

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 455TH MEETING OF SENATE

The 445th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 24 March 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

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

Regrets: Dr. R. Brewster, Dr. A. de Man, Mrs. J. Hodder, Dr. M. Scarlete, Dr. V. Stroeher, Ms. C. Viens, Ms. S-L. Ward

1/455 AGENDA

It was moved (Black/Robson) that the agenda be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

2/455 MINUTES

The minutes of the 454th meeting of Senate were approved (Black/McRae) with two corrections in 7/454/7.2:

- o) Fine Arts Major "... and one other course which may not be a cross-listed course, a minimum of 21 credits ...".
- i) ENG 212 Crime Stories: Ancient and Modern

3/455 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Rittenhouse drew Senate's attention to two documents which had been circulated, and gave notice that they would be on the agenda for the April meeting:

- i) a motion from Senate Planning Committee regarding a temporary appointment in Computer Science;
- ii) a report from Dr. Black on plagiarism detection software.

He reported that Mr. McLaughlin had received some documentation from Québec with regard to the funding rules for next year, and planned to bring the information to the Finance Committee at its Friday meeting.

At the Chair's invitation, Mrs. Durrant informed Senators that the acquisition of a proxy server in the Library now makes it possible for students and faculty to access on-line journals from off-campus locations. She thanked all those who contributed to putting this in place.

4/455 BUSINESS ARISING

i) The Registrar reported three changes which had been made to the graduation list for the January Convocation subsequent to Senate's approval:

981624 Alexandre Perron: Sociology minor added

991705 Marjolaine Roy: deleted from the list

990202 Nivah Odwori: graduation deferred to June Convocation

Dr. Yeats took the Chair at this point.

5/455 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) SPARC.

a) Dr. Rittenhouse deposited the SPARC review of the programmes in the Department of Modern Languages, with a summary of the recommendations arising from the review.

b) It was moved (Robson/Rose) that Senate approve the proposed list of reviewers and alternates for the SPARC review of Sociology and Anthropology in Winter 2004.

Motion carried.

It was moved (McRae/Rose) that Senate approve the proposed list of reviewers and alternates for the SPARC review of Environmental Studies and Geography in Fall 2003.

Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion of the history of funding of the programme in Japanese by the Tanaka Fund and the Japan Foundation in the early 1990s.

In response to a question regarding the number of new faculty appointments implied in the recommendations for Modern Languages, Dr. Rittenhouse indicated that the actual financial commitment would not be very large, if the recommendations were to be approved.

Dr. Rittenhouse resumed the Chair.

6/455 OTHER MATTERS

i) Proposal for Fall semester Reading Week.

Senators discussed the pros and cons of adding a Reading Week after the eighth week in the Fall semester. This would mean an earlier start to classes, in the week before Labour

Day, in order to achieve the required number of class hours before the Christmas break. It was generally agreed that a start before Labour Day was not desirable; however the Registrar was asked to prepare a further scenario with an additional two days added to the Thanksgiving break, for Senate's consideration.

ii) Ms. van Horssen deposited the results of a survey of the student body concerning perceptions of plagiarism. She reported a 30% return on the surveys, which had been distributed to all student mailboxes. The results indicate that a higher level of plagiarism is taking place than Senators had suspected, although the students surveyed acknowledged that it was wrong. It was suggested that faculty could pay more attention to this issue, by communicating to students the consequences of plagiarism, and perhaps by applying the sanctions more rigorously.

The student Senators were congratulated for this very useful work.

7/455 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business and Economics

It was moved (Robson/Cunningham) that Senate approve a new course BMK 362 Sport Marketing.

Motion carried.

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved (Willms/Yeats) that Senate approve new courses and labs in Physics: PHY 193 Physics for Life Sciences I, PHY 083 Physics for Life Sciences Laboratory I; PHY 194 Physics for Life Sciences II, and PHY 084 Physics for Life Sciences Laboratory II.

Dr. Willms explained that the Physics Department wished to offer a non-calculus-based Physics option to students in the U0 year whose focus was more in life sciences and chemistry than in traditional physics.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary