

**BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES  
OF THE 405th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 405th meeting of Senate was held on Monday, 23 March 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

**Members present:** Mrs. Bandrauk, Prof. Benson, Dr. Black, Mr. Cameron, Prof. Carman, Dr. Childs, Dr. Booth, Dr. Forrest, Dr. A. Johnson, Ms. H. Johnson, Dr. McLean, Ms. Montgomery, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Roche, Dr. Rose, Dr. Sproule, Dr. van Hulst, Ms. Wallace, Dr. Zubieta. Dr. Cook was in the Chair.

**Absent:** Prof. Barlow, Prof. Cunningham, Dr. Dean, Mr. Curran, Dr. Harvey, Mrs. Hodder, Mr. Roy, Mr. Smith-Windsor.

1/405        APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following changes to the agenda were proposed:

4/404: add i) Query re Research Directory

5/405: add iii) Report from the Nominating Committee

6/405: add iv) Senate meeting dates

7/405/7.1: add i) New courses in Economics, ii) Revisions to the programme in Political Economy

7/405/7.2: move ii and iii to 8/405

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

**Motion carried.**

2/405        APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Roche, that the minutes of the 403rd meeting of Senate be approved.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. van Hulst, seconded by Dr. Sproule, that the minutes of the 404th meeting of Senate be approved.

**Motion carried.**

3/405        COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Cook reminded Senators that they were invited to join a celebration for the victorious basketball team in the Pub at

10:00 p.m.

Senators were advised that Mme Marois' draft policy statement on the universities, "L'université devant l'avenir", had been received, for the present in a French version only. It is the Minister's intention to visit the universities in the fall to discuss the document. Mrs. Hodder proposes that a joint meeting of the Senate and Executive Committee should be held to prepare a university position on the issues raised. An English version of the text will be circulated to both groups as soon as it is available.

Dr. Cook mentioned that, in addition to the "Learneds", which will meet on campus in the spring of 1999, the Association of Business Officers (CAUBO), and the Association of Research Administrators (CAURA), will be here at about the same time.

4/405      BUSINESS ARISING

i) Research Directory. Dr. Sproule inquired about the status of the Research Directory, which was to have been tabled in May 1997. Dr. Cook responded that there had been some delays in collecting information from members of faculty, but that the document was now in proof-reading stage and would be available in mid-April.

5/405      COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) SPARC. Dr. Cook reported that the Chemistry Department had submitted its response to the review; the reviewers's reply is expected soon, and the report should be tabled at the April meeting of Senate.

ii) The Programme Quality Committee.

Dr. McLean reported that, in accordance with its mandate, the Committee had examined SPARC reports submitted over recent years. A number of reviewers had suggested that programmes were too specialized, and were not meeting the spirit of our mission to provide a "liberal education".

The Committee had consulted with Deans and Divisions, and had arrived at a proposal for a core curriculum, as presented in the document circulated.

Dr. McLean gave notice of a motion to be brought forward at the April meeting of Senate: that the University establish a core curriculum which would be compulsory for all students except 1) those pursuing a minor outside the Division in which

they are taking their Honours or Major; 2) those in the B.A. or B.Sc. with a concentration in Education; and 3) those in a 90-credit B.B.A. programme who are pursuing a minor in Economics.

iii) Nominating Committee. Dr. Rose noted that there were vacancies on two Senate committees as a result of leaves, and moved, seconded by Prof. Carman, that Professor Drolet be named to the Library Committee (replacing Prof. Schenk), and that Professor Robson be named to the Teaching Evaluation Committee (replacing Dr. Taseen).

**Motion carried.**

6/405      OTHER MATTERS

i) 6/401/i: Third Semester. This was deferred to the April meeting of Senate.

ii) 6/403/i: Task Force on Student Retention. Dr. van Hulst presented a series of recommendations on advising for Senate's consideration, noting that the Task Force understood regular student advising to be an important factor in both retention of students and their academic success. Some Senators indicated that they could not discuss this in the absence of retention statistics; others were concerned about adding to administrative burdens. Some of the student Senators thought it would be worth trying such an advising programme in departments where it did not already exist.

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Sproule, that the Registrar's Office prepare as an urgent matter comprehensive statistics concerning the retention rates of students as a function of departments, and institute on an on-going basis a survey of all students who fail to return to register for a subsequent session.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Sproule, that the Recommendations on Advising be passed to the Divisions and Departments for consideration and possible implementation.

**Motion carried.**

iii) Dr. Sproule presented the following motion, seconded by Dr. van Hulst: that the Senate Research Committee table on

or before the Senate meeting of April 1998 an annual report outlining a 10-year retrospective accounting of: funds administered; all applications; the investments (applications approved); and the public benefits of the investments. During the discussion, the deadline was amended to September 1998, and the requirement to list all applications was deleted.

Some Senators pointed out that reports from the Senate Research Committee had been tabled up to 1996; Dr. Sproule did not feel that these reports contained the information he was seeking with regard to the benefit obtained for funds granted.

Dr. Sproule agreed with Dr. Booth's interpretation, that the point was to ensure a regular accounting of the use of research funds allocated by the SRC, whatever the outcome of the funded project.

It was suggested that the mandate of the Senate Research Committee be changed to require that grant recipients report to the Committee on the outcome of the project for which funding was received, and that the SRC report annually to Senate.

The question was called on the amended motion.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Sproule's second motion, regarding the academic structure of the university, was not seconded. It was pointed out that Senate had discussed and approved a report from the Academic Structures Review Committee last year, and that the issue could not be re-opened without consultation with the APBU.

Dr. Sproule presented a notice of motion for the April meeting of Senate: that (to the extent the Collective Agreement permits) the Senate Planning Committee be instructed to plan for the reduction of: (a) the full-time complement in the Division of Humanities from 44 to 20, and (b) the part-time complement in the Division of Humanities from 17 to 7, in the quickest timeframe possible.

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iv) It was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate meetings be held on the second Monday of the month, starting in September 1998.

**Motion carried.**

7/405 RECOMMENDATIONS7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

i) It was moved by Dr. Zubieta, seconded by Mr. Roche, that Senate approve three new courses in Economics:

ECO 115 The Making of Economic Society

ECO 121 From Fish to Fur, and Wood to Wheat

ECO 351 History of Economic Thought.

These courses are to be offered only if sufficient part-time credits are allocated; however ECO 351 will be required for the Honours programme. It replaces ECO 352 which will be removed from the Calendar.

Moved by Mr. Roche, seconded by Professor Rose, to divide the motion to include only ECO 115 and ECO 351.

**Motion carried.**

**Amended motion carried.**

The Department was asked to review the proposed new course ECO 121; they were also invited to consider a course title which would give a better idea of course content when listed on a transcript.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Zubieta, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate approve revisions to the Political Economy programme, as described in the document circulated (but striking ECO 121 for the present).

**Motion carried.**

7.2 Humanities Division

i) It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that Senate approve the following new courses in French:

FRA 131 French I

FRA 132 French II

FRA 133 French III

FRA 134 French IV

FRA 245 Introduction à la traduction

It was pointed out that the first four courses represented a split offering of FRA 093 and FRA 095, 6-credit courses which are now in the Calendar. The purpose of the split

was to increase accessibility to the courses, particularly to exchange students.

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that the motion be tabled.

**Motion carried.**

iv) It was moved by Prof. Carman, seconded by Dr. Booth, that the proposal for a minor in Québec Studies be tabled.

**Motion carried.**

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

i) 7/403/7.3 i: It was moved by Prof. Carman, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that students in a Major programme in Biology be permitted to take either BIO 155 or CHE 105, with their related labs, to satisfy programme requirements.

**Motion carried.**

7.4 Division of Social Sciences. No recommendations.

7.5 School of Education. No recommendations.

8/405 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) It was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Nelson, that Dr. Paul Lin be granted research leave for the academic year 198-99.

**Motion carried.**

ii) and iii) A list of French course number and title changes was deposited for information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Dr. Robert Cook, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary

