The 407th meeting of Senate was held on Friday 15 May 1998, at 1:30 p.m., in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

Members present: Mrs. Bandrauk, Prof. Barlow, Prof. Benson, Dr. Black, Dr. Childs, Dr. Dean, Mrs. Durrant, Dr. Forrest, Dr. Johnson, Dr. S. Harvey, Dr. McLean, Ms. Montgomery, Dr. Rose, Dr. van Hulst, Dr. Zubieta. Dr. Cook was in the Chair.

Absent: Mr. Cameron, Prof. Carman, Prof. Cunningham, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Roche, Mr. Roy, Mr. Smith-Windsor, Dr. Sproule, Ms. Wallace

1/407 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The following changes to the agenda were proposed:

7/407/7.2: add i) approval of a new course FRA 206
     ii) motion re teaching of FRA 206
     iii) motion re Humanities majors in the School of Education

7/407/7.4: add i) changes to POL 218

8/407: add iv) University Statistics

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

2/407 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Durrant, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that the minutes of the 406th meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

3/407 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

There were none.

4/407 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.
5/407 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Senate Planning Committee. Dr. Cook informed Senators that recommendations concerning the future of the Major programme in German would not be brought forward before the fall of 1998.

ii) Dr. Black presented the Annual Report of the Senate Library Committee, and spoke to it briefly.

6/407 OTHER MATTERS

i) It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Rose, that the Senate Planning Committee, when making recommendations regarding changes to the size or composition of departments, or changes to programmes, be requested to:

a) consult fully with the relevant department beforehand;

b) give the department advance notice of its decision so that it may have the opportunity to provide a response;

c) fully support its recommendations to Senate with a comprehensive review of the circumstances, historical context, trends in crus and majors and honours in previous years, expectations for the future growth of the department or programme, and other information relevant to its decision.

Motion carried.

ii) Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates for Spring Convocation 1998.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Master of Arts in Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Master of Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

There was some discussion as to how the rule for designating graduates “with distinction” was to be applied to the Masters programmes in Education, in view of the fact that the passing grade was set higher than in undergraduate programmes. It was
agreed that this issue should be studied by the School of Education, and that an amendment be made to the Calendar to clarify the rule.

It was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that Senate recommend Kathryn Barlow and Angela-Lynn Standish to graduate "with distinction".

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

It was noted that the graduation status of P-L. Brunner would be clarified by a motion later in the meeting.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Barlow, seconded by Dr. Zubieta, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Barlow, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Business, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

Some Senators queried the method by which distinction was awarded in the Humanities Division. It was agreed that the rules governing this would be reviewed by the Academic Standing Committee next fall.

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of
Arts in Science, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Black, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Barlow, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate approve the recommendation from the School of Education for graduates with distinction.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the Diploma in Advanced Studies in Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the Certificate in Education (TESL), and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the Diploma in Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.
It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate receive the list of candidates for Certificates in Continuing Education programmes, with the addition of 952582 Dominic Brochu (Modern Languages) and 933081 Pierre Boiteux (Business Administration), and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Thomas More Institute, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. McLean, that the Deans and the Director of the School of Education receive permission from Senate to delete or add the names of any students on the graduating list, subject to satisfactory completion of programme requirements prior to the date of Convocation.

Motion carried.

iii) The Registrar tabled the list of prizes and scholarships to be awarded for the 1997-98 academic year. It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Dean, that the report of the Committee on Prizes and Scholarships be approved.

Motion carried.

7/407 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics.

There were none.

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate approve a new course FRA 206 Histoire de la langue français.

Motion carried.

ii) Dr. Forrest outlined the circumstances which had led to FRA 206 being offered as a one-week course in a special programme
in Martinique. Mrs. Bandrauk provided background information about the development of the programme. The Humanities Division was very concerned about the pedagogy of this course, but in order not to prejudice the five students who had enrolled in good faith, the Division had agreed to honour the registrations on the understanding the situation was exceptional, and that no precedent was to be set by this.

It was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that Pierre-Louis Brunner (951331) be approved to graduate with the degree of B.Sc. Honours Chemistry, with distinction, on the basis of 96 credits completed.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Dean, that FRA 206 be approved for credit for the five students registered, limited to the period of May 11 to 18, 1998.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Childs, that a letter be sent to the French Department by the Dean and the Chair of Senate, conveying the Senate’s strong disapproval of the pedagogy and grading of the course offered in Martinique, as well as of the Department’s disregard for proper procedure in mounting the course.

Motion carried.

iii) It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate approve modifications to the requirements for Majors in the Division of Humanities, for students in the combined BA./BED. programme, as outlined in document 7/407/7.2/iii, and approved by the Humanities Division.

Motion carried.

It was noted that the History major in the combined programme would be 48 credits, not 39 as given in the document.

7.3 Natural Sciences and Mathematics

i) It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that Senate approve the following new courses and labs in Biology:
BIO 131 The Human Body in Health and Disease  
BIO 314 Biotechnology  
BIL 314 Biotechnology Laboratory

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that Senate approve the following new courses in Chemistry:

CHE 464 Computational Chemistry and Molecular Modelling  
CHE 489 Honours Research Project

Dr. Dean noted that CHE 489 is a 6-credit course which will replace the 3-credit course CHE 469 for Honours chemists.

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that Senate approve the following courses and labs in Biochemistry:

BCH 211 Biochemistry I - Enzymes and Macromolecules  
BCH 212 Biochemistry II - Lipids and Biomembranes  
BCH 213 Biochemistry III - Integration of Biochemical Processes  
BCH 281 Analytical Biochemistry Laboratory I  
BCH 282 Analytical Biochemistry Laboratory II  
BCH 283 Biochemistry III Laboratory

Dr. Dean explained that these courses will replace BCH 236, BCH 237, BCH 287, BCH 287 and BCH 386.

**Motion carried.**

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) Dr. Johnson informed Senate of a change in title and course description for POL 218, from The Structure of Canadian Government to Constitutional Law and Canadian Government.

ii) Dr. Cook indicated that Dr. Seale’s name should be added to the list of those on half-sabbatical in the Winter semester 1999.

iv) Dr. Black circulated a document prepared by an Ad Hoc Committee on University Statistics, indicating that the plan is to issue such a report each semester, and to expand it over time to include a wide range of interesting statistics. He thanked Sandra Gallichon and Glenda Nichols for their efforts in preparing the data in the report.
Dr. Cook suggested that a permanent committee on university statistics should be established in the fall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Robert Cook, Chair                Ann Montgomery, Secretary