

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

**MINUTES
OF THE 391st MEETING OF SENATE
- PART II -**

The 391st meeting of Senate, adjourned from 27 January 1997, continued at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 3 February 1997, in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

Present: Mr. Baechler, Prof. Benson, Dr. Black, Ms. Bolduc, Ms. Carlton, Dr. Clark-Jones, Dr. Cook, Dr. Coyne, Dr. Crooks, Prof. Cunningham, Dr. Dean, Dr. Gaskell, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Harvey, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Nowers, Prof. Robson, Prof. Siddiqui, Mr. Smith-Windsor, Dr. Stritch, Mr. Thorne, Dr. Yeats.

Regrets: Mr. Curran, Dr. Norman, Mr. Sawyer

Guests: Mrs. Bandrauk; Prof. Drolet, Dr. Rittenhouse

Mrs. Hodder referred to a draft of the minutes of the first part of the meeting which had been circulated to senators, and asked that any corrections be sent to Mrs. Calvert.

Senators were informed that Prof. Arshad Taseen had been elected by the Business Division to replace Prof. El-Bassoussi, effective immediately.

A document prepared by the Student Senators was distributed.

1/391/b Section 8: Additional Recommendations and Workload

Dr. Dean reminded senators that the goal of the recommendations (a) and (b) was to address perceived inequities in workload, as well as to optimize the use of part-time teaching credits.

Some senators thought that more information was needed about why certain courses had low enrollments. It was agreed that inequities existed, but the suggestion was made that regulation was not the way to solve the problem, as the number of exceptions to any rule would defeat the purpose. It was accepted that there are very good reasons for small enrollments in some courses, for pedagogical reasons, or because the subject matter is very specialized.

It was moved by Dean Cook, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that recommendations (a), (b), and © on page 10 of the SPC Report be referred to the Divisions for consideration, to be brought back to the next regular meeting of Senate.

A friendly amendment to add recommendation (d) to this list was accepted.

After some debate, it was agreed that the wording of this motion should

be amended to read: that recommendations (a), (b), © and (d) be referred to the Divisions for consideration, and that written responses be provided to both the Senate Planning Committee and Senate by 14 February.

During the discussion, senators recognized that pre-registration for the Fall Semester 1997 was not a practical idea, but noted that Departments could survey their upper year students to determine what courses they planned to take. For new students, Departments will know the number of incoming majors, and what courses they must take. It was agreed that pre-registration should be implemented as quickly as feasible.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Coyne, seconded by Dr. Dean, that the Technological Information Committee be instructed to investigate fully the idea of extension courses, (equipment needs, technical assistance, costs, etc.) and to report back to the SPC by the end of June 1997.

Motion carried.

1/391/c Section 3: Department of Modern Languages and a New Division

Dean Forrest indicated that the question of a Department of Modern Languages would be discussed at the next meeting of the Division of Humanities, and that he would report back to Senate following that meeting.

Dr. Dean told senators that a proposal for a merger of Economics with the Business Division had come to the SPC from the two units involved. The proposal has been approved by the Business Division, but not yet by the Division of Social Sciences. Dr. Vigneault, Chair of Economics, indicated that her Department fully supported the recommendation. Both units felt that some reduction in staff complement could result from the merger. It was also recognized that this change would have implications for the Social Sciences Division as a whole.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that the Department of Economics and the Division of Business Administration be merged to form a new Division of Business Administration and Economics.

Dr. Yeats moved, seconded by Dr. Clark-Jones, that the motion be tabled until the Social Sciences Division had voted on the proposal.

Motion defeated.

Moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Cook, to amend the motion by inserting the phrase "pending the approval of the Division of Social Sciences" at the beginning of the sentence.

Motion carried.

1/391/d Section 5: Introductory Statistics and Double Listing

Dr. Dean reported that the SPC was still discussing the issue of overlapping statistics courses with the departments involved, and that a meeting to deal with this would be held within two weeks.

Dr. Dean said that the purpose of the recommendation dealing with double listing of courses was to reduce the number of course sections being offered, and to rationalize course offerings across different departments. Some senators felt that double-listing courses would be an improvement over the existing system of cognate courses, which are difficult to identify on a student transcript; it was seen as an advantage particularly for smaller departments where the range of course offerings may be limited. The technical difficulty of devising course numbers under a system of double listing was mentioned; however it was pointed out that this should not prevent approval of the principle involved.

Dr. Crooks moved, seconded by Dr. Stritch, that departments be encouraged to consider the possibility of double listing courses, beginning with the 1997-98 Academic Calendar.

Motion carried.

It was suggested that the course timetable should also note double-listed courses, so that students are aware of them.

1/391/e Section 6: Graduate Programmes

Moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that a committee be struck to investigate the possibility of establishing or restoring Master's level programmes.

There was a brief discussion during which the need for library and other resources was mentioned. Senators felt that Master's level programmes involved a cost and effort that could not be justified at present, and that our focus should continue to be the improvement of undergraduate offerings.

Motion defeated.1/391/f Section 2: New Programmes

The new programmes proposed in this section have already been referred to the Divisions for their consideration.

Dr. Cook reviewed the timing of work still to be done, noting that many items had been referred by Senate to other bodies. The SPC is to submit

its final report to the Senate meeting of 24 February; in order to meet this deadline the responses to referred recommendations must be in the committee's hands by noon on 18 February at the latest.

Mrs. Hodder informed Senate that two members of the CREPUQ Commission d'éducation will visit the campus on Monday 10 February. This is the commission that is looking at the rationalization of university programmes across the province; during this visit they will be provided with background documents and will meet members of the University.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of Senate will be on **Monday 24 February, at 7:00 p.m.**

Ann Montgomery, Secretary

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair