

**BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**OF THE 435th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 435th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 19 March 2001, at 7:00 p.m., in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

**Members present:** Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Dr. S. Black, Mrs. R. Cavanagh, Mr. M. Childs, Dr. A. Dean, Ms. K. Hammond, Ms. S. Hodge, Dr. K. Hull, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. N. Jones, Dr. K. McLean, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. S. Mitton, Ms. A. Montgomery, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Mr. S. Stewart, Dr. V. Stroehrer, Dr. L. Thomas, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubietta.

**Absent:** Mr. P. Camino, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mrs. W. Durrant, Dr. P. Leventhal.

**Observer:** Ms. L. Jamieson

1/435 AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Childs, that the agenda be approved.

**Motion carried.**

2/435 MINUTES

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Prof. McRae, that the minutes of the 434th meeting of Senate be approved.

**Motion carried.**

3/435 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

At the Chair's request, Senator Shannon Hodge introduced the newly-elected President and Vice-President Academic of the Students' Representative Council, the Student Senators who will take office on 1 May, and the new Editor of *The Campus*.

Mrs. Hodder thanked Senators for their participation in the year-long process which had led to the signing of the University's performance contract with the Minister last month.

The Principal said that a meeting of the AUCC had been held in Ottawa last week, at which the Minister of Finance had indicated that there was strong support for the universities at the federal level, but that this support was likely to take the form of increased funding to research councils and funding agencies, rather than any changes in the transfer payments to the provinces. There had also been discussions of the

implications of the appearance of for-profit universities in several jurisdictions, and of issues affecting education which are now appearing on the agenda of DFAIT. On the latter point, the universities were assured that education is not on the table for Canada in international trade negotiations.

Mrs. Hodder reported that a member of faculty had been granted research leave outside of the Senate guidelines for such leaves (Senate 4/254/D.4.3). In light of this, it was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Senate refer the guidelines for research leave to the Senate Research Committee for complete review and revision.

**Motion carried.**

4/435 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

5/435 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) SPARC.

a) Dr. Rittenhouse tabled the SPARC review of the Department of Religion, including the comments of department members, the reviewers' response, and the SPARC Committee's summary of the recommendations.

b) Dr. Dean presented the Dean's review of the SPARC recommendations made a year ago for the Department of Mathematics. He indicated that the department had worked hard to implement them, and had made good progress except in the area of staffing, where the department still stands at 2.5 faculty against the 4 recommended. He said that the establishment of the new Math and Stats Help Centre would allow faculty to devote more time to research.

ii) Ad Hoc Committee on the School of Education.

Dr. Rittenhouse summarized the points made in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee, which had been circulated to Senators. He said that the Committee had looked at the wider issue of the place of the School of Education within the University, as well as the question of their representation on Senate and its committees. They had concluded that there was a clear need for better integration in the work of the University, especially in areas where the development and management of Education programmes were directly affected. They were proposing a special status for the School (more than a department, less than a Division) which they thought would be manageable in the Bishop's context, and would enable the School to carry out its responsibilities.

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that the Senate move into Committee of the Whole for discussion of this issue.

**Motion carried.**

Senators discussed the implications of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations for the balance of student/faculty representation on Senate, and the role the School of Education should play on various Senate Committees. Concern was expressed about the level of authority proposed for the Chair of the School, and conflicts with structure and regulations now in effect regarding the responsibilities of Deans and department chairs.

It was pointed out that the recommendations recognize the way the School has in fact operated for over 20 years. In addition, the School of Education exists in a context which is somewhat different than other departments, having to deal with Ministry regulations, relationships with schools and school boards, the organization of teaching practicums, and a graduate programme of approximately 45 students.

It was moved by Professor McRae, seconded by Ms. Hodge, that Senate move out of Committee of the Whole.

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Ms. Hodge, that Senate recommend to Corporation that the Rules, Orders and Regulations be amended to allow the creation of two new Senate positions, one student and one faculty representative, to be elected by the students and faculty, respectively, of the School of Education.

**Motion carried.**

The Principal pointed out that the APBU is consulted about any proposed revision to the RORs.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Professor McRae, that Senate rescind its motion (5/433/ii) making the Vice-Principal a voting member of the Academic Standing/Admissions Policy Committee, and add the Chair of the School of Education to this committee as a voting member.

After further discussion, it was moved by Professor Robson, seconded by Dr. Hull, that this motion be tabled.

**Motion carried.**

Senators agreed that further consideration should be given to the question of representation on committees, as well as to other larger issues of structure raised during the discussion. The Vice-Principal undertook to assure the follow-up.

The motion 6/433/i was withdrawn by its mover, Ms. Hodge, and seconded, Ms. Hammond.

iii) Student Academic Appeals Committee.

Professor Robson reported that as requested by Senate (5/432/ii), a re-constituted Student Academic Appeals Committee had considered what “appropriate action” on the appeal under discussion might be. In the absence of new evidence from any party, and considering the information before it, the Committee unanimously agreed that the decision of the original SAAC should be reversed, and the appeal denied.

#### 6/435 OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Willms gave notice of two motions concerning the scheduling of examinations, which will come forward at the April meeting of Senate:

1. that there be a minimum of four full calendar days between the last day of classes and the first day of final examinations, in each semester;
2. that students not be required to write more than two exams in any 3 consecutive time blocks, or more than 3 exams in any 6 consecutive time blocks.

The Registrar undertook to provide information about the effect these decisions could have on the sessional dates for the next few years.

#### 7/435 RECOMMENDATIONS

##### 7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

It was moved by Professor Robson, seconded by Professor McRae, that the 6-credit course ECO 120 Canadian Economic Development be split into two 3-credit courses ECO 118 Canadian Economic Development I and ECO 119 Canadian Economic Development II.

**Motion carried.**

##### 7.2 Division of Humanities

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Ms. Hodge, that Senate approve Mr. Tim Doherty B.A. as instructor of FIN 208 Digital Imaging.

**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

It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Senate approve two new courses in Education: EDU 275 (3 credits) Managing Behavioural Disorders in the Classroom; and EDU 418 (6 credits) Methods in Teaching Second Language (Secondary).

**Motion carried.**

7.6 Continuing Education

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Dean, that admission to the Certificate programmes in Drama, French, Fine Arts, and Japanese Studies be suspended.

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary