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BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
BRESCIA COUNCIL

December 14, 2018
1:00pm
Room 136, St. James Building

MINUTES

Present: C. Aguilar, A. Barnfield, E. Bell, H. Campbell, P. Chimbos, J. Coghlin, H. Cummins, N. de Moras, L. Descartes, B. Diemert, J. Doelman, P. Dworatzek, L. Frederking, C. George, D. Grace, S. Hajpel, B. Hartman, D. Hudecki, L. Jakubowski, M. Jean, R. Johnson, H, Kirk, S. Kleinknecht, M. Lee, L. MacKenzie, J. Matthews, C. McDonald, J. Mitchell, S. Mumm, C. O'Connor, D. O'Shea, L. Piche, K. Pittao, L. Sunseri, J. Sutton, J. Twynstra, A. Walby, G. Warecki, E. Whelan, C. Whippey

Regrets: D. Battram, M. Bravo, A. Chater, T. D'Souza, S. Fatima, V. Fernandez Torres, A. Garcia, S. Greig, S. Hekmat, M. Hunter, J. Huynh, L. Janes, N. Keen, L. Lamoureux, C. Lord, T. Mahoney, J. Mancini, H. McNeil, S. Morrison, J. Seabrook, C. Sharen, M. Simm, C. Temple, C. Tenk

Guests: J. Brennan, J. Smith, B. Szapiel, T. Thompson, D. Van Belois, C. Weber

Recorder: L. Davison, M. Lace

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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 = 28)*
   Quorum was confirmed.

3. **Acknowledgement of the Traditional First Nations' Lands**
   H. Cummins acknowledged the Traditional First Nations' Lands.

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

5. **Approval of Agenda**
There was a request to move the Educational Policy Committee report to "For Discussion."
Approved on consensus.

6. **Consent Agenda:**
   i. Approval of Draft Minutes, November 23, 2018
   C. Whippey noted that the Collaborative Learning Space Report had been moved to "For Discussion" under Number 9 and should be accurately reflected. The minutes were accepted with the amendment.
   Approved on consensus.

7. **Business Arising**

8. **For Approval**
   i. Copyright Policy

   Proposal #1: That Brescia Council accept and approve the proposed Copyright Policy as presented.

   Approved on consensus.

   ii. Library Access Policy

   Proposal #2: That Brescia Council approve the revisions to the Library Access Policy as recommended by the Library Committee as presented.

   Approved on consensus.

9. **For Discussion**
   i. Freedom of Expression Policy
   S. Mumm provided an overview of the differences that were being proposed for Brescia's policy compared to Western's, in particular that Brescia observes *Ex Cordia Ecclesia* and a statement has been included to that effect. As requested by the Board additional language has been inserted to make the policy our own. The policy will be formatted into our policy template and will come back to the January Brescia Council meeting for approval. There were no questions or concerns.

   ii. Budget Advisory
   A Barnfield asked if there were any questions or concerns and there were none.
   - 2–Year Capital Budget

   iii. Educational Policy Committee Report
   A. Barnfield reported that this report was moved due to a couple of concerns regarding students and exams. Discussions are being held to determine whether students will be allowed to miss any two exams throughout a year without a medical note. Students could possibly be allowed to self–identify or declare themselves as being sick. At this stage it is still up for discussion at Western and still needs to go to SCAPA and Senate for approval.

There was concern expressed in regard to the types of reasons that could be used to support accommodation and what would be considered an acceptable amount of time to be off, and who is keeping track. It is expected that this will come forward as a draft after receiving input from students and faculty.

Also being considered is to schedule midterms on three Sundays per term. The Sundays would be specific. Brescia is not required to schedule exams on Sundays. There was discussion.

10. **New and Other Business**

11. **Question Period**
    There were no questions.

12. **Announcements**
    C. George announced that the Opening Ceremony for the Centennial Celebrations will begin with a Mass at 1:00pm on January 27th, followed by a Centennial Art Exhibition at 2:45pm.

Adjourned at 1:35pm.