

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 439th MEETING OF SENATE

The 439th meeting of Senate took place on Monday, 24 September 2001, at 7:00 p.m., in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Members present: Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Ms. V. Angell, Dr. S. Black, Mrs. R. Cavanagh, Mr. P-L. Chicoine, Dr. M. Childs, Ms. S. Doran, Mrs. W. Durrant, Mr. M. Furrow, Dr. M. Scarlete, Dr. K. McLean, Ms. A. Montgomery, Ms. G. O'Rourke, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. W. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Mr. L. Sowerby, Dr. V. Stroehrer, Dr. L. Thomas, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. R. Yeats, Dr. L. Zubieta

Absent: Dr. A. Drumheller, Dr. K. Hull, Dr. A. Ibrahim, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. N. Jones, Prof. L. McRae

Mrs. Hodder opened the meeting with a welcome to the new Senators: faculty representatives Dr. Awad Ibrahim in Education, Dr. Mihai Scarlete for Faculty Council, and Dr. Ron Yeats for Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and student Senators Vanessa Angell (Social Sciences), Pierre-Luc Chicoine (Business and Economics), Sarah Doran (SRC VP Academic), Matthew Furrow (Humanities), Gillian O'Rourke (Education), and Leigh Sowerby (Natural Sciences and Mathematics).

1/439 AGENDA

- 6/439 add (iii) Principal's Search Committee: Consultation with Senate
- 7/439 delete 7.1, and 7.3 through 7.6
- 8/439 add (iv) three new instructors in Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Black, that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

2/439 MINUTES

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Childs, that the minutes of the 438th meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

3/439 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder informed Senators that full-time enrollment for the fall semester was 1887, with part-time standing at 523, down very slightly from last year. It is encouraging to

note that our Quebec numbers continue to grow. On the other hand, the drop in students from Ontario is a cause for concern, and it is hoped that the recent appointment of David McBride as development and recruitment agent in Toronto will help to turn this around.

The Principal outlined the rules of procedure which will be followed at Senate meetings, under the general guidance of Robert's Rules of Order.

4/439 BUSINESS ARISING

i) The Registrar reported the following changes to the Convocation list between the May meeting of Senate and Convocation Day.

Names added: Nader Allam 961844 B.Sc. MAJCSC

Michael Huck 930393 B.Ed. CONSEC With Distinction

Eric Martin 970654 B.A. MAJENGMINHIS

Erin Lawrence 970048 B.A. MAJEDS

Phillip Colmar B.A. HONECO

With Distinction: Amy Svelotis 980510
Sean McCammon 960974
Ryan Barker 980178

Change: Sven Byl 970452 from MAJPOL to HONPOL

ii) The Secretary reported that a motion to amend the Rules, Orders and Regulations to allow the addition of two Senate positions, for faculty and student representatives of the School of Education, had been adopted by the Corporation at its meeting on 12 May 2001.

5/439 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Nominating Committee.

Dr. Zubieta presented the current membership list for committees of Senate, noting that the vacancies for part-time students were to be filled by election in the next few days. She indicated also that a nomination for the Natural Sciences representative on the Senate Planning Committee was still outstanding.

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Zubieta, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that the following be nominated to the Research Ethics Board, in accordance with the policy adopted by Senate

on 11 May 2001:

Dr. Andrea Drumheller and Dr. Paul Gallina “with expertise in the methods of research involving human participants or the use of human tissue”;

Prof. Bruce Gilbert “with broad knowledge in ethics or experience in the evaluation of ethical implications of research involving human participants”.

Motion carried.

6/439 OTHER MATTERS

i) The Registrar deposited a report on instances of academic dishonesty which had been reported during the 2000-01 academic year.

ii) Task Force on Student Success.

Dr. Childs presented a preliminary report from the Task Force on Student Success, which had been set up in February 2001 as part of our effort to meet the University’s commitment to increase graduation rates over the next seven years, as spelled out in our Performance Contract.

The report reviews the current situation with regard to retention and graduation rates across the University, discusses the research literature on this subject, describes several models for understanding attrition and retention, and puts forward a number of recommendations which could be put into effect at Bishop’s.

The report summarizes the general strategy proposed by the Task Force as follows: *recruit intelligently, realistically and honestly; develop and implement programmes and practices focussed on early academic integration; review and modify student services along the same lines; develop career and skills-based opportunities linked to academic programmes for the senior years. Thus an entering Bishop’s student would know what we offer, would identify at an early stage with the mission and feel part of it, and as s/he went through the programme, would gain increased confidence about the transition to the post graduation period.*

Following a period of general discussion, it was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rose, that the report of the Task Force be received and referred to the Divisions and the School of Education for consideration, and that their responses be presented to the October meeting of Senate.

Motion carried.

The Principal undertook to provide an analysis of Bishop’s retention data at the October meeting, and requested that a member of the Academic Standing/Admissions Policy

Committee also present information on proposed changes to the scholarship programme.

Mrs. Hodder withdrew from the meeting; Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse took the Chair.

iii) Principal's Search Committee.

Dr. Rittenhouse reported that, at its meeting of 21 September, the Executive Committee had endorsed a recommendation from the Search Committee for a Principal, that subject to consultation with Senate, the Corporation confirm Mrs. Hodder's mandate as Principal and Vice-Chancellor until 31 July 2004.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate endorse the recommendation of the Search Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hodder returned to the meeting and the Chair. She thanked Senators and the University community for their support and encouragement.

7/439 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Tanya Anna Apostolides be approved as instructor for DRA 161 Costume Design.

Motion carried.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Mr. Furrow, that Senate approve a revised course description for FRA 091 Beginners French. Dr. Childs indicated that this version of the course would be taught at the Knowlton Centre, and was equivalent to FRA 131 taught on this campus. Neither course can be counted for programme requirements in Études françaises et québécoises.

Motion carried.

iii) Dr. Childs informed Senate of the emergency appointment of Dr. Jean Manore in History, as required by Article 6.09 of the Collective Agreement.

8/439 BRIEF INFORMATION

i(g) Dr. Willms informed Senate of the appointment of three new instructors:
Mathematics: Mario Lambert (M.Sc) - MAT 190 Precalculus
Jessica Levesque (M.Sc) - MAT 108 Matrix Algebra

Computer Science:

Richard Lefebvre (MBA) - CSC 101 Intro to Computer Science

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary