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**BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
BRESCIA COUNCIL**

**April 7, 2017
1:00pm
Room 136, St. James Building**

MINUTES

- Present:** A. Barnfield, D. Battram, E. Bell, S. Buchner, M. Botten, P. Chimbos, T. D’Souza, W.W. Da, N. De Moras, B. Diemert, M.F. Dorschell, P. Dworatzek, C. George, D. Grace, S. Hajpel, B. Hartman, S. Hekmat, S. Horsley, D. Hudecki, L. Jakubowski, R. Johnson, N. Keen, S. Kleinknecht, M. J. Le Ber, M. Lee, C. Lord, T. Mahoney, J. Matthews, C. McCarron, J. Mitchell, S. Mumm, C. O’Connor, R. Ogilvie, K. Pittao, D. Rogers, C. Sharen, M. Simm, J. Sutton, J. Twynstra, D. Vezina, C. Vitkauskas, A. Walby, G. Warecki, E.R. West, C. Whippey
- Regrets:** C. Aguilar, L. Ahmadi, N. Allossery–Walsh, P. Barker, C. Bell, B. Biasone, J. Coghlin, H. Cummins, K. Farren, T. Francolini, H. Hallett, L. Janes, J. Madill, C. McCarron, P. O’Neil, L. Piche, J. Seabrook, L. Sunseri, C. Temple, C. Tenk, K. Vezina, E. Whelan, M. Yohannes
- Guests:** C. McDonald, J. Smith
- 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.
 - 2. Confirmation of Quorum** (50% plus one of the Voting members = 31)
Quorum confirmed.
 - 3. Acknowledgement of the Traditional First Nations’ Lands**
M. Botten acknowledged the Traditional First Nations’ Lands.

4. Opening Reflection

C. George provided the Reflection.

5. Approval of Agenda

There was a request to move the Principal's Report from "For Information" to "For Discussion."

Concern was expressed about posting the budget document 24 hours in advance of the meeting which did not provide enough time to review it. The Chair recommended that the presentation continue as scheduled and allow an opportunity for discussion. The recommendation was received favourably since it would put things into context.

D. Rogers and M. Botten announced that they would have announcements to make at the end.

6. Consent Agenda:

i. Approval of Draft Minutes, March 10, 2017

Approved by consensus with no reported changes.

7. Business Arising

i. Availability of Council Exhibits

M. J. Le Ber reported that at the previous Council meeting there were concerns expressed about not having access to the exhibits. As a result, the Executive Committee had a discussion and looked at a number of ways to provide accessibility. Taking a number of factors into consideration such as risk vs transparency, where to post the agenda and approved minutes, and administrative support to manage the site, it was decided to post the agenda and approved minutes on the internet vs intranet. All exhibits are available through direct representatives and everyone has a representative on Council.

8. For Approval

i. Budget Advisory Committee: F2018 Budget

Proposal #1: That Brescia Council recommend to the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee (FAIC), the draft F2017–18 Operating Budget, and to the FAIC and the Institutional Planning Committee, the draft 2–year F2018–F2019 Capital Budget (Exhibits 21a and 21b as presented) for discussion and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval.

K. Pittao provided an overview of the budget through a presentation, explained the process that occurred and provided timelines.

There was a question regarding the hiring and approval of new faculty hires and S. Mumm will report back to Brescia Council at the next meeting.

There was a question regarding faculty having an opportunity for input into the renovations and the response was yes. There was a question regarding the hiring of an Experiential Learning Coordinator and D. Rogers responded that this is still being considered. Information is being gathered on what exactly is needed. Looking for partners to collaborate with and share resources, such as possibly with King's. Brescia doesn't have a Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) on their own. In the process of negotiating at this time with Western. In the past the Affiliates were

not considered and not permitted to submit individually since considered to be part of Western. Making some progress through this set of negotiations with Western. Information on the most recent SMA is available on Western's internet site and we have access as employees.

There was concern expressed about the \$1 million deficit that was reported and D. Grace announced that he does not support the budget going forward. K. Pittao provided an explanation expressing that some things are out of our control such as the Ursuline Hall tower. Monies are put aside for work that needs to be done to maintain and update capital projects. Starting to see the lack of investing in this area. There is a capital reserve that will be considered. A. Walby responded that this cash flow deficit is due to the tower, and some of the funding is being considered toward the funding of the project for the academic pavilion. Additional funds will have to be raised, but some monies need to be used at this time. There was much discussion.

9. For Discussion:

Within the *Constitution*, it states that the Budget Advisory Committee will review and report to Brescia Council. The role of Brescia Council, is to review and recommend annually to the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee and the Institutional Planning Committee. The recommendation goes to the Board of Trustees who gives final approval.

Three concerns were expressed:

1. The time in which the budget document was received. The Constitution states that documents need to be received five days in advance of a meeting;
2. The deficit; and
3. The level of detail received.

M. J. Le Ber asked Councillors if they were prepared to vote on the proposal and it went to a vote:

18 voted yes

18 voted no, and

1 abstention

In the event of a tie, the Chair casts an additional vote. The Chair chose to defer for *Constitutional* reasons, making it clear that the reason for deferring was due to the notice period. As a result, another Brescia Council meeting would be scheduled within the week.

Canonical Sponsorship

S. Mumm explained that to be considered a Catholic institution there were particular requirements that needed to be met. The Ursulines of Chatham took on the responsibility of *ex corde* for Brescia and it is due to expire in 2018. The Ursulines graciously extended to February 2020, which takes us through the centenary and provides us with time to find another sponsor. This allows us to say that we are still in compliance. There was a question on how this fits with academic freedom and S. Mumm responded that the Canadian *ex corde* is explicit that it is not intended to interfere with academic freedom. The Ursulines interpreted it a little differently and are more liberal. This was a good outcome and good news.

10. New and Other Business

There was no new or other business.

11. Announcements

M. Botten thanked the BUCSC for their support for mental health and provided t-shirts to D. Vezina and R. Ogilvie.

D. Rogers announced that the Chair elections were conducted and the formal election results were Ed Bell for Behavioural and Social Sciences, and Jim Doelman for Humanities. Also, J. Doelman has been awarded a SHHRC grant for the Early Stewart Eulogy, in the amount of \$665,000, and Marlene J. Le Ber received a grant (name) in the amount of \$200,000.

Janet Madill will receive the Dieticians Award, Fellow of Dieticians of Canada.

Adjourned at 2:55pm