

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 443rd MEETING OF SENATE

The 443rd meeting of Senate took place on Monday 4 February 2002, at 7:00 p.m., in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

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

Absent: Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. L. Thomas

Mrs. Hodder opened the meeting with a welcome to Ms. Caroline Viens, attending her first meeting as a representative of the contract faculty.

1/443 AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Furrow, seconded by Ms. O'Rourke, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

2/443 MINUTES

6/442/i Mrs. Hodder proposed amendments to clarify the intent of her remarks. It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Ms. O'Rourke, that the minutes be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

3/443 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal reported that there has been no further news from the Ministry of Education with regard to university financing for next year. The universities have asked that no changes be made until the end of the term of the performance contracts, and the views of the new Minister are still unknown. However, given that modifications to the funding formula are likely to occur, the Executive Committee has approved planning parameters for 2002-03 which include the possibility that we will not receive the full amount of the re-investment promised in our performance contract. In this event, our deficit could reach \$500,000 for next year. The Senate Planning Committee has been grappling with the implications of this for the academic programme, and plans to present its report at the

next Senate meeting.

Mrs. Hodder said that at a recent meeting of the AUCC there had been some discussion of the effectiveness of small and medium-sized universities in helping to shape the national agenda in education. The federal role has largely been restricted to funding of research, which primarily benefits larger institutions. It seems clear that there is no plan to increase transfer payments. Members of the AUCC are examining other ways in which there could be federal help for smaller universities, for example in support of developing information technology capability in the classroom, or providing funding of institutes for social change.

Mrs. Hodder reported briefly on alumni/recruitment events held in Toronto and Ottawa, and noted that there would be another in Calgary soon.

4/443 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

5/443 COMMITTEE ITEMS

There were none.

6/443 OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

7/443 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

There were none.

7.2 Division of Humanities

a) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Mr. Furrow, that Senate approve the addition of a prerequisite FRA 245 for the course FRA 246b.

Motion carried.

b) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Ms. Doran, that Senate approve the revisions to course descriptions in German Studies, as outlined in the document circulated.

Motion carried.

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Ms. Doran, that the motion 7/442/7.3 be lifted from the table.

Motion carried.

The mover and seconder, Dr. Willms and Dr. Stroehrer, agreed to separate the motion into two parts, as follows:

Motion 1: that Senate approve the creation of a Biochemistry Major and a Biochemistry Minor, to be implemented for the academic year 2002-03, and that the Biochemistry Honours programme be modified in accordance with the recommendations of the SPARC review committee.

Motion 2: Moved that a separate Department of Biochemistry be created for the academic year 2002-03.

Senators first addressed Motion 1.

Dr. Yeats reported verbally on opinions he had received from the *Ordre des chimistes du Québec* with regard to accreditation of the various programmes proposed.

Dr. Willms said that as a result of recent meetings with students in the Biochemistry programme, he and Dr. Stroehrer proposed to **amend** the text of Motion 1 as follows:

Moved that two new programmes be implemented for academic year 2002-03: Biochemistry Major and Biochemistry Minor. The new programme requirements are summarized in the accompanying Tables 1 and 2 (see document 7/442/7.3). In addition, existing courses will be cross-listed as in Table 3 (7/442.7.3), but excluding BIO 280 Psychopharmacology. Also moved, that the present Honours Biochemistry programme be implemented as the first of two Honours concentrations: i) B.Sc. Honours Biochemistry, concentration Chemistry, accredited by the Order of Chemists of Quebec, and ii) B.Sc. Honours Biochemistry, concentration Biology, as per modified Table 4.

During the discussion it became clear that the intention of the Division and the proposals developed by the Chemistry Department and described by Dr. Yeats were both tending towards the creation of two streams in Biochemistry programmes, one with a Chemistry focus which would be accredited by the *Order des chimistes du Québec*, and a second with a Biology focus. Although only the Honours programmes were contemplated in the present motion, a consensus emerged that similar streams should be available to students in a Major programme as well.

Several Senators expressed their unease at being asked to judge between the differing proposals and urged that a compromise be worked out by the Division. It was noted that the principle of two streams in Biochemistry had not been approved at the Divisional level.

It was moved by Dr. McLean, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Motion 1 be amended to read as follows:

“Moved that new programmes in Biochemistry be implemented for academic year 2002-03: two Biochemistry Majors and a Biochemistry Minor; and that the present Honours Biochemistry programme become one of two Honours concentrations: i) B.Sc. Honours Biochemistry, concentration Chemistry, accredited by the Order of Chemists of Quebec, and ii) B.Sc. Honours Biochemistry, concentration Biology”.

**Amendments approved.
Motion carried as amended.**

Senators then addressed Motion 2: that a separate Department of Biochemistry be created for the academic year 2002-03.

Dr. Willms indicated that the Division had expressed strong support for this motion. Some Senators expressed the view that the new programmes could be managed with the current departmental structure, or by an interdisciplinary programme committee as is done in other joint programmes.

Motion defeated.

It was moved by Dr. Willms, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that Senate endorse the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics’ strong, continued support for the important, ongoing role of the Department of Chemistry within life sciences, the Division, and the University.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics return to Senate as soon as possible with a single proposal for Biochemistry programmes mutually acceptable to the Department of Biology, the Department of Chemistry, and the Division as a whole, or report its inability to do so.

Motion carried.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

a) It was moved by Dr. Drumheller, seconded by Dr. Stroehrer, that Senate approve the

division of the course ESG 460 Undergraduate Thesis into two new courses: ESG 461a Honours Research Proposal, and ESG 462b Honours Thesis. After a brief discussion this motion was **tabled**.

b) It was moved by Dr. Drumheller, seconded by Dr. Ibrahim, that Senate approve a new course SOC 299/EDU 303 Sociology of Education.

Motion carried.

8/443 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) The Principal drew Senators' attention to the provisions in the Rules, Orders and Regulations (6.1.5.3) whereby members of faculty (other than contract faculty) elected to Senate by the Faculty Council must have "completed two full years on the continuing faculty at the time the term of office as member of Senate commences." Over the years, this provision has been variously represented in different versions of the RORs. It is now time to review the substance of this provision, and it should be referred to the Divisions for their views

Mrs. Hodder asked the Divisions and the Schools to consider whether the "two year" rule should apply equally to all faculty Senators, or if they would prefer another formulation of eligibility for faculty. She indicated that a clarification of this section of the RORs would be submitted to the Corporation for approval at its Spring meeting.

ii) Senators noted that this year's Ski Day would be held on 15 February.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary