell and Sheila Kappler.

Adjourned at 2:00pm