

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 445TH MEETING OF SENATE

The 445th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 25 March 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. A. Johnson, Dr. K. McLean, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. A. Montgomery, Ms. G. O'Rourke, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Dr. C. Rose, Dr. M. Scarlete, Mr. L. Sowerby, Dr. V. Stroehrer, Ms. C. Viens, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. R. Yeats

Absent: Prof. B. Robson, Dr. L. Thomas, Dr. L. Zubieta

1/445 AGENDA

Added: 6/445 Report from the Research Office

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

Motion carried.

2/445 MINUTES

In 5/444, under Recommendation 5, Dr. Childs requested that the words "10-month" be removed from the text of his amendment. It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Dr. Childs, that the minutes be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

3/445 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Senate, Mrs. Hodder offered her congratulations to the team of Bishop's students, with their coaches, who had won first place in the recent Network of International Business Schools (NIBS) case competition in New Zealand. As winners, Bishop's will host the event in 2003.

The Principal reported that she and the two Vice-Principals had appeared before the Parliamentary Commission on Education at the National Assembly, as required by law, and had discussed our annual report for 1999-2000 as well as issues arising from our performance contract report. She said that the meeting was cordial and positive, but that there seemed to be a general perception that Bishop's, having been favoured by the proposed reinvestment, was now in strong financial shape – there was no appreciation of

the effect the changes in the funding rules were having on us. So far, nothing has been heard from the new Minister, and funding levels for next year are still uncertain.

The formal launch of MSBI Management Inc., the consortium of McGill, Sherbrooke and Bishop's for bringing research products to market, was held in Montreal, and received good media coverage.

Admissions for Fall 2002 are coming in, and as of this date there is an increase of about 18% overall from last year's figures. From Ontario, applications have increased by 100% over last year at the same date.

4/445 BUSINESS ARISING

i) 6/441/i Cheating during Examinations. Ms. Doran said that a report on this would come forward in April. Mrs. Hodder repeated that she was willing to meet with the group looking into the issue.

ii) 7/443/7.4/a Dr. Johnson explained that a student who performed satisfactorily in the first course, Honours Research Proposal, would be permitted to continue with the second course, Honours Thesis. It was moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate approve the division of the course ESG 460 Undergraduate Thesis into two new courses: ESG 461 Honours Research Proposal, and ESG 462 Honours Thesis.

Motion carried.

iii) Academic Planning 2002-03

Mrs. Hodder reported that the Finance Committee had not been able to recommend approval of the entire package of appointments forwarded to it by Senate, but had approved a total academic budget of \$13.884 million for 2002-03, to include 4.5 new tenure-track positions in Physics, Modern Languages, Business, Education, and ½ position in Mathematics, which had been approved by the Executive Committee at its February meeting.

Dr. Rittenhouse said that the decisions made by Senate at its last meeting and forwarded to the Executive Committee would lead to an expenditure of \$70,000 over the budget allocated. He said that the Executive Committee had approved what it took to be the priorities of Senate in allocating the funds, and that it expected the Senate to respect the budget limits. The Senate Planning Committee stood by the priorities it had presented to Senate, i.e., the five positions approved for 2001-02 and not filled, plus the 4.5 new positions noted above. Dr. Johnson voiced his objection to the manner in which the issue had been handled, noting that the Executive Committee should have returned the complete package to Senate for review.

It was moved by Mr. Farrow, seconded by Ms. O'Rourke, that Senate move into Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

During the discussion it was noted that neither the Senate Planning Committee nor Senate had specified any priorities in the ordering of the proposed new tenure-track positions. The SPC's initial proposal had been within the budget allocated, and it was the subsequent decisions of Senate that had led to the additional cost.

It was pointed out that the options available were either to eliminate one of the proposed tenure-track positions, or to eliminate eleven part-time courses. The second option would have severe consequences on programmes in both Social Sciences and Humanities.

Some Senators wondered if the academic budget deficit could be covered by finding funds elsewhere; Dr. Rose said that all possible sources had already been tapped to provide the budget we have been given.

Senators urged the Senate Planning Committee to bring its recommendations to Senate earlier in the year, so that there would be a better chance of finding good candidates for new positions, indicating that even sessional positions would be difficult to fill at this late date.

It was moved by Prof. McRae, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Senate move out of Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate reconsider its approval of a tenure-stream position in Political Studies.

Motion carried, with 2/3 majority

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. McLean, that Senate approve Recommendation 4 of the Senate Planning Committee's report (5/444/i), including a 10-month position in Political Studies, with the addition of a 10-month sessional position in Biochemistry for 2002-3.

It was moved by Dr. Yeats, seconded by Mr. Sowerby, to amend the motion to make the position in Biochemistry a three-year term appointment.

Dr. Yeats indicated that a three-year appointment would make the incumbent eligible to apply for NSERC research funding. Other Senators were reluctant to approve a longer-term appointment when it had not been decided where the Biochemistry position was to be housed. It was also noted that a three-year commitment would bring the academic budget over the total available.

Amendment defeated.

Motion carried.

The Chair reminded the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics that it should come to Senate at its April meeting with a 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 (7/443/7.3).

5/445 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) SPARC.

a) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Willms, that Senate receive the SPARC review of the programme in Physics.

Motion carried.

b) Dr. Rittenhouse presented the proposed list of SPARC reviews for 2002-03 and 2003-04. After some discussion it was agreed that the review of Environmental Studies and Geography would be delayed until the Fall 2003, and that a review of Chemistry could be added to the schedule at an appropriate time.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Ms. Doran, that the proposed schedule of SPARC reviews be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

ii) Senate Library Committee.

Dr. Black presented the report of the Senate Library Committee for 2001-02. Senators had questions about the life-span of the current allocation formula, and about the availability of journal articles on-line.

The Principal noted that the University Librarian and her staff, with the Senate Library Committee, had done an excellent job in very difficult circumstances, and she expressed her thanks to all those concerned, to the applause of the Senate.

6/445 OTHER MATTERS

Report from the Research Office

Dr. Rittenhouse reported that although we are still awaiting the outcome of the FCAR and

SSHRC grant applications, we have been informed that four-year NSERC grants have been awarded to Dr. Scarlete, Dr. Allili, and Dr. Bhattacharya. This will bring to a total of 7 the number of scientists holding external grants in 2002-03.

Dr. Rittenhouse informed Senators that Dr. Richard Brewster is the NSERC representative on the Bishop's campus; he will be responsible for the dissemination of research grant information to both faculty and students.

As the Principal has indicated, the MSBI consortium agreement has been signed, and David Williams has been named as the Bishop's representative to the Board of Directors. Bishop's is also in the process of signing an agreement with the office of technology transfer at Université de Sherbrooke that will allow faculty members to have support for the commercialization of their research activities.

Dr. Rittenhouse reported that the Executive Committee had approved the new staff position of Director of Research, to replace the position of Research Officer. Senate had approved the staff position of Research Officer in Fall 2000. As a staff position it was assessed and handled through the procedures of the Staff Association. The terms and references of the new position remain within the general parameters of those approved by Senate for the Research Officer.

7/445 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

Item 7.1(i), a proposal for a new Honours programme in Mathematical Economics, was withdrawn until the next meeting of Senate.

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Mr. Furrow, that Senate approve two new courses FRA 096 Intermediate French I, and FRA 097 Intermediate French II. It was pointed out that these were versions of FRA 133 and FRA 134 which are taught off-campus, and that the credits could not be counted as part of the programme requirements for Honours, Major or Minor in the Département d'études françaises et québécoises.

Motion carried.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. McLean, that Senate approve the removal of the stipulation that Majors and Honours students in English may count a maximum of three credits in creative writing towards their programmes.

Motion carried.

iii) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate approve the addition of ENG 105 Approaches to Poetry to the list of options under the Imaginative Literature section of the Liberal Arts core curriculum.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary