

**BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF THE 413th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 413th meeting of Senate, a Special Meeting, took place on Monday 18 January 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

**Members present:** Mrs. Bandrauk, Dr. Black, Dr. Cook, Dr. Crooks, Ms. Cruikshank, Dr. Dean, Mrs. Durrant, Dr. Forrest, Dr. L.G. Harvey, Dr. Johnson, Mr. M. Jones, Dr. N. Jones, Ms. Keirstead, Dr. Khouzam, Dr. Lustigman, Mr. McKelvie, Dr. McLean, Ms. Montgomery, Prof. Robson, Mr. Saunders, Prof. Siddiqui, Dr. Stritch, Dr. van Hulst, Dr. Wickens, Dr. Zubieta. Mrs. Hodder was in the Chair.

**Absent:** Dr. Sproule

This was a special meeting called to receive and dispose of a report from the Senate Planning Committee (SPC).

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It was moved by Dr. van Hulst, seconded by Dr. Stritch, that Senate move into Committee of the Whole for discussion of the report.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Cook referred to a document dated 18 January 1999 which had been circulated, describing changes made to the SPC report since it was deposited at the 411th Senate meeting. In summary:

Page 3 section II 1 (Preamble):

Williams School: a maximum of 575 Honours and Majors  
Natural Sciences: a maximum of 350 Honours and Majors

Page 10 section IV:

Recommendation 5 replaced with a new text.

Page 11 section IV:

Recommendation 9 is deleted.

Appendix: changes to the numbers of tenure-stream faculty in Études françaises et québécoises and ESL.

The Deans summarized discussions of the Report which had taken place at the meetings of their Divisions, and reported on motions passed by the Divisions.

Dr. Cook pointed out that Senate was being asked to approve a three-year plan, which would be carried out if the underlying

assumptions remain unchanged. The Senate Planning Committee would plan to review the situation each fall, and bring forward either a recommendation to confirm the plan, or a recommendation for revisions, according to the circumstances.

Mrs. Hodder reminded Senators that the Executive Committee each year sets planning parameters for a two-year period; for next year, these parameters would reflect decisions taken now by the Senate.

The appointment of six new tenure-track faculty in 1999-2000 will have financial implications for the funding of part-time and sessional positions. These appointments are to be approved by the Executive Committee; funding proposals for part-time and sessional hiring will come forward as part of the academic budget in due course.

It was moved by Dr. Stritch, seconded by Dr. Cook, that Senate come out of Committee of the Whole.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Saunders, that Senate approve the Senate Planning Committee's report, as presented on 14 December 1998 and amended on 18 January 1999, in its entirety.

Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Forrest, moved to amend by dividing the motion so as to deal separately with the Preamble, Recommendations 1 to 4, and then the balance of the Recommendations.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Dr. Cook, that Senate approve Sections I, II, and III of the Preamble as amended by the change of enrollment maxima for the Williams School and for Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Senators queried the provenance of the proposed figures for maximum enrollment in the Divisions and Schools. Dr. Cook indicated that the Committee had felt these to be realistic in light of proposed faculty resources; they preferred to be cautious until enrollment figures and government grants for next year are known.

It was suggested that for Business and Education, the enrollment figures ought to be viewed as maxima, whereas for Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics, they could be seen as targets.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKelvie, that Section II.5, be amended by the deletion of all the text following the phrase

"sound and liberal education".

**Motion defeated.**

Senate then voted on the main motion.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Forrest, that Senate approve Recommendations 1 through 4.

Dr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Jones, moved to amend Recommendation 1 to provide for a seventh position in History, and an eighth in Geography, for the academic year 1999-2000.

A number of Senators, and a group of students from the History Department, spoke in favour of the amendment, noting that these programmes were at risk. Dr. Cook urged Senators to consider the realities of the present funding situation in making their decision.

**Amendment defeated.**

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that the new text of Recommendation 5 be approved, as follows:

The SPC recommends that the Major in German be immediately phased out as a programme and that admissions in the Major cease immediately.

The SPC supports the Division of Humanities recommendation that a Major in Modern Languages be re-instituted. Staffing needs for the Department of Modern Languages over the next three years will be met by sessional appointments or part-time credits. Only after the new programme has been in place for three years, and demand for it clearly established, should tenure stream positions be considered.

Dr. Forrest drew Senate's attention to motions passed in the Division of Humanities in support of the University's commitment to continued teaching of courses in German language, culture and literature, and asking the SPC to reconsider the faculty complement in Modern Languages.

Dr. Cook pointed out that the programme in Modern Languages would come forward for approval at the next meeting of Senate; however the question of continued admissions to the Major in German was urgent and should be decided now.

**Motion carried** (7 abstentions)

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Dean, that the Department of Physics be allowed to hire for a temporary three-year position (Recommendation 6).

Dr. Khouzam, seconded by Prof. Siddiqui, moved to amend the motion by adding a provision for an additional three-year position in Chemistry.

**Amendment defeated.**

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Saunders, that Interdisciplinary or Joint Appointments be considered starting in 2000-2001 (Recommendation 7).

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. van Hulst, that the teaching and administration budget of the Writing Proficiency Programme (WPP) be increased to \$45,000, and that the budget be partitioned as follows: a 2-course stipend for the Coordinator (\$6,550) (\$3,275 less than last year); a sum of money to cover 4 EWP sections (\$13,000) (same as last year); a sum of money (\$25,350) (\$20,400 last year) for tutorials (Recommendation 8).

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Saunders, that the budget of Continuing Education be frozen for two years and that the Senate Planning Committee receive a report, including a budgetary analysis, each year (Recommendation 10).

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Stritch, seconded by Prof. Siddiqui, that Senate take note of the comments contained in Section V of the Report, and that it commend the Senate Planning Committee for the quality of the Report and the hard work which went into it.

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary