

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 450TH MEETING OF SENATE

The 450th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 21 October 2002, at 7:00 p.m, in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Members present: Dr. J. Rittenhouse, in the Chair; Dr. S. Black, Dr. R. Brewster, Ms. A. Campbell, Dr. M. Childs, Prof. P. Cunningham, Dr. A. de Man, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mrs. W. Durrant, Mr. R. Jaggi, Dr. K. McLean, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. A. Montgomery, Ms. V. Newman, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Dr. M. Scarlete, Mr. G. Stephens, Mr. I. Stephens, Dr. V. Stroehrer, Dr. L. Thomas, Ms. J. van Horssen, Ms. C. Viens, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. R. Yeats.

Absent: Mrs. R. Cavanagh, Mrs. J. Hodder

1/450 AGENDA

Add: 7/450/7.2/i(c) - new course proposal REL 150.

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

Motion carried.

2/450 MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. de Man, seconded by Prof. Robson, that the minutes of the 449th meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

3/450 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Rittenhouse conveyed the regrets of the Principal, who was attending an AUCC meeting in Ottawa. He advised Senators that a special meeting of Senate had been scheduled for Thursday, 9 January 2003, at 3:00 p.m., to approve the list of graduates for the January 28th Convocation.

With regard to the draft Performance Contract #2, the Divisions and Schools, and committees of Senate, were requested to report back to Senate with their comments by the December meeting. He asked that Senators who are Chairs or members of any committee ensure that their committees can comply.

Dr. Childs reported that at its recent meeting, the Division of Humanities had adopted a motion calling for the creation of a Senate sub-committee to oversee the drafting of any sections of the Performance Contract dealing with academic issues. After a brief

exchange, it was moved by Dr. Willms, seconded by Dr. Rose, that Senate move into Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

During the discussion, Senators expressed their concern about the wording of some sections of the draft document, noting that the directions proposed did not necessarily match those of the Divisions and Schools. There was a consensus that Senate should take the lead in developing those sections of the documents dealing with issues within its purview, including the criteria to be used by the Senate Planning Committee. It was pointed out that sections dealing with other areas, such as Library and Technical Services, have implications for academic programmes as well.

It was moved by Prof. McRae, seconded by Dr. Drumheller, that Senate move out of Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. McLean, that Senate create a sub-committee to consult with the University community and make recommendations to Senate regarding the academic sections of any future Performance Contract.

There was some debate as to how this committee would operate, and how the input from the Divisions and Schools would be treated. Dr. Yeats proposed an amendment to the text, which was accepted as friendly by the mover and seconder of the motion: moved that Senate establish a sub-committee to co-ordinate the revision of the existing draft of the Performance Contract #2 by synthesizing all text submitted by the constituent bodies, and produce a revision that would be submitted to the Divisions and Schools for comment prior to final approval by Senate.

A vote on the amended motion resulted in 12 in favour and 12 against; the Chair declared the motion to be **defeated**.

Dr. Rittenhouse put forward several suggestions for meeting times for Senate during the day; none of these were acceptable to the Senators.

The Secretary informed Senate of modifications made recently to the *Charte de la langue française*, requiring all Québec universities to adopt and submit to the Minister of Education a policy on the use and quality of the French language; the deadline for this is October 2004. It is proposed that the Executive Committee be asked to establish an *ad hoc* committee to develop such a policy; Senate would be requested to name representatives to this committee.

4/450 BUSINESS ARISING

5/449/iv – Dr. Rittenhouse indicated that the Strategic Research Plan would come back to the November meeting of Senate.

5/450 COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr. Yeats took the Chair for this part of the meeting.

i) Senate Planning Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Prof. Robson, that Senate reaffirm its support for the two (2) tenure stream appointments in Business and the one (1) tenure stream appointment in Education for July 2003.

Motion carried.

ii) SPARC.

Dr. Rittenhouse deposited the SPARC review of the programme in English, including the report of the reviewers, the department's response, and the reviewers' final comments, as well as the SPARC committee's synthesis of the recommendations made and their disposition so far.

6/450 OTHER MATTERS

i) Review of Academic Programmes.

Dr. Rittenhouse presented a draft report (in English translation) from the CREPUQ *Commission de vérification de l'évaluation des programmes*, concerning Bishop's procedures for academic programme evaluation. In general, the *Commission* had found that our process is in conformity with the CREPUQ policy; however they noted several areas in which they wished to see changes made.

