BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES
OF THE 438th MEETING OF SENATE

The 438th meeting of Senate took place on Friday 11 May at 9:00 a.m., in Tomlinson Hall, McGeer 100.

Members present: Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Mr. P. Camino, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. M. Childs, Dr. A. Dean, Mrs. W. Durrant, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. K. McLean, Ms. A. Montgomery, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Dr. V. Stroeher, Dr. L. Thomas, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta.

Absent: Dr. S. Black, Dr. A. Drumheller, Dr. K. Hull, Dr. N. Jones, Dr. P. Leventhal, Prof. L. McRae, Dr. J. Rittenhouse

Also present: Mr. David Millard

1. AGENDA

5/438/i delete Nominating Committee
7/438/7.2 add approval of an instructor in Modern Languages
8/438/i add (e) Department of Modern Languages: Laurent Nicolas (M.A.) and Liane Keightly (M.A.) to teach ESL 070, 071, 001, 111, 210, 211; (f) Department of English: Jonathan Fortier (D.Phil) to teach ENG 335 18th Century Novel.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that the agenda be approved as amended. 

Motion carried.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the 437th meeting of Senate were approved with two minor corrections.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder reported that a series of receptions for admitted students had been held in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, and had been very well attended by applicants and parents.

She said that at a recent meeting of CREPUQ the Board of Directors had discussed a possible changes to its statutes, to allow representation on committees from all of the constituents of the Université du Québec; this would have a major impact on the
operations of CREPUQ. In addition, the Board had considered whether there could be changes in the funding structure to reduce reliance on government contributions.

At the Principal’s request, Dr. McLean informed Senate of motions passed by the Faculty Council, recommending to the Corporation that the Rules, Orders and Regulations be amended to make contract faculty eligible to sit on Senate, and to reserve two positions for this group of professors. The Principal indicated that these motions would be brought to the attention of Corporation at its meeting this weekend.

4/438 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

5/438 COMMITTEE ITEMS

ii) Committee on Prizes and Scholarships.

It was moved by Mrs. Durrant, seconded by Prof. Robson, that the criteria for awarding University-wide prizes be amended to specify that graduating students must have completed at least 60 credits at Bishop’s to be eligible for these prizes, except for the Governor General’s Gold Medal.

Motion carried.

6/438 OTHER MATTERS

i) Mrs. Hodder reported that the Search Committee for a Dean of Student Affairs had unanimously recommended that Mr. Bruce Stevenson be appointed to this position. It was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Prof. Robson, that Senate endorse the recommendation of the Search Committee.

Motion carried.

ii) Mrs. Hodder referred to the proposal for a Research Ethics Policy which had been discussed at the April meeting of Senate (6/437/ii) and referred to the departments for consideration. Senators reviewed two suggestions for amendments which had been circulated by Dr. Black. A motion to delete the requirement that a lawyer be a member of the Bishop’s Research Ethics Board (REB) was not seconded.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Prof. Robson, that, with regard to Article 2.7, Senate require each department with student research projects requiring review to propose composition and procedures for a departmental REB. These guidelines for its operation will then be submitted to the university-wide REB for its approval.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Childs, that the Research Ethics Policy be approved with the above amendment to Article 2.7.

Motion carried.

6/438 iii) Approval of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Master in Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Dr. Dean pointed out special circumstances in the cases of S. Bowker (960276) and N. Arya (970972) which were being resolved, and indicated that A. Svoteli (980510) should have the notation Distinction.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Zubieta, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration Honours, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Business, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that Senate receive the list of
candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Dr. Childs noted that a final determination had not yet been made in the case of C. D. Oliver (962083).

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Dr. Thomas indicated that the notation “Distinction” should be added to C. M. Morrison (980532).

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Education, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Dr. Thomas indicated that T. N. Jones (990208) had also met the requirements for a minor in Drama.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Childs, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Durrant, that Senate receive the list of candidates for Certificates in Continuing Education, and that these candidates be
recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

There was some discussion as to whether graduates with Certificates were eligible to receive the “Distinction” notation; this issue has been dealt with differently by various departments in the past. It was moved by Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Wickens, to amend the list by awarding “Distinction” to all those graduating with Certificates whose average was 80% or better.

Amendment defeated.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that effective for the 2001-02 academic year, Certificate graduates will not be eligible to receive the notation “Distinction”.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Thomas More Institute), and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Willms, seconded by Prof. Robson, that the Deans, the Director of the School of Education, and the Registrar be authorized by Senate to add the names of students to the graduating list, subject to satisfactory completion of programme requirements, or to delete candidates who do not meet their programme requirements by the date of Convocation.

Motion carried.

6/438 iv) Prize List.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate endorse the recommendations of the Committee on Prizes and Scholarships, for the University-wide and departmental proficiency prizes to be awarded for the 2000-01 academic year.

Motion carried.

7/439 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Division of Humanities

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. McLean, that Senate approve the appointment of Mr. Corey Frost as an Instructor in English as a Second Language.
Dr. Childs pointed out that Mr. Frost had deposited his M.A. thesis at the Université de Montréal in April; the thesis advisor confirmed that Mr. Frost had met the requirements for his degree.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Janyne M. Hodder, Chair    Ann Montgomery, Secretary