

**BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF THE 401st MEETING OF SENATE**

The 401st meeting of Senate was held on Tuesday 9 December 1997, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

Members present: Mrs. Bandrauk, Dean Barlow, Prof. Benson, Dr. Black, Prof. Carman, Dean A. Johnson, Ms. H. Johnson, Dr. Childs, Dr. Clark-Jones, Dr. Cook, Dean A. Dean, Dr. S. Harvey, Dr. McLean, Ms. Montgomery, Dr. Rose, Mr. Smith-Windsor, Dr. Sproule, Dr. Van Hulst. Mrs. Hodder was in the Chair.

Absent: Mr. Cameron, Prof. Cunningham, Mrs. Durrant, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Roche, Mr. Roy, Dr. Taseen, Ms. Wallace

1/401 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Cook added 5/401/vi: SPARC reviewers for Études françaises and québécoises to the agenda. It was moved by Prof. Carman, seconded by Prof. Benson, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

2/401 MINUTES

Moved by Dr. Van Hulst, seconded by Dr. Black, that the minutes of the 400th meeting of Senate be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

3/401 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder informed Senators that Drew Leyburne, President of the SRC, was one of the two Québec winners of a 1997 Rhodes Scholarship. She noted that it has been 27 years since a Bishop's student has achieved this honour. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Smith-Windsor that the Senate's congratulations be conveyed to Mr. Leyburne.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Principal reported that the Minister of Education, Mme Marois, expects to issue a consultative document concerning the Québec universities early in January. This document will

contain sections on the following: the mission of the university; accessibility (including time to completion); teaching and academic support (including articulation with cegep programmes); research and partnerships; the Québec university system; and issues of accountability (including performance indicators). It is the Minister's intention that a wide range of groups be asked to consider and react to the document. Mrs. Hodder proposed that time should be set aside in the New Year for Bishop's to develop an institutional position on these issues which would have strong support from both Senate and the Executive Committee. Senators indicated their agreement with this suggestion.

Mrs. Hodder referred to a statement made by Mme Marois that Québec universities would not be permitted to apply for grants from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, and that those who did apply would have their government funding reduced accordingly. Dr. Cook described the CFI programme, noting that about \$180 million had been designated for support of research in Québec. Contrary to information which appeared in the press, CREPUQ and the university rectors do not support the Minister's stand on this.

The Principal informed Senators that Tom Nowers would leave the position of Dean of Student Affairs and Director of Ancillary Services as of March 1998, and that Tom Allen would serve as Acting Dean of Student Affairs from that time until 31 December 1998. During the year, the Principal will consult with the University community about ways in which both Student Services and Ancillary Enterprises can most effectively be managed.

Planning for the Capital Campaign is well under way and indications of several major donations have been received; Mrs. Hodder said that the steering committee is hopeful of a successful final outcome.

4/401 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none that did not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

5/401 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Interim Report from Senate Planning Committee. The Chairman, Dr. Booth, has informed Senate that the Committee hopes to present this report at the January 1998 meeting.

ii) Notice of Motion: Dr. Sproule. Dr. Sproule spoke to the motions he had presented at the last Senate meeting, in which he recommended that the Senate Planning Committee be asked to consider certain changes in the present Divisional structure, noting that his goal in making these proposals was to reduce the cost of academic administration.

Mrs. Hodder suggested that the matters raised in Dr. Sproule's motions came under the jurisdiction of the Academic Structures Committee, which had completed a review last year. The issue of academic structure is likely to be a divisive one, and might distract from the collaborative efforts the Senate Planning Committee is presently engaged in. She asked if consideration of these motions could be deferred until later in the Winter 1998 semester.

It was moved by Dr. Sproule, seconded by Dr. Cook, that these motions be tabled *sine die*.

Motion carried.

iii) Technological Information Committee. This item will come back as part of the Nominating Committee's report in January 1998.

iv) SPARC. Dr. Cook presented a list of reviewers and alternates recommended by the SPARC committee for the review of the Département d'Études françaises et québécoises, which is to take place next semester. He moved, seconded by Prof. Carman, that the SPARC committee's recommendations be approved.

Motion carried.

6/401 OTHER MATTERS

i) 4/392/ii: Deans' Report on a Third Semester. The Deans indicated that they were not prepared to present a report. Mrs. Hodder asked Senate if this matter was still of interest, or if it should be dropped from the agenda. After some discussion, the Deans and Mrs. Bandrauk agreed to bring to the March Senate meeting a brief summary of the major pros and cons of the idea, which will be the basis of a discussion as to its feasibility. Dean Barlow will pilot the process.

ii) University Statistics. The Principal asked for more time to consider what kinds of statistical information would be most useful; this item will return to the agenda in January.

iii) Dr. Childs and Dr. Johnson both spoke briefly to this item; the issues underlying the debate are being resolved by the parties concerned.

7/401 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Business and Economics

i) Dean Barlow moved, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that a new course BMG 222 International Business Law be approved by Senate. (Note: this course was referred to as BMG 321 in the minutes of the 400th Senate meeting.)

Motion carried.

7.2 Humanities

i) Études françaises et québécoises.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Prof. Benson, that one section of FRA 093 (a 6-credit course) be split into two 3-credit courses FRA 091 and FRA 092. It was explained that this would make the courses accessible to exchange students here for only one semester.

Motion carried.

Dr. Cook moved, seconded by Prof. Carman, that students who take FRA 093 not be permitted to take either FRA 091 or FRA 092 (or vice-versa).

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. McLean, that a new course FRA 117 La France contemporaine be approved.

Motion carried.

ii) Modern Languages.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Prof. Benson, that three new courses in German be approved:

GER 305 Advanced German Communication I
GER 306 Advanced German Communication II
GER 310 Advanced Business German (6 credits)

It was pointed out that GER 310 would be offered during the summer by Continuing Education in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut Montreal.

Motion carried.

iii) Philosophy.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Sproule, that Senate approve a new course PHI 245 Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Science.

The Dean of Science undertook to review the contents of this course and the History of Science course offered by the Biology Department, to make sure there is no major overlap of subject matter.

Motion carried.

iv) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Cook, that Jane Needles be approved as the instructor for HUM 150 Arts Management (offered by Continuing Education).

Motion carried.

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7.3 Natural Sciences and Mathematics. There were none.

7.4 Social Sciences. There were none.

7.5 Education. There were none.

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BRIEF INFORMATION

ii) It was pointed out that two of the instructors referred to, Prof. Langford and Prof. Durflinger, had in fact received their doctoral degrees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.; the Principal wished Senators a happy holiday season.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary