

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF THE 410TH MEETING OF SENATE

The 410th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 9 November 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

Members present: Mrs. Bandrauk, Dr. Black, Prof. Carman, Dr. Childs, Dr. Cook, Dr. Crooks, Ms. Cruikshank, Dr. Dean, Mrs. Durrant, Dr. Forrest, Dr. L. Harvey, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Ms. Keirstead, Dr. Lustigman, Mr. McKelvie, Dr. McLean, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Roy, Mr. Saunders, Prof. Siddiqui, Dr. Sproule, Dr. Stritch, Dr. Van Hulst, Dr. Wickens, Dr. Zubieta. Mrs. Hodder was in the Chair.

Absent: Dean Barlow

Guest: Dr. Tom Gordon, Senate Research Committee

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda:
5/410/i.c Dean's Report on Music

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

Motion carried.

2. MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. van Hulst, seconded by Prof. Siddiqui, that the minutes of the 409th meeting be approved as circulated.

Motion carried.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder distributed copies of the document *Universities and the Future*, the latest version of the consultation paper on the government's policy on universities. The Minister has indicated that she expects an early response from the universities. If necessary, a draft position statement will be prepared by the Principal, Vice-Principals and Deans, and will be circulated to members of Senate for their comments.

Mrs. Hodder advised Senate that classes would have to be

cancelled on Election Day, 30 November, to permit students to vote in their home ridings. The Registrar will circulate a notice to this effect to all faculty.

4/410 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

5/410 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) SPARC

a) It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that Dr. Peter Kent of the University of New Brunswick and Dr. Barry Moody of Acadia University be approved as the SPARC reviewers for the Department of History.

Motion carried.

b) Prof. Siddiqui deposited a report from Dean Barlow on the implementation of SPARC recommendations in the Department of Economics.

c) Dr. Forrest deposited a report on the implementation of SPARC recommendations in the Department of Music.

Dr. Cook indicated that the SPARC Committee was awaiting the final response from the reviewers before circulating the report on the Chemistry Department. After some discussion, it was moved by Prof. Carman, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that the SPARC Committee deposit at the December Senate meeting all sections of the Chemistry Review in its possession at that time.

Motion carried.

ii) Senate Research Committee.

a) Dr. T. Gordon presented revisions to the Committee's mandate, and guidelines for grant applications for 1999. It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Prof. Carman that the revised mandate and guidelines be approved.

Senators questioned the provisions of 1.1.c in the guidelines, regarding funding for student projects not for credit. It was pointed out that the McConnell Student Opportunity Fund was designed to provide support for work done for credit.

Motion carried.

b) Dr. Gordon introduced a proposed Institutional Research Plan, noting that the adoption of such a plan was a criterion set by the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, and that the present proposal followed guidelines established by the CFI.

It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that the Institutional Research Plan be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

iii) Programme Quality Committee.

It was moved by Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Cook, that Senate approve the Committee's recommendation for a liberal education requirement as outlined in the document circulated.

Dr. McLean said that the aim of the proposal was to ensure that all students would take a range of courses outside their discipline, in conformity with the goal of providing a "liberal education" which is stated in the University's mission statement. Dr. Cook added that the University's commitment to the principle of education could be demonstrated in a practical way by adopting this requirement.

Some Senators felt that most students were now taking advantage of courses in other disciplines, and asked if statistics about double majors and minors could be provided.

Student Senators were concerned that the current structure of the timetable would make it difficult to find courses to meet the requirement.

Motion defeated.

iv) Committee on Plagiarism.

Dr. Black introduced a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Plagiarism, which described in some detail the context of the problem, and formulated a series of recommendations for Senate's consideration.

It was moved by Dr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Roy, that Senate move into Committee of the Whole for discussion of this report.

Motion carried.

Dr. Black responded to questions from Senators concerning the definition of plagiarism, the sanctions proposed for

violations, and the structure and content of the proposed Calendar text.

It was agreed that the recommendations should be distributed to all full-time and part-time faculty, and that the whole document should be made available on the Noticeboard. Comments from individuals or Divisions should be forwarded to the Ad Hoc Committee. The report will be brought back to Senate at its January meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Roy, seconded by Prof. Carman, that Senate move out of Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

The Principal thanked Dr. Black and the members of his committee for the work they had done in preparation of this detailed report.

v) Nominating Committee.

Prof. Carman moved, seconded by Dr. Cook, that Senate approve the following committee appointments:

Prof. Vouliouris, Special Needs Committee
Dr. Stout, alternate on Student Academic Appeals

Motion carried.

Prof. Carman agreed to name a member of the Teaching Evaluation Committee who would call the first meeting.

6/410 OTHER MATTERS

i) Dr. Black presented the following motion: Moved that each university course be assigned only a single identification code, and that all present courses with multiple designations revert to only one such identifier. Discussion of the motion was put over to the December meeting, so that the Divisions could consider the implications. An explanatory text will be circulated to all Senators.

ii) It was moved by Prof. Siddiqui, seconded by Mr. Saunders, that Senate approve a post-Labour Day start to the 1999-2000 academic year, and the sessional dates given for this option, as circulated.

Motion carried.

iii) Mrs. Bandrauk presented a report on the development of the summer sessions in recent years, noting that enrollment of full-time students had increased from 300 to 360 since 1994.

Areas of particular interest to students are the special intensive programmes (such as Field Geography, Fine Arts Summer School, Organic Chemistry, and the courses held abroad), and Business, Education, and Science. Numbers in Humanities and Social Science have declined slightly.

7/410 RECOMMENDATIONS7.1. Williams School of Business and Economics

There were none.

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate approve a new course ENG 328 Shakespeare and the Classical Tradition.

Motion carried.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Senate approve a new course FRA 246 Initiation à la traduction.

Motion carried.

iii.a) It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Roy, that Senate approve a new course GER 390 The German Narrative.

Motion carried.

Other recommendations for changes to the German programme were returned to the department for further clarification.

iv) Dr. Forrest proposed a number of changes to the Music programme, as recommended by the SPARC review. He moved, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the following new courses be approved:

- MUS 121 Introduction to Musical Skills
- MUS 122 Introduction to Musical Skills II
- MUS 221 Intermediate Musical Skills
- MUS 222 Advanced Musical Skills

Dr. Cook moved, seconded by Dr. Stritch, that these course approvals be tabled pending a report from the Music Department on how it plans to staff them.

Motion carried.

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7.3 Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate waive the requirement for FEC approval of Dr. Lorne Nelson's research leave for the fall semester, 1998.

Motion carried.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

There were none.

7.5 School of Education

There were none.

7.6 Continuing Education

There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary