

**BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF THE 429th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 429th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 16 October 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in the Tomlinson Room, McGreer Hall.

**Members present:** Dr. A. Dean, in the Chair; Dr. S. Black, Dr. M. Childs, Dr. J. Crooks, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mrs. W. Durrant, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. N. Ferguson, Ms. K. Hammond, Dr. N. Jones, Dr. N. Khouzam, Dr. P. Leventhal, Ms. S. Mitton, Ms. A. Montgomery, Mr. J. Stewart, Dr. V. Stroehler, Dr. H. White, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta

**Absent:** Mr. P. Camino, Mrs. J. Hodder, Ms. S. Hodge, Dr. A. Johnson, Prof. L. McRae, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose

**Guest:** Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Chair, Senate Research Committee

Dr. Dean advised Senators that neither the Principal nor Vice-Principal were able to be present at tonight's meeting. The two most senior Senators present, Dr. Black and Dr. White, both declined to serve as Chair. It was moved by Dr. Khouzam, seconded by Dr. Stroehler, that Dr. Dean act as Chair of this meeting.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Dean welcomed two new Senators: Dr. Brad Willms for Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Dr. Stephen Black, elected by Faculty Council.

1/429 AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

5/429/iii Report of the Nominating Committee  
6/429 Appointment of Dr. F. Gauvin

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

**Motion carried.**

2/429 MINUTES

6/428 Dr. Childs requested that section 3.D.vi of the Procedures for the Ombudsman be revised to indicate that the Ombudsman would attend all meetings of appeals committees dealing with student academic matters, but would not sit as a regular voting member of these committees, as this would be a conflict of interest.

8/428/vi Dr. Jones pointed out a typographical error: GEO 311 becomes GEO 211.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the minutes of the 428th meeting of Senate be approved as amended.

**Motion carried.**

3/429 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Dean advised Senators that a special meeting of Senate would be held on Monday 23 October, at 7:00 p.m., in order to receive and discuss the report of the Senate Planning Committee.

4/429 BUSINESS ARISING

5/428/i It was noted that the report of the Senate Library Committee would come forward for the November meeting of Senate.

5/429 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Senate Research Committee.

a) Year-end Report for 1999-2000.

Dr. Vigneault presented the Committee's report for the past year, reviewing the major issues they had addressed. She noted that in the last academic year the Committee had had more funding than ever before, a total of \$81,560, but that had still not been enough to meet all of the demand for research support. She said that in the current year the Committee hoped to tackle three main areas: incentives and support for new and senior researchers; stability of funding; and effective promotion of research achievements. She indicated that the Committee was also hoping to receive approval for higher rates of pay for research assistants.

It was moved by Dr. Crooks, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate receive the 1999-2000 report of the Senate Research Committee.

**Motion carried.**

b) Dr. Vigneault brought forward two motions which had been adopted by the Research Committee, for Senate's consideration.

i) Research Officer. Dr. Vigneault noted that Senate had approved the position of Research Officer last year (5/418/i/b), and that Dr. L-G. Harvey had served in this

capacity until May 2000. Subsequently, there have been no faculty candidates for the position. With the responsibilities of the Research Office growing, and with the increasing complexity of programmes, regulations and funding mechanisms, it is essential that the position be filled, and if possible with a full-time person. The Research Committee wished to propose that Senate endorse a change in the criteria for the position.

It was moved by Dr. Willms, seconded by Dr. Drumheller, that the position of Research Officer become a full-time staff position. Qualifications and remuneration will be determined based on a survey of similar positions in Canadian universities.

After some discussion of the proper disposition of such a motion, Dr. Jones proposed to amend it by a reformulation of the first sentence and deletion of the second, which was agreed to by the mover and seconder. The amended motion was as follows: that Senate endorse in principle the proposal that the position of Research Officer become a full-time staff position.

**Motion carried.**

ii) Funding for new faculty research. It was moved by Dr. Crooks, seconded by Dr. Jones, that Senate recommend that sufficient funds be allocated to the Research Committee each year to provide start-up research monies for new faculty.

Dr. Vigneault noted that this initiative was an essential part of the University's goal to attract active young researchers and to advance Bishop's research agenda.

**Motion carried.**

ii) Senate Planning Committee

a) A proposal for a three-year academic plan will be presented at the special meeting to be held next week.

b) In view of the resignation of Dr. Ferguson, the Senate Planning Committee had agreed to an urgent request from the School of Education. It was moved by Dr. Crooks, seconded by Dr. Ferguson, that the School of Education be allowed to immediately advertise for Dr. Ferguson's replacement and to fill that position on January 1, 2001, with a temporary half-time appointment (article 6.01e). Further, should the School of Education consider that it can fill the position with a tenure-stream appointment (article 6.01b), that it be allowed to fill that position at the earliest possible date.

Some Senators felt that the second sentence implied a pre-judging of the full-report to come next week from the Senate Planning Committee. It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the second sentence of the motion be deleted.

**Amendment and motion carried.**

iii) Nominating Committee

Dr. Zubieta presented a report from the Nominating Committee, recommending the membership of all Senate committees for the 2000-01 academic year, with the following notes:

(1) Academic Standing Committee -- the Registrar is Acting Director of Continuing Education.

(3) Advisory Committee to the School of Education -- the mandate and membership of this committee is under review and will come forward at a later time.

(10) Research and Publications Committee -- "Dr. Miller" should read "Dr. Murray".

It was moved by Dr. Zubieta, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Senate approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Zubieta noted that although the mandate of the Senate Planning Committee had been approved in 1996, its membership had not been specified. She moved, seconded by Dr. Khouzam, that the Senate Planning Committee have the following membership: Vice-Principal, one member of faculty from each Division, and one full-time student.

**Motion carried.**

6/429 OTHER MATTERS

In compliance with article 6.09 of the Collective Agreement, Dr. Dean informed Senate that, as an emergency measure following the resignation of Dr. Hickie late last year, Dr. François Gauvin had been appointed to a one-year replacement position in Chemistry, after consultation with the Department.

7/429 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

There were none.

## 7.2 Division of Humanities

- i) a) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. White, that Senate approve the following new courses in History:

HIS 305 Race and Bondage in the Atlantic World: a Comparative History of Slavery;

HIS 420 From the Village to the Global Economy: An Introduction to the History of Capitalism;

HIS 282 The History of Scotland 1286 - 1914

HIS 342 Crime, the Law, and the Criminal in Europe, 1500-1800

### **Motion carried.**

- b) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Mr. Stewart, that Senate approve the following new courses in Italian:

ITA 203 a Selected Topics in Italian I

ITA 204 b Selected Topics in Italian II

ITA 305 a Introduction to Italian Literature I

ITA 306 b Introduction to Italian Literature II

ITA 307 a Modern Italian Prose

ITA 308 b Modern Italian Poetry

ITA 315 a Independent Studies I

ITA 316 b Independent Studies II

The purpose of the new offerings is to make a wider range of courses available, and to provide some flexibility so that students can complete a minor in Italian in less than three years. In response to a question regarding faculty resources to teach these new courses, Dr. Childs responded that he hoped some new part-time credits would be made available; if not, they would be fitted into the rotation of courses already being taught by Dr. Di Lullo.

### **Motion carried.**

- ii) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. White, that Senate approve the following changes to the core curriculum requirements as listed in the Calendar (p.67):

-- **delete** "Liberal Arts majors, students in Concentration Education, and students doing a double honours, an honours/major, double major or double minor or triple minor are EXEMPT from the Humanities Core Curriculum";

-- **replace with** "All students with programme combinations which require **more than 72 credits** are exempt from the Core Curriculum"

**Motion carried.**

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics  
There were none.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

It was moved by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. White, that Senate approve the following new courses in Geography:

GEO 163 b Introduction to Landscape and Cultural Geography  
GEO 266 b Environmental Policy

**Motion carried.**

7.5 School of Education  
There were none.

7.6 Continuing Education  
There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Dr. Andrew Dean, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary