The 422nd meeting of Senate was held on Thursday 17 February 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, McGreer Hall.

Members present: Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Dr. J. Crooks, Ms. S. Curran, Dr. A. Dean, Mrs. W. Durrant, Dr. N. Ferguson, Dr. L-G. Harvey, Ms. K. Hughes, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. N. Jones, Dr. N. Khouzam, Mr. A. Lacas, Ms. E. Leath, Dr. P. Leventhal, Ms. A. Montgomery, Ms. A. Murphy, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. B. Robson, Prof. F. Siddiqui, Dr. A. Stritch, Dr. R. Van Hulst, Dr. H. White

Absent: Dr. A. Drumheller, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. M. Lustigman, Dr. L. Zubieta

Guest: Ms. Pam McPhail, Director of Development

1/422 AGENDA

Senators agreed to move item 6/422 i, a presentation from Ms. McPhail, to follow immediately after 4/422 Business Arising.

4/422 i add: response from Computer Policy Committee
7/422/7.4 i add: Sociology/Gerontology
8/422 add: Sabbatical report from Dr. Karl Wegert

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

Motion carried.

2/422 MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that the minutes of the 421st meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

3/422 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal welcomed Dr. Paul Leventhal to his first meeting as a new Senator.
Mrs. Hodder reported that the Ministry of Education had released its Policy on Universities, of which a draft had been circulated for comment last fall. She was pleased to note that an English version had been made available at the same time as the French, and that the final policy contains a broader view of the mission of the university than had been present in the draft. The policy calls for increased collaboration between institutions on programmes and research; it also indicates that funding in future will be tied to performance indicators, which are to be worked out between the Ministry and the universities. Although encouraged by the tone of the policy, the universities are still waiting for indications about funding, which may not come until after the budget is brought down in April.

The Principal said that meetings had recently been held between representatives of Bishop’s and the Université de Sherbrooke to discuss areas in which the two institutions could collaborate.

With regard to the status of vacant positions, Mrs. Hodder informed Senators that M. Luc Gagné has been appointed as Director of Computer Services, and is to start at Bishop’s on April 3rd. The search for a Vice-Principal is continuing. It has been decided not to fill the position of Director of Continuing Education immediately, but instead to provide academic support for and increase the responsibilities of the current staff. Once the new Vice-Principal is appointed, the situation will be reviewed.

4/422 BUSINESS ARISING

i) The Principal circulated a letter from Mr. Kenneth Hotton, Chair of the Computer Policy Committee, received in response to Senate’s invitation to investigate the departments’ needs in the area of computer hardware and software for teaching.

5/422 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Nominating Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Stritch, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Senate approve the following nominations to the Ad Hoc Committee on Gender and Diversity:

- Mrs. Janyne Hodder (Administration)
- Dr. Andrea Drumheller (Social Sciences)
- Prof. Lissa McRae (Business and Economics)
- Dr. Galen Perras (Humanities)
- Dr. Virginia Stroecher (Natural Sciences)
- Ms. Lorraine Smith (Library)
- Ms. Tami Superle (full-time student)
- Mr. Ed Favelle (part-time student)
Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Stritch, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Prof. Jim Bowey be named to the Senate Library Committee, replacing Prof. Réjean Drolet.

Motion carried.

5/422 ii) Senate Planning Committee.

a) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Ms. Murphy, that the previously approved one-year positions for 2000-2001 in Business, Education and Biology be transformed into tenure-stream positions as quickly as possible, as per Senate's three-year plan. If necessary, advertising for these positions should take place in Fall 2000.

Motion carried.

b) Dr. Rittenhouse conveyed to Senate a request from the Senate Planning Committee that its mandate for the current year be clarified. After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Stritch, that the Senate Planning Committee be mandated to maintain continuity with last year's plan where possible, to recommend tenure-stream, one-year, and sessional staffing, and to leave part-time staffing considerations and allocations to the Divisional Deans in consultation with their Department Chairs.

Motion carried.

Dr. Rittenhouse indicated that the SPC hoped to report to Senate in March.

iii) Student Academic Appeals Committee.

Dr. Johnson deposited a report from the Committee in compliance with the procedures adopted by Senate.

6/422 OTHER MATTERS

i) Capital Campaign Presentation.

At the request of the Chair, Ms. Pam McPhail, Director of Development, described to Senate the results of the recent Capital Campaign, comparing its achievements with the priorities which had been identified in 1996. The Campaign had met its targets in some areas, not completely in others, but overall had successfully raised more than $16 million for distribution to academic enrichment projects, scholarships, technology upgrades, and improvement of campus facilities. The collection of pledged funds, and expenditures on approved projects, will continue through 2002.
A motion of congratulations to Ms. McPhail and all workers on the Campaign was proposed by Prof. Siddiqui and carried unanimously.

ii) School of Education.

Ms. Murphy deposited a letter signed by 41 students in the Education programme, expressing their concern that they are not represented equitably on university decision-making bodies, and asked for guidance as to how to change this situation. It was agreed that Dr. Dean, as the senior academic responsible for Education, would meet with the students and the new Director to discuss their concerns, and would report to Senate at its March meeting.

7/422 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

i) It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Prof. Siddiqui, that Senate approve a new course BHR 326 Personnel Recruitment and Selection.

Motion carried.

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. White, that a new minor in Classical Art and Archaeology be approved.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. White, that Senate approve a new course CLA 250 Women in the Ancient World.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that Senate approve a new course CLA 260 From Republic to Empire.

Motion carried.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Mr. Lacas, that a new minor in Préparation à la traduction be approved.

Motion carried.
iii) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Harvey, that Senate approve the changes in History programme requirements, course numbers and descriptions, and proposed new courses, as detailed in the document circulated.

Motion carried.

iv) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Crooks, that Senate approve the revised Calendar copy for the Arts Administration option in Humanities.

Motion carried.

v) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. White, that the following new courses in Modern Languages be approved: ARA 101 Introductory Arabic I; ARA 102 Introductory Arabic II; ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I; ARA 202 Intermediate Arabic II; RUS 101 Introduction to Russian I; RUS 102 Introduction to Russian II; RUS 201 Intermediate Russian Language I; RUS 202 Intermediate Russian Language II.

Motion carried.

vi) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Van Hulst, that new course descriptions be approved for the following Music courses: MUS 139 Introduction to Computers and Music; MUS 231 Materials of Music III; MUS 232 Materials of Music IV.

Motion carried.

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

There were none.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Stritch, that Senate approve a new minor in Criminology.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Senate approve the reformulation of the Gerontology Option in Sociology.

Motion carried.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Curran, that Senate approve the
reformulation of the Gerontology and Neuroscience Options in Psychology.

Motion carried.

7/422  7.5 School of Education

There were none.

7.6 Continuing Education

There were none.

8/422  BRIEF INFORMATION

The Chair drew Senators’ attention to the items listed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Janyne M. Hodder, Chair    Ann Montgomery, Secretary