The 415th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 12 April 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Cruikshank, Mr. Favelle, Dr. Lustigman, Ms. Montgomery

1/415  **AGENDA**

6/415/ii/b - Correction and Comment to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Professor Siddiqui, that the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion carried.**

2/415  **MINUTES**

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Zubieta, that the minutes of the 414th meeting be approved.

**Motion carried**

3/415  **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

Welcome was given to Mr. Flavelle as a replacement for Mr. Roy. The Principal then reported on the financial situation of the university. The Executive Committee has modified parameters in view of new information. A newsletter will circulate shortly to give the details of the Quebec Government grant. She then noted that academic budgets should be reduced $50,000 in 1999-2000 and $50,000 in 2000-2001.

The Government has not put in writing the amounts it will give to the public sector. There is much debate on closing programmes but this seems mostly about specialized rather than undergraduate programmes.

4/415  **BUSINESS ARISING:** There was none.
COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Senate Planning Committee – Funding Recommendations.

Dr. Cook reported that Departments were requested to make submissions to be considered by the SPC. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Jones, that Senate approve the funding recommendations of the Senate Planning Committee.

Motion carried

ii) Programme Quality Committee Report.

Dr. McLean commented on the formulation of the quality indicators. It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate adopt the “quality indicator” questions one by one.

Motion defeated

It was moved by Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Khouzam, that Senate approve the nine bolded “quality indicators” recommended by the Programme Quality Ctee.

Motion carried (1 abstention)

iii) Student Academic Appeals Committee Report.

Dr. Dean replaced Dr. Johnson due to conflict of interest. Dr. Dean reported that the Committee had heard a case of academic dishonesty on a final exam and upheld the decision of the Dean. The Principal noted that the procedures had been followed.

iv) Senate Library Committee Annual Report.

Dr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Saunders, that Senate approve the three recommendations of the report.

Motion carried

The Chair thanked the Committee for their work.

v) SPARC – Dean of Humanities Report on:

a) The English Language Unit and the English Writing Programme: Dr. Forrest presented the report and answered questions.

b) The Department of Classics: Dr. Forrest noted that
the date in the response to Recommendation 4b should read “1997” (second sentence).

vi) SPARC - Acting Dean of Business’ Report on The Business Department: Prof. Robson stated that he saw no grounds for some of the Committee’s comments. The Chair asked that the document come back to the next meeting in case there are any more comments.

6/415 OTHER MATTERS

i) 3/414 - Summary of the Student Forum Submitted to the Executive Committee.
Mr. Saunders commented on the report which had been circulated. Some of the issues will be addressed in the future.

ii) Students’ Presentation on the future of the Humanities and Social Scs. Divisions.
Mr. Saunders provided background information on this discussion group. Mr. McCann presented the group’s concerns as expressed in their document. A notice of motion was presented for a committee to examine the mission statement of the university, but was later struck.

It was moved by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Dr. Cook, that a committee be established or that the Senate Planning Committee address the potential future of Humanities programmes and either reject or pursue with resource redirection the commitments made in this year’s SPC report.

It was then moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Mr. Jones, that Senate request the SPC to address the future of the Humanities Departments.

Motion defeated

Discussion resumed on the original motion. The view was expressed that the motion was not clear and should be discussed at the Division.

Motion withdrawn

7/415 RECOMMENDATIONS
7.1 The Williams School of Business and Economics
   i) Certificate in Human Resources.
      Prof. Robson described the programme and then moved, seconded by Dr. Zubieta, that Senate approve the Certificate in Human Resources.
      
      Motion carried

7.2 Division of Humanities
   i) New Programme: Arts Administration Major
      The Dean described the programme and discussion followed. It was moved by Dr. Forrest, seconded by Prof. Robson, that Senate approve the proposal for a B.A. in Arts Administration.
      
      Motion carried

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
   There were none.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences
   There were none.

7.5 Graduate School of Education
   There were none.

7.6 Continuing Education
   There were none.

8/415 BRIEF INFORMATION

These points were given for information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.