Senators were uneasy about the implications of the recommendation that a committee be charged with producing a synopsis of each SPARC report with a "final judgment" of the programme. It was thought that the Dean's report to Senate on implementation of the reviewers' recommendations, one year after the review, could serve this purpose; Senate would then be the final arbiter of programme quality. Concern was also expressed about the requirement to evaluate the "suitability of the human resources" of a programme, as evaluation of faculty performance is governed by the collective agreement. Senators agreed, however, that "cross-university programme relevance" could be given more weight in our SPARC process.

Dr. Rittenhouse indicated that the SPARC committee would return to Senate in November or December with proposals for meeting the concerns of the CREPUQ *Commission*.

Dr. Rittenhouse resumed the Chair at this point.

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ii) New Programme: B.Ing(Sherbrooke)/B.A. Liberal Arts (Bishop's).

Dr. Childs reviewed the document that had been circulated, noting that the proposed dual-degree programme was intended to take advantage of the strengths of each institution, and to provide a small group of students with an opportunity to combine competence in a professional discipline with a broadly-based generalist education, in a bilingual context.

It was noted that the B.A. in Liberal Arts would be a “second” degree, tailored to meet the needs of this group. Once the programme is approved, operational policies and procedures will be worked out by the appropriate authorities of both institutions.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Prof. Robson, that Senate approve the establishment of a dual-degree programme with the Université de Sherbrooke, leading to the degrees of B.Ing.(Sherbrooke) and B.A. Liberal Arts (Bishop's).

Motion carried.

7/450 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Prof. Cunningham, that Senate approve a new course ECO 126 Economics of Crime and Criminal Justice.

Motion carried

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) New courses.

a) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Ms. Newman, that Senate approve the following new courses in German:

GER 380 German Literature and Culture before 1700
 GER 381 German Literature and Culture in the Age of Goethe
 GER 382 Nineteenth-Century German Literature and Culture
 GER 383 Twentieth-Century German Literature and Culture I
 GER 384 Twentieth-Century German Literature and Culture II
 GER 315a Independent Study I
 GER 316b Independent Study II

Dr. Childs indicated that these changes represented modifications to the existing programme, and that some courses currently offered would be deleted in consequence.

Motion carried.

b) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Ms. Newman, that Senate approve a new course HIS 310 Native Peoples of North America in Europe's "New World", 1500-1830.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that Senate approve a new course HIS 405 History of Atlantic Canada, 1867 to the present.

Motion carried.

c) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Ms. Newman, that Senate approve a new course REL 150 Anti-Judaism and Antisemitism: Origins and History.

Motion carried.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Prof. Robson, that Senate approve Stewart Grant, B.A., as instructor of MUS 238 Introduction to Composition I, MUS 338 Advanced Composition, and MUS 112 Music for Orchestra.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that Senate approve Jean-Yves St-Pierre, B.A., as instructor of MUS 121 Introduction to Music Skills I, MUS 122 Introduction to Music Skills II, MUS 221 Intermediate Music Skills, and MUS 222 Advanced Music Skills.

Motion carried.

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

There were none.

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

It was moved by Dr. de Man, seconded by Ms. Viens, that Senate approve a new course SOC 291 Sociology of the Arts.

Motion carried.

7.5 School of Education

i) It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that, in response to a requirement of CAPFE, Senate create a committee representing all departments where Education students take courses, and the School of Education, to work with the School in setting up and maintaining a suitable programme for the education of future elementary and secondary school teachers in Québec; such committee to be chaired by the Director of the School of Education.

Motion carried.

Senators agreed that this new committee could replace the existing Advisory Committee to the School of Education, which has been dormant for several years.

ii) It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Scarlete, that Senate approve the re-opening of admissions to the programmes of Master of Arts in Education and Master of Education, effective for January 2003.

Dr. Thomas reminded Senators that new admissions to these graduate programmes had been suspended last year (442/7.5). Students already registered had been continuing to take courses, however, and the moratorium on new admissions had resulted in numbers too small to continue in some classes. The School of Education was proposing changes to the admissions and completion requirements for the Masters programmes which would enable them to handle new students with the resources available.

Motion carried.

iii) It was moved by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. van Horssen, that Senate approve Linda Allen, B.A., as instructor for EDU 411 Methods in the Teaching of Language Arts - Secondary.

Motion carried.

7.6 Continuing Education

There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary