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**BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
BRESCIA COUNCIL**

**March 29, 2019**

**1:00pm**

**Room 136, St. James Building**

**MINUTES**

- Present:** C. Aguilar, A. Barnfield, E. Bell, M. Bravo, P. Chimbos, J. Coghlin, T. D'Souza, N. de Moras, B. Diemert, J. Doelman, L. Frederking, C. George, D. Grace, D. Hudecki, M. Hunter, N. Keen, S. Kleinknecht, C. Lord, L. MacKenzie, T. Mahoney, J. Matthews, M. McCartney, J. Mitchell, D. O'Shea, K. Pittao, J. Seabrook, C. Sharen, L. Sunseri, C. Tenk, A. Walby, G. Warecki, C. Whippey
- Regrets:** L. Ahmadi, D. Battram, H. Campbell, H. Cummins, W.W. Da, P. Dworatzek, S. Fatima, V. Fernandez Torres, A. Garcia, S. Greig, S. Hajpel, B. Hartman, S. Hekmat, H. Hurst, J. Huynh, R. Johnson, H. Kirk, M. Lace, L. Lamoureux, C. McDonald, H. McNeil, S. Mumm, C. O'Conner, L. Piche, J. Sutton, C. Temple, J. Twynstra, E. Whelan
- Recorder:** L. Davison

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- 1. Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order by A. Barnfield, Acting Chair of Brescia Council.
  - 2. Confirmation of Quorum** (50% plus one of the Voting members = 26)  
Quorum was confirmed.
  - 3. Acknowledgement of the Traditional First Nations' Lands**  
A Barnfield 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, March 1, 2019

**Approved on consensus.**

7. **Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

8. **For Approval**

- i. Appointment of Interim Vice–Chair, Brescia Council

A. Barnfield reported that an Interim Vice–Chair for Brescia Council was needed since the current Vice–Chair was departing Brescia. The appointment would run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. An e–mail had been sent requesting nominations, but none were received and she asked if there was anyone interested in filling the position. The only requirement is that they have to be full–time staff or faculty. It was asked what the commitment would be and A. Barnfield noted that they would be a member of the Brescia Council Executive Committee and expected to attend the three remaining meetings. They would also be responsible for the nominations process for Brescia Council. Caroline Whippey, Director of Libraries volunteered and the Council was in full support.

**Proposal #1: That Brescia Council approve the appointment of the Interim Vice–Chair to Brescia Council, term ending June 30, 2019.**

**Approved on consensus.**

- ii. Social Media Policy

**Proposal #2: That Brescia Council approve the revised Social Media Policy as recommended by the Brescia Council Executive Committee and presented in Exhibit 2.**

**Approved on consensus.**

- iii. Constitution of the Brescia Council

There was concern raised regarding item A. 9. – Access to Information while Councillors are on leave. It was explained that one of the reasons behind suspending access to information for those that are on leave was to mirror the language in the *Constitution of the Board of Trustees*, since only active members are allowed to have access to the documents and we would be consistent with the same practice. It was also noted that it was intended as a courtesy to staff and faculty on leave, to not be distracted or feel bound to keep on top of what is happening at Brescia. Some faculty members expressed that they would prefer to have access to the information for the purpose of keeping up–to–date should they desire to do so.

It was also voiced that faculty on sabbatical should have the option to attend and continue to participate should they wish to. There was a comment made that if faculty on sabbatical did not attend there wouldn't be quorum; however, it was explained that members on sabbatical are not considered within quorum since their service is suspended and very rarely ever do faculty or staff on leave attend. Only active members are expected to attend Council meetings and are counted for quorum. An adjustment is made to reflect only active voting members. It was agreed to remove the second paragraph to item A. 9.

There was concern expressed about including details on how minutes should be recorded in the *Constitution* and that it is an operational matter. It was asked where the guidelines for recording minutes should be reflected if not in the *Constitution* since there have been previous conversations about how the minutes should be presented. It was agreed to remove the last sentence in item A. 10.

**Proposal #3: That Brescia Council approve the revised *Constitution of the Brescia Council*, and recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions as presented in Exhibit 2b.**

**There was consensus on approving the revisions with the two amendments identified above and recommending that the Board of Trustees approve the *Constitution of the Brescia Council*.**

**9. For Discussion**

i. Campaign Presentation

H. Hurst presented on the comprehensive campaign that Brescia has begun. The goal is to raise \$10 million.

**10. New and Other Business**

There was no new or other business.

**11. Question Period**

There were no questions.

**12. Announcements**

C. George reminded Councillors of the Art Exhibit on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00pm in the Library.

H. Campbell reminded Councillors of the BFI and noted that J. Mitchell would send an e-mail with the details.

**Adjourned at 1:55pm**