

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 451st MEETING OF SENATE

The 451st meeting of Senate took place on Monday 18 November 2002, at 7:00 p.m., in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 101.

Members present: Mrs. J. Hodder, 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, Mr. E. Favelle, Mr. R. Jaggi, Dr. K. McLean, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. A. Montgomery, Ms. V. Newman, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Mr. G. Stephens, Mr. I. Stephens, Dr. V. Strocher, Dr. L. Thomas, Ms. J. van Horssen, Ms. C. Viens, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. R. Yeats

Absent: Mrs. W. Durrant, Dr. M. Scarlete

1/451 AGENDA

Add: 8/451 iv: Brief Information: Division of Humanities: James Wilson M.A. to teach ENG 251.

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

Motion carried.

2/451 MINUTES

It was moved by Prof. Cunningham, seconded by Dr. de Man, that the minutes of the 450th meeting of Senate be approved.

Motion carried.

3/451 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Mrs. Hodder informed Senators that the annual *Maclean's* listings had been published, and Bishop's had maintained its standing at number 6 for primarily undergraduate institutions. She referred also to the recent survey reported by the *Globe and Mail*, noting that the methodology of that survey had been questionable.

There is still no financial information from Québec. However several committees are in place, including one which is to make recommendations by Christmas on the issue of weighting of student grants by discipline. In addition, a CREPUQ group has been looking at comparative funding-per-student data with Ontario, and with Canada as a

whole, with the goal of demonstrating that further investment in Québec universities is needed.

The Principal reviewed some of the key academic issues which will be on the table in the course of the current year. Among them are the implications for Bishop's of the anticipated double cohort graduating from Ontario high schools at the end of this year. Decisions on numbers of admissions for 2003-04 will need to be made before Christmas, as a base for establishing budget planning parameters. In academic support areas, such questions as residence space will also need to be addressed.

The Principal informed Senate that she had expelled a student, and that she would report this to the Executive Committee as required by the Rules, Orders and Regulations.

4/451 BUSINESS ARISING

i) 3/450. Dr. Rittenhouse gave notice that he would bring forward a proposal in December, that an *ad hoc* committee be struck to prepare a three-year plan for academic development for the approval of both Senate and the Executive Committee. The text of his motion is to be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

ii) 5/449/iv. Strategic Research Plan.

Dr. Rittenhouse presented a new version of the Strategic Research Plan, revised in light of comments received by the committee, and moved, seconded by Prof. Robson, that the Strategic Research Plan November 2002 be adopted by Senate. After a brief discussion, it was agreed as a friendly amendment to replace "Physical Sciences (Physics and Chemistry)" in paragraph 3 by "Physical and Materials Sciences".

Motion carried as amended.

5/451 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Senate Planning Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Ms. van Horssen, that the report of the Senate Planning Committee be adopted by Senate. Dr. Rittenhouse indicated that this document was in response to the "Performance Contract #2", and recommended the adoption of six factors and two data elements which should be included in submissions to the SPC for new tenure-track positions.

The mover and seconder accepted as a friendly amendment the following change in paragraph 4: "The extent of research activity, publications, and creative activity (...)".

During the discussion, it was proposed by several Senators that the SPC look at trends in student enrollment in a programme over a period of years, rather than merely taking the 5 year average.

Senators agreed that the number of minors was a significant factor in determining load in a department; there was some debate as to how to take them into account in an equitable way.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Prof. Cunningham, that paragraph 2.B. be amended by the deletion of the three sentences following “ (..) and indicates student interest.”

Amendment defeated.

Senators did not agree that retention data should be taken in to account by the SPC in its decision-making process, important though it is to the University overall.

Motion carried.

ii) SPARC.

a) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Prof. Robson, that Senate approve the revised Procedures for the Review of Existing Programmes. He said that the SPARC committee had considered the recommendations from the *Commission de vérification de l'évaluation des programmes*, and was proposing modifications which would respect our procedures as well as meet their criteria.

Motion carried.

b) Dr. Rittenhouse presented the “Dean’s Report” one year after the SPARC review of the programmes in Education. He indicated that the School of Education had implemented the reviewers’ recommendations to the extent that it was able to; a series of recommendation directed to the University administration, and outside the School’s jurisdiction, had not been addressed.

iii) Animal Care Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Drumheller, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Senate approve revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Bishop’s Animal Care Committee. Dr. Drumheller noted that the proposed changes were necessary to meet the requirements of the national oversight committee, the Canadian Council on Animal Care.

Dr. Black reminded Senators that an earlier version of the Terms of Reference had been amended (5/425) to add the following text to section 3(d):

Since the primary aim of Honours research projects is educational, such projects need not be subject to external review. However, the committee reserves the right to request that such a review be

undertaken.

Dr. Black moved, seconded by Dr. Drumheller, that this text be added to the present version of paragraph 3.d.

It was pointed out that the CCAC now requires that even student Honours projects be externally reviewed, and that non-compliance could put our student research projects at risk.

Amendment defeated.

Motion carried.

6/451 OTHER MATTERS

i) It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Brewster, that Senate approve the proposed sessional dates for the academic year 2003-04, as circulated.

Motion carried.

The question of a fall semester Reading Week was raised; the Registrar agreed to bring to the January Senate a series of sessional date projections including this option.

7/451 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) English Department.

Dr. Childs brought forward a series of recommendations for programme changes in the English Department, developed as a result of the recent SPARC review, and to reflect areas of student interest. These include a foundation year, and then a choice of three concentrations in Literature, Cultural and Media Studies, or Education (this last for students planning to go on to Secondary Education). A new Minor for Education students is also proposed.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that the programme changes in English be approved.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Thomas, that Senate approve the following new courses in English:

ENG 109 Approaches to Dramatic Literature

ENG 282 Film Adaptation
ENG 285 Journalism
ENG 316 Medieval Comedy and Satire: the Festive Voice
ENG 332 18th Century Literary Journeys
ENG 340 The Gothic Tradition
ENG 341 Reason and Romanticism
ENG 342 Revolution and Romanticism

It was noted that some courses would be deleted from the curriculum as a consequence.

Motion carried.

ii) Études françaises et québécoises.

It was moved by Dr. Childs, seconded by Dr. Rittenhouse, that Senate approve the following programme changes in Études françaises et québécoises:

- new Minor in French as a Second Language
- new Minor in French Language Studies
- changes to the Minor in Français
- changes the Major in Français
- changes to Honours in Français
- revision to the French component of the Major in Modern Languages:
 - French as a Second Language (beginner's level)
 - French Language Studies (intermediate level)
 - Études françaises et québécoises (advanced level)
- change of course designation from FRA to FRE for the following courses:
 - FRA 131, FRA 132, FRA 133, FRA 134, FRA 151, FRA 152, FRA 201, FRA 202.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Janyne Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary