

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF THE 431st MEETING OF SENATE

The 431st meeting of Senate was held on Monday 20 November 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Members present: Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Dr. S. Black, Mr. P. Camino, Dr. M. Childs, Dr. J. Crooks, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mrs. W. Durrant, Dr. N. Ferguson, Ms. K. Hammond, Ms. S. Hodge, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. N. Khouzam, Dr. P. Leventhal, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. S. Mitton, Ms. A. Montgomery, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Mr. J. Stewart, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta

Absent: Dr. A. Dean, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. N. Jones, Dr. V. Stroehrer, Dr. H. White

Observers: Ms. R. Cavanagh (PSA), Ms. L. Jamieson (Education)

1/431 AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Khouzam, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

2/431 MINUTES

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Khouzam, that the minutes of the 429th and 430th meetings of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

3/431 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder reported that she was still working on the second version of the Performance Contract. She planned to consult with Ministry officials shortly to determine if additional changes were required, and then a final draft would be submitted to Senate and the Executive Committee for approval. She said she was having difficulty getting a clear idea of what a reasonable graduation rate might be, as this information is only generally available for Ontario schools. She thought, however, that the Minister was hoping to see the universities set a target of about 80% over five to six years; Bishop's rate appears to be about 70% at present.

4/431 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

5/431 COMMITTEE ITEMSi) Senate Library Committee

Dr. Willms presented the annual report for 1999-2000 from the Senate Library Committee. The Committee had supported the Librarian in the preparation of a strategic plan for the Library, and had computed the allocations formula for departmental acquisitions. It is the Committee's plan to revisit the formula in the current year, and it will consult with the departments during that process. The Library had invested \$4,000 in a Canada-wide consortium for access to on-line journals, the fruits of which should be forthcoming in 2001.

The Senate Library Committee strongly recommended that Senate support its request for a "minimally adequate" increase in its allocations budget.

It was moved by Dr. Willms, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Senate receive the report of the Library Committee, and endorse its request for additional funding.

There was some discussion as to the meaning of the term "minimally adequate". It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Crooks, that the text of the recommendation be amended to specify an increase of 25% in the allocations budget.

Mrs. Hodder indicated that in the Maclean's survey, Bishop's shows as spending proportionally more than other institutions on the Library, even though the acquisitions budgets appears to be inadequate; an analysis of Library expenditures is still to be done.

Dr. Childs reminded Senators that a special committee had been created at the last meeting to allocate "academic support" funding to a variety of services, including the Library; the proposed amendment seemed to be in conflict with this.

**Amendment defeated;
Motion carried.**

ii) SPARC

a) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate approved the proposed SPARC reviewers for the Department of Drama.

Motion carried.

b) Dr. Rittenhouse proposed that the presentation of the SPARC report on Canadian Studies be tabled until the December meeting, to give Senators time to read the documents.

6/431 OTHER MATTERS

Mrs. Hodder reported that she had received a letter from the APBU concerning the mandate of the Ombudsman. She indicated that the issue could come back to Senate in December, if modifications to the document are to be made.

7/431 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. Johnson, that Senate approve a new course ITA 235 Introduction to Italian Literature. It was pointed out that this course would be taught in English, and as part of the Humanities core curriculum would be available to all students.

Motion carried.

i.b) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate approve a new course MLA 211 Currents in World Literature. This course would be team-taught, providing an opportunity for collaboration between departments; it would also be part of the core curriculum.

Motion carried.

Senators expressed their enthusiasm for this type of course, which would expose more students to literature of non-English origin.

ii.a) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Crooks, that Senate approve Ms. Anne de Nyst-Clark as an instructor for DRA 254 Stage and Production Management.

Motion carried.

ii.b) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Crooks, that Senate approve Mr. Brian Smith as an instructor for DRA 160 Design for Theatre I.

Motion carried.

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

There were none.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Drumheller, that Senate approve Ms. Norma Husk as an instructor for SOC 217 Social Policy of Aging.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary