

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF THE 397th MEETING OF SENATE

The 397th meeting of Senate, a Special Meeting, was held on Tuesday, 20 May, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in McGreer 100.

Present: Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Dr. Black, Dr. Clark-Jones, Dr. Crooks, Mr. Curran, Dr. Dean, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Gaskell, Dr. Harvey, Dr. Norman, Prof. Robson, Prof. Siddiqui, Dr. Stritch, Dr. Yeats

Mrs. Hodder indicated that there were two items on the agenda of this special meeting: a motion to endorse the nomination of a Vice-Principal, and consideration of the consequences of making this appointment.

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The following motion was moved by Dr. Forrest and seconded by Dr. Stritch:

Whereas the Search Committee for the Vice-Principal recommends that the position be offered to Dr. Robert Cook, be it resolved that he be offered the position of Vice-Principal under the terms set out by the Rules, Orders and Regulations of Bishop's University, subject to final approval by the Human Resources Committee.

Motion carried.

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Dr. Cook joined the meeting at this point.

Mrs. Hodder noted that the report of the Academic Structures Committee recommended that a full-time replacement for a Vice-Principal appointed from the teaching faculty be given top priority, subject to Senate approval.

It was moved by Dr. Yeats, seconded by Dr. Clark-Jones, that, in order to maintain the Senate-approved allotment of five full-time faculty members in the Department of Chemistry during each of the five years in which Dr. Cook occupies the position of Vice-Principal, Senate approve a full-time annual and

renewable replacement appointment in organic chemistry to enable the Chemistry Department to teach the required courses that have constituted the normal regular teaching load of Dr. Cook.

Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Dean, moved to amend the motion by deleting the word "organic". During discussion of the amendment, it was pointed out by several Senators that past practice has been to authorize an appointment within a Department while leaving the Department the flexibility to assign teaching duties as needed from time to time.

Amendment carried.

Dr. Yeats asked that his opposition be noted.

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that the motion be further amended by deleting the phrase "in order to maintain the Senate-approved allotment of five full-time faculty members in the Department of Chemistry". Dr. Dean pointed out that the continuation of the position vacated by Dr. Cook was guaranteed for his term of office by the Academic Structures report.

Amendment carried.

It was moved by Dr. Clark-Jones, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that the final phrase of the main motion, "to enable the Chemistry Department to teach the required courses that have constituted the normal regular teaching load of Dr. Cook", be deleted.

Dr. Yeats indicated his strong opposition to this amendment, and expressed the opinion that the survival of the Chemistry Department was at risk. Other Senators pointed out that the intention was to give the Chemistry Department flexibility to allocate teaching assignments as needed on an annual basis.

Amendment carried.

Dr. Yeats requested that his opposition be noted.

Mrs. Hodder read the **amended** motion: Moved that, during each of the five years in which Dr. Cook occupies the position of Vice-Principal, Senate approve a full-time annual and renewable replacement appointment in Chemistry.

In response to a query from Dr. Stritch, she said that the intention of the motion was to guarantee a position in Chemistry

for five years, and to give the Department the flexibility to decide who will fill it from year to year.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Mrs. J. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary