

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 465TH MEETING OF SENATE

The 465th meeting of Senate, a Special Meeting, took place on Thursday 29 April 2004, at 3:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Mrs. J. Hodder, in the Chair; Dr. A. de Man, Dr. A. Drumheller, Ms. C. Dubois, Mrs. W. Durrant, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. C. Grogan, Mr. C. Léveillé, Ms. A. Montgomery, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Dr. C. Rose, Prof. S. Sheeran, Mr. G. Stephens, Dr. A. Stritch, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. R. Yeats

Absent: Prof. H. Agourram, Prof. P. Cunningham, Prof. R. Drolet, Dr. M. Richardson, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. M. Scarlete, Prof. S-L. Ward, Dr. B. Willms, Prof. J. Wilson

The Chair of Senate indicated that this Special Meeting had been called at the request of seven Senators, as provided for in Section 6.7 of the Rules, Orders and Regulations of the University. The sole item on the agenda was a motion of censure (Stritch/de Man) arising from remarks made at the previous meeting of Senate, the text of which had been circulated to Senators:

The Chair read out to the meeting her ruling that the motion as presented was not in order, and provided her reasons for this ruling. These included the following: Senate was in committee of the whole at the time the remarks had been made; a motion of censure against an individual would set a precedent at the University; such a motion could be construed as a disciplinary measure against which the individual would have no redress; natural justice requires that the person concerned have the opportunity to know the charge and the reasons for it, and to respond in his defence, which was not possible with only a 48-hour notice of meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Stritch, that the ruling made by the Chair of Senate be overturned.

After some discussion, this motion was withdrawn. The mover and seconder of the original motion agreed to new wording for their motion as follows:

Moved that in view of the inappropriate remarks made against two members of Senate by Professor Drolet at the meeting of 22 April 2004, and in the absence of a full and public apology, Professor Drolet's remarks are hereby censured by Senate.

The revised motion was **carried**, with one absention.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Janyne M. Hodder, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary