



581ST MEETING OF SENATE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH 2016, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull

Present: Ms Lauren Audas, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Ms Morgan Gagnon, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Dr. François Huard, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms Sara Kobari, Ms Natalie Lambert, Dr. Sunny Lau, Dr. Jean Manore, Mr. Gary McCormick, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Michele Murray, Dr. Robert Palmer, Mr. Tayler Ross, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms Stephanie Sisam, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Yanan Wang

Regrets: Dr. Stefan Bruda, Principal Michael Goldbloom, Dr. Jean Manore.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Item 1: Approval of Agenda

Item 5.5 was added to the agenda, the report of Dr. Robert Palmer on Williams School of Business nominees to various Senate Committees. Subject to this addition, Adrianna Mendrek moved approval of the agenda, and Kerry Hull seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

It was suggested that the words 'at the next meeting of Senate' be added at the end of the minute of Item 4.2. Subject to this change, Morgan Gagnon moved approval and Claude Charpentier seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 3: Communications from the Chair

The Vice-Principal Academic suggested a moment of silence to honour Dr. Gerry Coulter of the Department of Sociology, who had died suddenly on November 24th 2016.

Following the minute of silence, Dr. Turnbull advised Senators that the Principal had proposed a memorial minute when a member of the Academic community, whether in service or retired, dies. The text of the memorial minute would be developed by the Dean of the Division and the Chair of the Department to which the member of faculty had belonged. It would be presented to Senate and included in Senate minutes.

Adrianna Mendrek moved that Senate take up the practice, and Stephanie Sisam seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

The Vice-Principal Academic reported that the Board of Governors had approved the 2016-17 operating budget and the recovery plan submitted to government.

Director of Enrolment Management Dan Seneker would attend Senate in December to present enrolment results.

Before asking Gary McCormick, Co-Interim University Librarian, to provide an update on library services, Dr. Turnbull wished students well in their exams and assignments.

Mr. McCormick reported that preparations for a major renovation of the library were moving forward. The library would close on December 17th and open on January 10th in order to move the collection to a temporary structure. All services would be available in the temporary location. Bound periodicals would be accessed via database and online access and e-books would be maintained. The Information Literacy Critical Thinking Labs would be taught in computer labs.

Study Hall for the Fall term of 2016 would begin on December 2nd.

Item 4: Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Item 5.1: Report of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee on reviewers for Chemistry, Mathematics and Sports Studies

Dr. Turnbull presented the recommendations of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee for external reviewers for the Departments of Chemistry and Mathematics as well as the Sports Studies program. Morgan Gagnon moved and Sara Kobari seconded the recommendations of the Committee, as set out below.

The motion carried

For the Department of Chemistry:

- ◆ Dr. Guillaume Bélanger, Université de Sherbrooke
- ◆ Dr. Stephen Duffy, Mount Allison University

Alternates:

- ◆ Dr. Benoît Daoust, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
- ◆ Dr. André Beauchemin, University of Ottawa

For the Department of Mathematics:

- ◆ Dr. Yvan Saint Aubin, Université de Montréal, Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- ◆ Dr. Andrew Irwin, Mount Allison, Department of Mathematics & Computer Science

Alternates:

- ◆ Dr. Jeff Hooper, Acadia University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- ◆ Dr. Peter Taylor, Queen's University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics and cross-appointed to Biology and Education.

For the Sports Studies Program:

- ◆ Dr. Claude Dugas, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Département des sciences de l'activité physique
- ◆ Dr. Diane Ste-Marie, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Health Sciences

Alternates:

- ◆ Dr. Marie-Pier Charest, Institut National du Sport du Québec
- ◆ Dr. Dany MacDonald, University of Prince Edward Island

Item 5.2: Report of the Senate Planning Committee on a request from the School of Education

The Vice-Principal Academic presented the recommendation of the Senate Planning Committee that Senate approve a ten-month sessional position to be allocated to the School of Education for teaching and to bring leadership to the practicum program. Robert Palmer moved approval of the recommendation, and Morgan Gagnon seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 5.3: Report of Senate Timetable Committee on a Course Scheduling Policy

Robert Palmer moved and Francine Turmel seconded the approval of the Timetable Policy proposed by the Senate Timetable Committee, as set out in Document 581/5.3, including the Grid.

The Timetable Committee was composed of Gilbert Gagné, Lorne Nelson, Ross Osmun, Robert Palmer (replacing Yanan Wang), Lisa Tayler and Brad Willms, as well as the three Academic Deans. Nicole Riley and Mary Lou Macdonald had acted as resource people for the Committee.

The Committee had consulted broadly, had received submissions from Departments and individuals and had benchmarked policies across Canada in order to develop a policy that would increase and optimise the use of Bishop's classroom inventory.

Concerns were raised that:

- ♦ it might be difficult for some Departments to meet the requirement that 50% of classes be scheduled outside of the most popular time periods;
- ♦ the impact of changes to the Monday/Wednesday grid would create a significant preference for the Tuesday/Thursday time slots;
- ♦ the priority given to high-enrolment programs in the allocation of large classrooms might create an obstacle to growing enrolment in smaller Departments, making it more for them to respond to the incentives of the Resource Allocation Model.

After some discussion of whether or not to proceed to a vote, the mover and seconder asked that there be a vote on the motion.

The motion failed.

Item 5.4: Registrar's Proposal for Sessional Dates for 2016-18

Registrar Hans Rouleau proposed sessional dates for 2017-18 set out in Document 581/5.4, noting that he had aimed for 36 contact hours, and an add/drop deadline within eight days of the beginning of classes, taking into account statutory holidays.

Tayler Ross moved approval of the sessional dates and Sylvain Turcotte seconded the motion, and accepted a friendly amendment specifying that the Fall add-drop deadline would be September 15th 2017.

The motion carried

During the course of discussion, it was suggested that Senate revisit the issue of a reading week in the Fall session. The Students, Representative Council undertook to present to Senate data on student preferences with regard to this issue.

Item 5.5: Nominations to Senate Committees

Dr. Palmer moved that he following Williams School of Business faculty be appointed to the Senate Committees and Bruce Gilbert seconded the motion:

E-learning Sub-Committee:

Yanan Wang

Prizes Committee: Nathalie Hivert

Research and Publications Committee: Svetlana Davis

Statistics Committee: Arshad Taseen

The motion carried

Item 6: Other business:

Item 6.1: Report of the Dean of Arts and Science on the implementation of SPARC recommendations in Philosophy and Politics and International Studies

Dean Michele Murray noted that the SPARC process had been in transition. Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, former Dean of Arts and Science, had left Bishop's University in 2013, then the SPARC process had been suspended when an academic analysis was undertaken during the 2013-14 academic year. She then introduced Document 581/6.1, her report on the status of the implementation of recommendations in relation to the Departments of Philosophy and Politics and International Studies.

Item 7: Recommendations for program and course changes

The Vice-Principal Academic reported that Senate Planning Committee had reviewed and approved all recommendations for program and course changes presented to Senate.

Item 7.1: Arts and Science

581/7.1.1: Division of Humanities

1. Dean of Arts and Sciences Michele Murray moved that Senate approve changes to the Minor Concentration and Honours programs in Theory of Art History, as well as new courses and course removals as set out under Item 7.1.1.1 of the detailed agenda and document 581/7.1.1. Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

2. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve new courses in Classical Studies as set out under Item 7.1.1.2 of the detailed agenda and document 581/7.1.1. Jenn Cianca seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

3. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve a new cross-listed course in the Departments of Drama and *Études françaises et québécoises* as set out in Item 7.1.1.3 of the detailed agenda and document 581/7.1.1. Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

4. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve changes to the Honours program in English Literature as set out in Item 7.1.1.4 of the detailed agenda and document 581/7.1.1. Stephanie Sisam seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

5. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the program change in the Fine Arts Studio major Concentration set out in Item 7.1.1.5 of the detailed agenda and document 581/7.1.1. Stephanie Sisam seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

6. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the program change, new courses, changes to existing courses and course deletions in the Department of History as set out under Item 7.1.1.6 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.1. Bruce Gilbert seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

7. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the new course proposals in the Liberal Arts Program as set out under Item 7.1.1.7 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.1. Lauren Audas seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

8. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the new course proposal and housekeeping changes in German Studies, the program change in Hispanic Studies and the elimination of Italian Studies, all in the Department of Modern Languages. These changes are set out in Item 7.1.1.8 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.1. Kerry Hull seconded the motion.

The motion carried, one abstention.

9. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the new course proposal and course changes in the Department of Philosophy, as set out under Item 7.1.1.9 of the detailed agenda and document 581/7.1.1. Bruce Gilbert seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

10. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the program change, new course proposals, and course revisions and removals in the Department of Religion as set out under Item 7.1.1.10 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.1. Jenn Cianca seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

581/7.1.2: *Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

11. Dean of Arts and Sciences Michele Murray moved that Senate approve the program and course changes in Biochemistry set out under Item 7.1.2.1 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.2. Sylvain Turcotte seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

12. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the program and course changes in Biological Sciences set out under Item 7.1.2.2 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.2. Kerry Hull seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

13. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve course changes and new course proposals in the Department of Computer Science as set out under Item 7.1.2.3 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.2. Lauren Audas seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

14. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the course changes in the Department of Mathematics as set out under Item 7.1.2.4 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.2. Tayler Ross seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

15. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve a change in the name of the Department of Physics to 'Department of Physics and Astronomy', as set out under Item 7.1.2.5 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.2. Tayler Ross seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

581/7.1.3: *Division of Social Sciences*

16. Dean of Arts and Science Michele Murray moved that Senate approve program and course changes and a new course proposal in the Department of Economics as set out under Item 7.1.3.1 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.3. Lauren Audas seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

17. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve a new program and new course proposals in Environmental Science and Geography, as well as a change in the Departmental name to Department of Environmental Science and Geography, as set out under Item 7.1.3.2 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.3. Stephanie Sisam seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

18. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve a revised course description and a new course proposal in the Department of Politics and International Studies as set out under Item 7.1.3.3 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.3. Lauren Audas seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

19. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve course title changes in the Department of Sociology as set out under Item 7.1.3.4 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.3. Stephanie Sisam seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

20. Dean Murray moved that Senate approve program changes and new course proposals in the Sports Studies program as set out under Item 7.1.3.5 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.1.3. Sylvain Turcotte seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 7.2: School of Education

1. Dean of Education Marie-Josée Berger moved that Senate approve changes to the Majors programs in secondary and in elementary education as set out under Item 7.2.1 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.2. Natalie Lambert seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

2. Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the course changes set out under Item 7.2.1.2 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.2. Natalie Lambert seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

3. Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the new course proposals set out under Item 7.2.1.3 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.2. Natalie Lambert seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 7.3 Williams School of Business

1. Dean of the Williams School of Business Francine Turmel moved that Senate approve the course modifications set out under Item 7.3.1.1 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.3. Sara Kobari seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

2. Dean Turmel moved that Senate approve the program modifications set out under Item 7.3.1.2 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.3. Robert Palmer seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

3. Dean Turmel moved that Senate approve the new course proposals for the Graduate Certificate in Management as set out under Item 7.3.1.3 of the detailed agenda and in document 581/7.3. Sara Kobari seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Other recommendations

Item 7.4 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Murray asked for the renewal of the adjunct Status for Dr. David Smith for a further six years. Francine Turmel seconded. The motion carried.

Item 8 Information items

There were no information items other than the update on library operations (see Item 3).

There being no further business, the 581st meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Victoria Meikle, Secretary