

## BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

### MINUTES OF THE 448<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SENATE

The 448<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate, a special meeting, was held on Friday 24 May 2002, at 9:30 a.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, Dr. M. Childs, Ms. S. Doran, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mrs. W. Durrant, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. A. Montgomery, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Dr. M. Scarlete, Dr. V. Stroehrer, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. R. Yeats, Dr. L. Zubieta

**Absent:** Dr. A. Ibrahim, Dr. K. McLean, Dr. L. Thomas, Dr. G. Wickens

#### 1/448 AGENDA

Two items were added to the agenda:

- 5/448 i) motion regarding the Student Appeals Committee
- ii) report from the Nominating Committee

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

#### 4/448 BUSINESS ARISING

7/446/7.3 Deferred motion from the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved by Dr. Yeats, seconded by Dr. Scarlete, that Senate move into Committee of the Whole.

#### **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Hodder reminded Senators that the issue of the administration of new programmes in Biochemistry had been deferred from Senate 446, to allow the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics additional time to find a solution. At her request, Dr. Willms reviewed the developments since that meeting. He noted that the Division and the departments of Chemistry and Biology had agreed about what the content of the new Biochemistry programmes should be. However, a first attempt to find a model for the administration of the programmes had not been supported by the Chemistry Department.

There had been an attempt at conciliation between the interested parties, which had not produced agreement. The Principal had then met with the Division on 14 May, and had

put forward a suggestion, in the form of six recommendations, for their consideration. This proposal was discussed at length but no specific motion was put forward at that time.

Subsequently, on 21 May, members of the Division were sent electronically a motion (Khouzam/Van Hulst) that the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics accept the six recommendations laid out in the Principal's proposal for Biochemistry. A vote was held, with the following results: of 27 eligible members, 22 had voted; 16 had been in favour, 5 opposed, and one had abstained. This constituted a 2/3 majority in favour of the Principal's proposal. Dr. Willms said that this was the proposal now being brought to Senate as the recommendation of the Division for the administration and staffing of the programmes in Biochemistry.

These are the six recommendations:

1. That Senate adopt the five new Biochemistry degree programmes which were unanimously accepted by the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (DNS) at its April meeting.
2. That Senate designate names for the five programmes as follows:
  - B.Sc. Biochemistry Honours (concentration Chemistry)
  - B.Sc. Biochemistry Honours (concentration Biology)
  - B.Sc. Biochemistry Major (concentration Chemistry)
  - B.Sc. Biochemistry Major (concentration Biology)
  - Biochemistry Minor
3. That Senate establish a "Programme Committee" for Biochemistry within the DNS, charged with the ongoing coordination and delivery of the Biochemistry programme and its five degree designations.

This Committee will be composed as follows:

- a) all faculty holding appointments to the Biochemistry programme, *ex-officio*;
- b) two additional voting members, one each from faculty in the Departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences, elected to two-year terms of service by their respective departments;
- c) one additional voting member of faculty elected by the DNS to a two-year term of service.

The Programme Committee will elect a programme director.

4. That Senate recommend that the University offer to Dr. V. Strocher a modification in her present appointment such as to make hers a cross-appointment in Biology and Biochemistry as of 1 July 2002.

5. That Senate recommend that the University create a second tenure-stream appointment for 1 July 2002, to be cross-appointed in Chemistry and Biochemistry.

6. That Senate recommend that the University offer Dr. E. Prusak a probationary appointment in the second tenure-stream position as of 1 July 2002.

Mrs. Hodder said that if the Senate were to approve the recommendations dealing with faculty appointments, these would have to be submitted to the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee for their consideration at today's meetings. In addition, there would need to be a letter of intent signed with the APBU with regard to Recommendation 6.

Dr. Yeats put forward three options for managing the Biochemistry programmes which had been developed by the Chemistry Department but not submitted to the Division. The first option was that the Honours, Major and Minor programmes in Biochemistry would be administered in the Chemistry Department; the other two programmes would be re-named Honours and Major in Chemical Biology and be administered in the Biology Department. The second option would have the five programmes remain in the Chemistry Department, renamed as above. The third option called for all programmes to be administered by a committee consisting of two faculty from the Chemistry Department and two from the Biology Department.

During the discussion, some Senators expressed reservations about housing the programmes in two different departments. It was also noted that a committee of four was susceptible to deadlock in making decisions; however it was pointed out that a committee with executive authority over programmes and students had been effective in the case of Liberal Arts. With regard to professional certification of the programmes, it was noted that the *Ordre des chimistes du Québec* would recognize those which met its standards. With clear programme descriptions and good academic advising, students needing to meet accreditation criteria could be directed to the required programmes and/or courses.

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

**Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Willms, seconded by Prof. Robson, that on the basis of the vote taken in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Senate accept the package of six recommendations laid out in the Principal's document of 14 May 2002.

Dr. Black moved, seconded by Dr. Scarlete, that the motion be divided. This motion was

**defeated.**

The motion was **carried** by a vote of 13 in favour, 4 opposed.

5/448 COMMITTEE MATTERS

i) Student Appeals Committee

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Prof. Robson, that, extraordinarily, in the case of appeals now pending involving potential graduating students, Senate waive all time constraints listed in the Constitution and Procedures of the Student Appeals Committee, it being provided that all parties involved (appellants, faculty, administrators) agree to such a waiver; and that, should the Student Appeals Committee rule in favour of any student where graduation from the University would be the outcome, their name will be added to the graduation list before June 7 and prior to a report by the Student Appeals Committee to Senate.

**Motion carried.**

ii) Nominating Committee

It was moved by Dr. Zubieta, seconded by Dr. Stroehrer, that Senate approve the following nominations to the Student Appeals Committee; Dr. Stephen Black as faculty alternate; Mr. Ricky Jaggi and Ms. Vanessa Van Horssen as full-time students, and Mr. Scott McLean and Ms. Sarah Doran as full-time student alternates.

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary