



584TH MEETING OF SENATE

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH 2017, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Ms Lauren Audas, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Dr. Stefan Bruda, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Dr. Jenn Cianca, 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. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Yanan Wang

Regrets:

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

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

Item 1: Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved distributed.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Jean Manore moved the approval of the Minutes of the 582nd meeting of Senate as distributed, and Morgan Gagnon seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Claude Charpentier moved the approval of the Minutes of the 583rd meeting of Senate as distributed, and Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Memorial minute for Dr. Gerry Coulter

Dr. Cheryl Gosselin read the memorial minute that she had prepared for Dr. Gerry Coulter, with the help of Dr. Coulter's wife, Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan of the Bishop's Department of Sociology.

Dr. Gerry Coulter died suddenly on November 24, 2016 at the age of 57. He was originally from Kingston, Ontario.

Gerry began his academic studies by receiving a BA in Philosophy and History, then an MA in Sociology at Queen's University, and completed his doctoral degree in Philosophy (Sociology) at Carleton in 1992.

Gerry's academic teaching career began at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon in 1992, where he met his future wife, Mary Ellen. After a year of teaching at Carleton, Gerry joined the faculty of the Sociology Department at Bishop's University in 1994, where he contributed to the growth of the Department and the success of the university until his death.

He was extensively published, including three books and about 100 articles. He founded the innovative, free-access International Journal of Baudrillard Studies in 2004, and is recognized across the world as the expert on Jean Baudrillard and his ideas.

Gerry was an extraordinarily talented and caring professor of Sociology. He was appreciated and respected by his fellow faculty members who thought of him as a very generous and encouraging colleague. He chaired the Department for many years and was always especially proud of the accomplishments of the contract faculty and their continual support of the Department. He wrote many tomes for the Department's SPARC reviews, outlining the hard work and dedication each member made that contributed to making the Sociology program such a success. It was Gerry's patient guidance and caring nature that generated such a great collegial atmosphere.

He also inspired and encouraged students to discover their strength and worth. Gerry was bestowed with Bishop's University's highest award for teaching, the William and Nancy Turner Teaching Award, in 2006. In the words of former student Laura Smith,

"Gerry was not only my favourite professor and the reason that I've kept on with academia and Baudrillard studies, but a true friend. It was the support, encouragement, and positivity from Gerry that propelled me onwards at many forks in the road. The amazing thing is that, as you know, this inspiration and encouragement was felt by so very many students. Gerry's teaching allowed students to challenge their own assumptions in ways that pointed them not toward a predetermined end, but toward developing confidence in their own

critical thinking ability. This generous, infinite gift—developing one's inner well of strength—will stay with me my entire life."

I would add a personal note to say this is exactly how I feel about the relationship Gerry and I had throughout our years together in the Sociology department. His genuine inquisitiveness into my teaching and research and his caring nature have made me a better sociologist and colleague.

Gerry loved keeping in touch with many of his students in the years after they studied with him.

Gerry was a world traveler and loved to tell stories with excitement and laughter about his global adventures to all who would listen. He was also very proud of his two furry friends, Kai and Sam and loved to talk about their daily antics or chat about his passion for the world of baseball.

Gerry is survived by his partner of 23 years, Mary Ellen Donnan who continues to teach in the Department of Sociology.

Item 3: · Communications from the Chair

Annual B.E.S.T. competition

The Principal reported that the winners of the annual B.E.S.T. competition had been selected, noting the quality of the projects submitted.

Collective agreements

Subject to ratification by members of bargaining units and approval by the Board of Governors, new collective agreements with faculty, librarians and staff had been concluded.

Senior administration

The Board of Governors had struck Ad Hoc Search Committees for a Vice-Principal Finance and Administration and a Dean of Student Affairs. Faculty Council would nominate faculty to each of these committees.

Quebec and federal budgets

The federal government had announced its intention to bring down its 2017-18 budget on March 22nd 2017. The Quebec budget was expected to follow shortly after, and that Victoria Meikle would attend the lock-up in her capacity as Vice-Principal Government Relations.

Donald lectures

Cartoonist Terry Mosher would come to Bishop's on March 16th to give the last of the 2016-17 Donald Lectures, in which he would present in which he would present a selection from his 50 years of cartooning.

Library/Learning Commons

The Principal reported that work was progressing on the plans for the library renovation.

Item 4: Business Arising

There was no business arising.

Item 5.1: Report of the Continuing Education Committee

On November 16th, English as a Second Language (ESL) was moved from Modern languages to Continuing Education.

Dean Marie-Josée Berger, Associate Vice-Principal Continuing Education, moved that Senate approve the recommendations of the Continuing Education Committee to:

- i. establish an ESL Multidisciplinary Program Committee;
- ii. establish quorum for the Committee to include at least one faculty member other than a professor of ESL; and
- iii. provide that the Program Committee is affiliated with the Division of Humanities, without drawing on existing resources in the Division.

Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 5.2: Report of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies

Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull spoke to Document 584/5.2, noting that the Students' Representative Council was exploring ways of making room for a graduate student at Senate.

Stefan Bruda joined the meeting at this point.

Graduate degrees

The Committee on Graduate Studies was exploring the status of existing graduate programs in Computer Science, Chemistry, Education and Physics.

The Vice-Principal noted that the proposed M.Sc. in life sciences and knowledge mobilisation must be approved by the *Commission d'évaluation des programmes* and the *Comité des programmes universitaires*.

2017 summer term

The Vice-Principal moved that Senate approve the recommendations of the Graduate Studies Committee for a 12-week summer session in 2017, with the following sessional dates:

Monday, May 8, 2017	Classes begin
Friday, May 19, 2017	Last day to add/drop
Monday, May 22, 2017	National Patriot's Day (University closed)

Friday, June 23, 2017	St Jean Baptiste Day (University closed)
Monday, June 26, 2017	Last day to withdraw with permission
Friday, June 30, 2017	Canada Day (University closed)
Tuesday, July 25, 2017	Tuesday only classes end
Wednesday, July 26, 2017	Wednesday only and Monday-Wednesday classes end
Thursday, July 27, 2017	Thursday only and Tuesday-Thursday classes end
Monday, July 31, 2017	Monday only classes end
Wednesday, August 2, 2017	Make-up day for St. Jean Baptiste
Friday, August 4, 2017	Make-up day for Canada Day
Monday, August 7, 2017	Final examinations begin
Friday, August 18, 2017	Final examinations end
Tuesday, August 22, 2017	Deadline for instructors / professors to submit Summer semester grades

Tayler Ross seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 5.3: Membership, Ethics Review Committee for Student Research

The Vice-Principal moved that Senate approve the nomination of Dr. Suzanne Hood to the Ethics Review Committee for Student Research for a term beginning in January of 2017 and ending in June of 2017. Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

During the course of discussion, Claude Charpentier asked that the document be corrected to make reference to a fifth faculty member, rather than a fourth.

Item 5.4: Report of Senate Planning Committee on the Allocation of Part-time Credits

The allocation of part-time credits approved by Senate in January had been revised in light of feedback from the Departments and Divisions and the decision of the Board of Governors to authorise a sessional position in Education for 2017-18.

The revised allocation would result in 657 courses being delivered for pay in 2017-18, about 100 fewer than the previous three-year average of 758 courses.

The Vice-Principal Academic moved the approval of the revised allocation, which had been unanimously recommended by Senate Planning Committee, and Robert Palmer seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

During the course of discussion, the Vice-Principal Academic announced that Senate Planning Committee would revise the process for allocating part-time credits, noting that the allocation would remain challenging whatever the formula.

The Vice-Principal Academic asked for feedback on the Senate Planning Committee criteria and process for allocation of part-time credits. The consideration of program viability and integrity in addition to the RAM score was urged, and a request was made that allocations that would result in program closures be presented as such. The Vice-Principal committed to bringing this feedback back to Senate Planning Committee for consideration.

Item 6: Other business:

6.1 Academic Report

Senate discussed efforts to improve student retention summarised in the Academic Report. In response to a question about how the University was measuring the effectiveness of our strategies, the Vice-Principal Academic provided details of tracking processes for each of the retention initiatives.

During the course of discussion it was suggested that thought be given to how to track the efforts of faculty members to improve retention, and that the University consider additional support for peer support groups organised by students.

Item 7: Recommendations for program and course changes

Item 7.1: Williams School of Business

7.1.1 Recommendation for changes to calendar Copy, Document 584/7.1.1

Dean of the Williams School of Business Francine Turmel moved that Senate approve changes to the academic calendar outline in Document 584/7.1.1. Robert Palmer seconded the motion. The Vice-Principal Academic reported that Senate Planning Committee had approved the proposed changes.

The motion carried.

584/7.2: Arts and Science

584/7.2.1 Division of Humanities

Dean of Arts and Science Michele Murray moved approval of FRE 122, a new course in Études françaises et québécoises Lauren Audas seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

584/7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

There were no recommendations from the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

584/7.2.3: Division of Social Sciences

There were no recommendations from the Division of Social Sciences.

Item 7.3: School of Education

There were no recommendations from the School of Education.

Item 7.4 Continuing Education

There were no further recommendations from Continuing Education.


Item 8 Information items

Associate Vice-Principal Berger announced that the Bishop's Senior Academy had been funded for second year.

The Principal reported that the Bishop's Forum for Civic Engagement by English-speaking youth was taking shape. The web site had been launched March 13th.

Dean Turmel reminded Senators that the deadline for application to the graduate certificate in management was March 15th.

There being no further business, the 584th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Victoria Meikle, Secretary