

**BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES  
OF THE 406th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 406th meeting of Senate was held on Monday, 20 April 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

**Members present:** Mrs. Bandrauk, Prof. Barlow, Prof. Benson, Dr. Black, Prof. Carman, Dr. Childs, Dr. Cook, Prof. Cunningham, Dr. Dean, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Harvey, Dr. Johnson, Dr. McLean, Ms. Montgomery, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Rose, Mr. Roy, Mr. Smith-Windsor, Dr. Sproule, Dr. van Hulst, Ms. Wallace, Dr. Zubieta. Mrs. Hodder was in the Chair.

**Absent:** Mr. Cameron, Mr. Curran, Ms. H. Johnson, Mr. Roche.

In the Principal's absence, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Cook.

1/406      APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The following changes to the agenda were proposed:

6/406: defer to the September Senate meeting

7/406: move 7.1 i and ii to 4/406

7/406: delete items 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5

Prof. Benson noted an error in 8/406/iii: Denis Farley's degree is an M.F.A.

It was moved by Prof. Carman, seconded by Dr. Black, that the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion carried.**

2/406      APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Prof. Carman, that the minutes of the 405th meeting of Senate be approved.

**Motion carried.**

3/406      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

There were none.

4/406 BUSINESS ARISING

i) 7/405/7.2/i: New courses in French. It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. McLean, that the motion to approve these courses be lifted from the table.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Levasseur explained to Senate the French Department's reasons for wishing to establish these new courses, FRA 131, FRA 132, FRA 133, and FRA 134, as alternatives to the two six-credit courses already in the Calendar. There was some discussion of the academic rationale for courses being offered in two different formats; it was noted that similar arrangements in Spanish and German had previously been approved by Senate.

Dr. Carman proposed that the departments where this occurs should make it clear that students cannot obtain credit for more than one of the two alternatives.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. McLean, that the motion be split to separate FRA 245 from the other courses.

**Motion carried.**

The vote was called on the motion to approve FRA 131, FRA 132, FRA 133 and FRA 134.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. McLean, that Senate approve the new course FRA 245 Introduction à la traduction.

**Motion carried.**

Moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. McLean, that Senate approve the course number and title changes for courses in French noted in document 8/405/7.2.ii, circulated for the last Senate meeting.

**Motion carried.**

ii) 7/405/7.2/iv: Minor in Québec Studies.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate approve the proposed minor in Québec Studies, as outlined in document 7/406/7.2/ii.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that the minor in Québec Studies be included in the Canadian Studies programme, and that the name of the programme be changed to Canadian Studies and Québec Studies Programme.

**Motion carried.**5/406 COMMITTEE ITEMS

## i) SPARC.

Dr. Cook referred Senators to the SPARC report on the Department of Business which had been distributed. He indicated that comments on the reports for Philosophy, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Études françaises et québécoises were expected soon; these reports may be available for the May meeting of Senate, or at the latest by September.

## ii) Programme Quality Committee.

It was moved by Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Cook, that Senate approve the establishment of a core curriculum as outlined in the document 5/405/ii, tabled at the last meeting of Senate.

Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Johnson, moved to table the proposal and refer it to the Divisions for consideration, and to bring it back to the September meeting of Senate.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Cook, that Senate set up a standing Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee mandated to make recommendations concerning proposed programme changes and to administer and make recommendations concerning general academic policies.

Dr. McLean explained that a such a committee would screen and assess proposed programme changes before they are presented to Senate, and would be able to consider such changes in the context of the total curriculum.

Dr. Cook added that proposals for new courses should also be

screened in this way, as a means of avoiding duplication and ensuring consistent standards throughout the University. This could be a first step to defining and monitoring programme quality.

Some Senators wondered how a Curriculum Committee would fit with present departmental and Divisional procedures.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Prof. Benson, that the motion be tabled and returned to the Senate agenda in September.

**Motion carried.**

(5/406/ii)

It was moved by Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Sproule, that all 100 and 200-level courses be required to schedule final examinations, except those exempted by the Dean of the Division concerned.

Some Senators were uneasy with the idea of prescribing how faculty should structure their courses; others pointed out that Senate had the right to legislate in matters relating to the academic integrity of programmes.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. McLean asked Senators for a clearer idea of what is wanted from the Programme Quality Committee.

During the discussion, the Principal reviewed the origins of the Committee, noting that it had been established to ensure that issues of quality were not lost during on-going cost-reduction exercises. The questions asked at that time were: how to define "quality" in an academic programme? how to communicate what "quality" is, to ourselves and to those outside the institution?

Dr. Black inquired about practices at other institutions; Dr. Tucker responded that Curriculum Committees oversee programme quality in a number universities.

At the Principal's suggestion, Dr. McLean agreed that the Programme Quality Committee would try to design a mandate for itself which would address these issues. Mrs. Hodder thanked members of the Committee for the work they had already done in this difficult area.

(5/406)

iii) Senate Planning Committee.

A) The Principal advised Senators that Dr. Booth had resigned from Senate, and that the report would be presented by Dr. Cook.

Dr. Cook took the opportunity to request that the Nominating Committee find a replacement for Dr. Booth if possible by the May meeting of Senate, so that the work of the SPC can move forward.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that the Department of Political Studies be given a Sessional appointment for 1998-99, to teach primarily in the area of International Relations.

**Motion carried.**

A motion regarding the Major programme in German was withdrawn.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that the Department of Modern Languages be given a Sessional appointment in German for the 1998-99 academic year.

Dr. Kuepper pointed out that the person holding this appointment would be the only full-time faculty member in German next year, and as he or she would only be on campus for 10 months, he felt that continuing German students would not be well served by this arrangement.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Nelson, that the Department of Chemistry be given an additional 9 credits of part-time funding for 1998-99, in order to offer CHE 191/081 and CHE 192/082.

**Motion carried.**

In response to a query from Dr. McLean, Dr. Cook indicated that these recommendations would reduce the cost of delivering the academic programme by \$80,000 for 1998-99.

The Principal noted that the Special Meeting of Senate called for 19 May would not now be needed. She hoped that a report dealing with long-range planning issues would come forward from the SPC early in the fall semester.

B) 6/405/iii: Motion from Dr. Sproule regarding reduction of the teaching complement in the Division of Humanities. This motion was not seconded.

6/406        OTHER MATTERS

6/401/i: Third Semester. This item was put off to the September Senate meeting.

7/406        RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1    Williams School of Business and Economics

i)    It was moved by Prof. Barlow, seconded by Prof. Cunningham, that Senate approve a new course BCS 395 Multimedia Modeling.

**Motion carried.**

7.2    Division of Humanities.

iii) It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that Senate approve the following new courses in Philosophy:

- PHI 265 Kierkegaard and Nietzsche
- PHI 270/CLA 270 The Pre-Socratics
- PHI 278 The Pragmatists
- PHI 370/CLA 370 Hellenistic Philosophy

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Childs, that the Honours Thesis course in Philosophy (PHI 401) be reduced from 12 credits to 6 credits.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Childs, that the following new courses in Music be approved:

- MUS 339 Advanced Electronic Music I
- MUS 439 Advanced Electronic Music II

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary