

**BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF THE 418th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 418th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 13 September 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

**Members present:** Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Mrs. M. Bandrauk, Dr. J. Crooks, Ms. S. Curran, Dr. A. Dean, Mrs. W. Durrant, Dr. L-G. Harvey, Ms. K. Hughes, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. N. Jones, Dr. N. Khouzam, Mr. A. Lacas, Ms. E. Leath, Dr. M. Lustigman, Dr. K. McLean, Ms. A. Montgomery, Ms. A. Murphy, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Dr. S. Harvey (for Prof. B. Robson), Prof. F. Siddiqui, Dr. A. Stritch, Dr. R. Van Hulst

**Absent:** Mr. E. Flavelle, Dr. L. Zubieta

**Guest:** Dr. Tom Gordon, Chair, Senate Research Committee

1/418 AGENDA

8/418 ii e: Dr. Rittenhouse advised that A. Rahming would replace N. Mohamed as instructor for ESL 126.

8/418: Dr. Johnson added information concerning instructors for three Political Studies courses: B. Hogg, POL 241; A. Rahming, POL 240; and R. Nimijean, POL 212.

It was moved by Dr. Van Hulst, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that the agenda be approved as amended.

**Motion carried.**

2/418 MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Dean, that the minutes of the 416th and 417th meetings be approved as presented.

**Motion carried.**

3/418 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder welcomed Senators to a new academic year, noting in particular the presence of new Senators Jonathan Rittenhouse, Adriana Murphy, Erin Leath, Sheila Curran, Kate Hughes, and Andrew Lacas.

She invited Senators to consider the possibility of changing to an afternoon meeting time, suggesting Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. as an option. It was moved by Dr. van Hulst, seconded by Ms. Murphy, that Senate approve in principle the notion of holding Senate meetings in the afternoon.

**Motion carried.**

Mrs. Hodder indicated that Senate would continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays for this semester, and that members would be consulted further before any decision was taken.

The Principal informed Senate that the position of Vice-Principal would not be filled immediately, and drew Senators' attention to a document indicating how Dr. Cook's responsibilities were to be divided among the Deans and other staff. She said that Faculty Council would be consulted soon about the search process for a new Vice-Principal, and that she hoped the position would be filled by July 2000 at the latest.

The Deputy Minister of Education, M. Jacques Babin, will visit Bishop's on Thursday, 23 September.

The administration is in the process of preparing a proposal for submission to the Ministry, in response to an indication that the government may be ready to re-invest in post-secondary education. Though it is not yet certain to what extent this investment will happen, it at least seems sure that the period of drastic budget cuts has ended.

Mrs. Hodder noted that enrollment for Fall 1999 is likely to exceed 1900, and that some 20% of the incoming class are scholarship students.

In response to a question from Dr. McLean, Mrs. Hodder said that the Vice-Principal's position on the Senate Planning Committee will remain vacant for the present, unless the SPC indicates the need for a replacement.

With regard to the procedural rules for Senate meetings, it was agreed that in general meetings would not last longer than two hours, that Robert's Rules of Order would continue to be followed (with some allowance for flexibility in particular situations), and that the most important items would be placed first on meeting agendas. Mrs. Hodder asked that documents for Senate be submitted to the Secretary one week before the meeting, and in electronic format (diskette or e-mail) if at all possible.

4/418 BUSINESS ARISING

i) The Registrar reported that the following changes had been made to the Graduation List after the Senate meeting of last May:

951492 Michael John Stevenson, International Business concentration added  
 951910 Paulos Papadakis, minor in Political Studies deleted  
 941047 Patrick Armstrong dropped from the list  
 870544 Pierre Chartrand, minor in Economics added  
 951028 Erica J. Chellew added to the list, B.A. maj PSY min HIS  
 980662 Robin Muriel Reichelt added to the list, B.A. maj PSY  
 940017 Naser El-Ageli, minor in Mathematics deleted  
 941316 David Canton, Academic Honour Roll designation added  
 960770 Alan Thomas Ulah added to the list, B.A. Hon ECO  
 730790 John Bertram, notation With Distinction added

ii) 6/416 Status of new programmes

The Registrar reminded Senators that the process of establishing academic programmes in disciplines which are new to the institution includes obtaining approval from CREPUQ as well as from the Ministry of Education. Funding of students enrolled in these programmes depends on their being recognized by the Ministry. However, the “new” programmes which were adopted by Senate over the last two years do not easily fall into categories recognized by these approval bodies, as they consist almost entirely of courses already in the curriculum and require no additional personnel or other resources.

At a meeting held recently with representatives of the Ministry of Education, it was suggested that several of these programmes could be regarded as “themes” or concentrations within existing programmes, and thereby avoid the cumbersome approval process. Neuroscience, Gerontology, and Psychology and Human Resource Management would thus be seen as options within the B.A. programme in Psychology.

Women’s Studies, Arts Administration, and the Science Teaching major could perhaps be listed as options within the Divisional Majors, or, in the case of Arts Administration, as an option within the B.A. Business programme. The Registrar invited the Divisions to consider how they would like these programmes to be described.

The Ministry has agreed that Liberal Arts is essentially a re-working of the Divisional Major in Humanities, and the change of name has been accepted.

The Registrar will circulate to Senators the relevant legislation and CREPUQ new programme approval guidelines.

5/418 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Research Committee.

a) Mandate revision: Dr. Rittenhouse asked that this item be withdrawn. In passing, he noted that a resolution dealing with the various Ethics Committees would come forward to Senate at its next meeting.

5/418 b) Year-end Report 1998-99. Dr. Tom Gordon, Chair of the Senate Research Committee, drew Senate's attention to the main issues in his report. He indicated that the Research Directory was now up on the Bishop's web site, and that it was being updated with this year's information. The new guidelines for grants which were approved last year appear to be working well. There has been an augmentation in funds available to the Committee, both from SSHRC and as a result of the Bandeen fund having been capitalized. Grant applications are showing a considerable increase in the research training component.

Dr. Gordon regretted that the absence of a Research Officer had meant no Bishop's participation in the Canadian Foundation for Innovation grants, and underlined his Committee's concern that other funding opportunities, especially for junior faculty, are being missed.

It was moved by Dr. L-G. Harvey, seconded by Dr. Crooks, that Senate endorse the recommendation of the Senate Research Committee that the position of Research Officer be created as soon as possible, with the terms and responsibilities outlined in the SRC's 1998-99 Year-end Report.

**Motion carried.**

ii) Nominating Committee

It was moved by Dr. Stritch, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Ms. Adriana Murphy, Mr. Ed Flavelle, and Dr. Ken McLean be elected to fill vacant positions on the Nominating Committee for 1999-2000.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Stritch indicated that the Committee will be canvassing faculty over the next few weeks for nominations to fill vacancies on Senate committees. He expected that a report would be brought to the next Senate meeting, and asked that in the meantime committees continue to operate with their current membership.

It was moved by Prof. Siddiqui, seconded by Dr. L-G. Harvey, that the Timetable Committee be eliminated.

**Motion carried.**

iii) Senate Planning Committee

It was moved by Dr. L-G. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Murphy, given the favourable enrollment statistics for Fall 1999 and the indication of increased funding from the Provincial Government, that the one-year positions in Business, Computer Science, Geography, History, and Mathematics approved by the Senate Planning Committee, Senate and Corporation for the academic year 1999-2000, with a provision for their conversion to tenure-stream upon review, be immediately converted to tenure-stream, and that the departments concerned be permitted to advertise these positions immediately.

**Motion carried.**

Mrs. Hodder undertook to bring this resolution forward to the Executive Committee at its meeting on September 24th.

iv) Programme Quality Committee.

This item was put over to the next meeting of Senate.

6/418 OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

7/418 RECOMMENDATIONS7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics.

There were none.

7.2 Division of Humanities

a) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Crooks, that Senate approve the appointment of Ms. Veronica Good , B.A., as instructor for DRA 254 Stage and Production Management.

**Motion carried.**

b) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Crooks, that Senate approve the appointment of Ms. Darline. Hernández Vásquez, B.A., as instructor for SPA 101 Introduction to Spanish Language I.

**Motion carried.**

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

There were none.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

There were none.

7.5 School of Education

Ms. Murphy asked that the issue of representation of Education students on Senate be placed on the agenda of a meeting in the near future.

7.6 Continuing Education

There were none.

8/418 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) Mrs. Hodder reported that, with the agreement of all parties, Mr. R. Brown had been allocated 6 credits in Modern Languages, and 6 credits in English Literature, and remained part of the faculty complement in the Department of Modern Languages.

Senators were invited to note the remaining items listed in this section of the agenda, and, in particular, to respond to the survey on “The Academic Senate and University Governance” being conducted by Mr. G.A. Jones of OISE/University of Toronto.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary

