

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF THE 390TH MEETING OF SENATE

The 390th meeting of Senate was held on Monday, 20 January 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

Present: Prof. Benson, Dr. Black, Ms. Bolduc, Ms. Carlton, Dr. Clark-Jones, Dr. Cook, Dr. Coyne, Dr. Crooks, Prof. Cunningham, Dr. Dean, Dr. El-Bassoussi, Dr. Gaskell, Dr. Forrest, Ms. Montgomery, Dr. Norman, Mr. Nowers, Prof. Robson, Mr. Sawyer, Prof. Siddiqui, Mr. Smith-Windsor, Dr. Stritch, Dr. Yeats. Mrs. Hodder was in the Chair.

Regrets: Mr. Baechler, Mr. Curran, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Thorne

Guest: Mrs. Bandrauk

1/390 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:

4/390/5/b - deleted

8/390//ii - "tabled" to read "discussed"

Additions under Business Arising:

viii) 4/389/ii SPARC reports

ix) 5/389/v Prizes and Scholarships

Moved by Prof. Benson, seconded by Dr. Norman, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

2/390 MINUTES OF THE 389TH MEETING

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Prof. Siddiqui, that the minutes of the 389th meeting of Senate be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

3/390 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder welcomed Dr. Andrew Dean, who replaces Dr. Carman for the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

3/390 Senate was informed that Dr. El-Bassoussi has resigned as Senator for the Business Division; he will however continue to attend meetings until his replacement has been chosen by the Division.

At the request of the Chair, Dr. Cook summarized what is being done to support the recruitment effort for fall 1997. The goal is to raise the public profile of the University, thorough CEGEP lectures by faculty members, and newspaper and radio advertising; and to bring potential students on-campus through contracted training programmes and increased campus tours. The Town of Lennoxville is being asked to help with a package for visitors; members of the Executive will be encouraged to use their contacts for the benefit of the University.

Bishop's University and the Université de Sherbrooke will co-host the meeting of the Learned Societies (Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada) in 1999. These meetings are expected to bring between 8,000 and 10,000 visitors to the region.

As of 17 January, the full-time enrollment stood at 1771, with part-time enrollment at 456. These figures are lower than forecast, but may change somewhat by the end of the add-drop period, on 23 January.

Mrs. Hodder reported that the Principals and Rectors had met with the Minister of Education as planned. They were informed that the decision regarding changes to tuition fees would stand, and that the new fees would take effect in September 1997 with no "grandfathering" of current students. The new rates per credit will be: Québec - \$55.60 (unchanged); non-Québec Canadian - \$95.60; foreign students - from \$305.60 to \$275.60 depending on discipline. We still have no information as to how "Québec residency" is to be defined.

The Minister also advised the universities that funding cuts are likely to reach \$150 million for 1997, and that cuts will continue into 1998.

As a result of the report of the Estates General on Education, two committees have been set up: one by CREPUQ to rationalize programmes offered throughout the province, and one by the Ministry of Education to look into the rules of university financing.

4/390 BUSINESS ARISING

- I) 4/389/(iii) - Membership of Committee on Programme Quality. Dr. Crooks reported that the Nominating Committee had not yet identified all the members of this committee, and would report in February. The Principal reminded him of the short deadline for the work of this committee to be completed.
- ii) 4/389/iv - Dean's Report on a Third Semester. Dr. Cook

indicated that the Deans had not yet discussed this proposal in any detail. He noted, however, that the department of Computer Science was in the process of developing a trial curriculum for a two-year programme, which was to be discussed soon in the Division.

Ms. Bolduc reported on a survey of students which had indicated that opinion was divided as to the utility of a third semester. She noted that many students needed the summer months to earn funding to support their winter studies. The possibility of co-op opportunities was of interest to them.

- iii) 4/389/v - Instructor in Foreign Languages. With regard to Senate's recommendation concerning the conversion of this position, Dr. Cook reported that a letter of intent had been signed to conclude the matter.
- iv) 5/389/iii - Continuing Education Committee. Mrs. Hodder informed Senate that Dr. Forrest had been named as senior academic officer to this committee.
- v) 5/389/vii - Student Appeals Committee. Mrs. Hodder indicated that a legal opinion had been received concerning the proposed mandate and procedures of the Student Appeals Committee. This document, along with the committee's report, and a survey of other institutions conducted by Dr. Black, has been referred to the Divisions for review. Their comments will be passed on to Dr. White, who will report to Senate with a revised version of the mandate and procedures.
- 4/390 vi) 7/389/I - Course description for MAT 334. This will be presented at the next regular meeting of Senate.
- vii) 6/383/6.3/I - Norms for Field Courses. Dr. Cook undertook to bring these to Senate before the courses are held again in the spring.
- viii) 4/389/ii - SPARC Reviews. Dr. Yeats inquired as to the status of Deans' reports to Senate the year following a departmental SPARC review. A list of reviews conducted and reports made will be compiled for senators.
- ix) 5/389/v - Prizes and Scholarships. Dr. Yeats requested confirmation that Senate had approved the awarding of the Elizabeth Ann Pennington Towers Prize to Mr. Aaron Davis.

5/390 COMMITTEE ITEMS

- I) 4/389/i - SPARC Report: Biology. Dr. Cook noted that the

reviewers' response to the Biology Department's comments had been circulated to senators.

- ii) SPARC: Reviewers for Chemistry and Biochemistry. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that the list of reviewers for Chemistry and Biochemistry be accepted as presented.

Motion carried.

- iii) 5/389 - Committee on Publications and Research. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that the mandate for the Senate Research and Publications Committee be accepted as presented. There was some discussion as to the kinds of research to be supported by this committee; it was agreed that funds made available should be regarded as seed money, and should be distributed as widely as possible for eligible projects. The committee was urged to keep this in mind during its deliberations.

Motion carried.

6/390 OTHER MATTERS

- I) Academic Orientation. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Student Senators and the Academic Deans would meet to determine how academic orientation for new students should be organized in future.
- ii) Sessional Dates. The Registrar presented a proposal for sessional dates for the 1997-98 academic year. These will be discussed at the next regular meeting of Senate in February; in the meantime senators were asked to convey their comments and suggestions to the Registrar.
- iii) Interim Report to the Executive Committee. Mrs. Hodder reminded senators that an interim report on Senate's disposition of the Task Force recommendations was to be presented to the Executive Committee on 24 January. Some senators felt it would be inappropriate for the Executive Committee to receive this document before Senate had considered it. However, it was noted that once the report had been deposited at Senate it would be a public document. Mrs. Hodder undertook to advise the Executive Committee that an interim report had been received by Senate, and that copies of it were available. The Executive Committee will receive a report from Senate following its discussions on 27 January.

7/390 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Business Division - there were none.

7.2 Humanities Division - there were none.

7.3 Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that the proposed changes to the Honours Programme in Chemistry be approved, for the 1996-97 academic year only.

Motion carried.

7.4 Social Sciences - there were none.

7.5 Graduate School of Education - there were none.

8/390 BRIEF INFORMATION

I) Instructors appointed:

Business Division - Gérald Bédard for BFN210 and BFN355, Winter 1997; Denise Fortier for BHR221, Spring/Summer 1997.

Humanities Division - Dr. L. Nixon for REL127, Winter 1997, and Ms. L. Pépin for FRA093, Winter 1997

Social Sciences - Prof. A. Hammi, for ECO208 and ECO245, Winter 1997.

ii) Report of the Senate Planning Committee. Dr. Dean deposited an interim report from the Senate Planning Committee, as required by Senate at its 388th meeting, October 1996. He asked senators to study the committee's recommendations, and to bring their comments and suggestions to the special meeting of January 27th when the report will be discussed. He indicated that some of the proposals will be referred to the Divisions for further study, and he drew senators' attention to the February deadline for responses to come back to Senate.

It was moved by Prof. Siddiqui, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that the members of the Senate Planning Committee be thanked for the time and energy they had given to the preparation of this report.

Motion carried.

iii) Reminders

Mrs. Hodder pointed out that a number of Senate committees had not yet submitted their mandates for approval by Senate.

The status of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sabbatical Leaves is still to be resolved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

There will be a Special Meeting of the Senate on Monday 27 January 1997, at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of Senate will be on Monday 24 February 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

Ann Montgomery, Secretary

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

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