

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
OF THE 432nd MEETING OF SENATE

The 432nd meeting of Senate took place on Monday 11 December 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Members present: Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Dr. S. Black, Dr. M. Childs, Dr. J. Crooks, Dr. A. Dean, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mrs. W. Durrant, Ms. K. Hammond, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. N. Jones, Dr. N. Khouzam, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. S. Mitton, Ms. A. Montgomery, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. W. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Mr. J. Stewart, Dr. V. Strocher, Dr. H. White, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta.

Absent: Mr. P. Camino, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. N. Ferguson, Ms. S. Hodge, Dr. P. Leventhal.

Observer: Ms. R. Cavanagh (PSA)

1/432 AGENDA

5/432 i) Mrs. Hodder indicated that the report from the Computer Policy Committee would be presented in January, when the new Director of Information Technology would be present.

8/423 ii) Dr. Childs asked that the item regarding Edyta Monika be deleted, and added the following: Pierre Lamarche (M.A.) - GER 304; Marie-Christine Simard (M.F.A.) - FIN 182; and Elene Tremblay (M.F.A.) - FIN 296.

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

Motion carried.

2/432 MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that the minutes of the 431st meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

3/423 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder reported that the Université de Montréal and the Université de Sherbrooke had now signed performance contracts with the Minister of Education. The most recent

version of Bishop's proposal is in the hands of Ministry officials; when it appears that we are close to the point of signing, special meetings of both Senate and the Executive Committee will be convened for final approval of the document.

4/432 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5/432 COMMITTEE ITEMS

ii) Student Appeals Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate move into Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Hodder indicated that there had been allegations of procedural irregularity in a recent case heard by the Student Academic Appeals Committee. She reviewed the sequence of events as well as the major issues involved, and laid out several possible options which were open to Senate, in her view. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Dean both outlined their perspective on the events. During the discussion which followed, a number of Senators expressed the opinion that some of the actions of the Chair of the Committee, though committed in good faith, had been in error; that the procedures laid down in the policy governing the hearing of student academic appeals had not properly been followed in this case; and that this could have affected the outcome of the appeal.

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Jones, that Senate move out of Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Childs, that, Senate having determined that the procedures described in the policy on the hearing of student academic appeals had not been respected, the case at issue should be returned to the Student Academic Appeals Committee for appropriate action.

Motion carried (4 abstentions)

It was moved by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that the Student Academic Appeals Committee review its policy and procedures, and report back to Senate before the end of the current academic year.

Motion carried.

iii) SPARC.

a) Canadian Studies and Québec Studies.

Dr. Rittenhouse presented the SPARC report on the programme in Canadian Studies, and the response of the Canadian Studies Committee. It is the conclusion of the Committee that simple continuation of the Minor in Canadian Studies is the most viable of the options proposed by the reviewers. Dr. Rittenhouse urged that the future of Canadian Studies at Bishop's be addressed by the Divisions of Humanities and Social Sciences, and by the Schools of Business and Education during the course of the current academic year.

He also conveyed the SPARC Committee's recommendation that the full report of the programme review of Canadian Studies be considered by the Senate Planning Committee.

b) History Department.

Dr. Childs presented the Dean's report on implementation of the SPARC recommendations for the History programme, one year following its review. He noted that in general the Department has acted creatively and successfully, but that in a few areas outside of its control, notably the appointment of a specialist in Latin American history, they have not been able to respond as they would have wished.

iv) Nominating Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Zubieta, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Senate approve the nomination of Dr. Jack Eby to replace Dr. Joanne Norman on the Senate Planning Committee.

Motion carried.

6/432 OTHER MATTERS

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. White, that Senate approve the sessional dates for 2001-02 as presented by the Registrar.

Motion carried.

7/432 RECOMMENDATIONS7.1 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 a new course ENG 107 The Irish Short Story.

Motion carried.

i.b) The proposal for a new course MLA 201 Introduction to Linguistics was returned to the department for revision.

ii.a) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. White, that Senate approve the programme changes proposed by the Department of Fine Arts. Dr. Childs indicated that these changes reflected the Department's estimation of what they can achieve with their current resources. There was some concern that the Honours degree would be weakened by the reduction in required credits.

Motion carried.

ii.b) At Dr. White's request, the proposal for changes to courses in Religion was tabled until the January meeting.

7.3 Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Ms. Mitton, that Senate approve a new course BIO 227 Exercise Physiology.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary