

## BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

### MINUTES OF THE 469<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SENATE

The 469<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate took place on Monday 25 October 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

**Present:** Dr. R. Poupart, in the Chair; Dr. H. Agourram, Prof. C. Beauchamp, Ms. P. Cove, Prof. P. Cunningham, Dr. A. de Man, Mr. E. Desrosiers, Prof. R. Drolet, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. C. Grogan, Dr. K. Hull, Ms. V. Liston, Ms. J. Molyneux, Ms. A. Montgomery, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Prof. B. Robson, Dr. C. Rose, Prof. S. Sheeran, Mr. R. Sowerby, Dr. W. Stephan, Dr. A. Stritch, Ms. S. Teasdale, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Prof. J. Wilson, Dr. R. Yeats

**Absent:** Mr. C. Léveillé, Prof. C. Viens

The Principal opened the meeting with a warm welcome to Ms. Sylvia Teasdale, newly appointed as University Librarian.

#### 1/469 AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated (Robson/de Man).

#### 2/469 MINUTES

The minutes of the 468<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate were approved as presented (de Man/Robson).

#### 3/469 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

This item was put over to the end of the meeting.

#### 4/469 BUSINESS ARISING

##### 4/466/iii Task Force on Academic Integrity

Dr. Drumheller reported that the following members had been named to the Task Force: Dr. A. de Man (Principal's nominee), Dr. G. Rutihinda (Business), Dr. J. Manore (Humanities), Dr. T. Fletcher (Social Sciences), Dr. R. Yeats (Natural Sciences), and Mr.

R. Sowerby and Mr. C. Léveillé (SRC). Mr. E. Favelle indicated that he would represent the Council of Part-time Students.

It remains for the School of Education to name their member. Dr. de Man agreed to call the first meeting of the Task Force.

#### 5/469 COMMITTEE ITEMS

##### SPARC

a) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Grogan, that the SPARC evaluation of the programme in History be undertaken in Fall 2005. **Motion carried.**

b) It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that the list of potential external evaluators and/or alternates for the programme in Chemistry be approved as presented. **Motion carried.**

#### 6/469 OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

#### 7/469 RECOMMENDATIONS

##### 7.1 Williams School of Business

i) It was moved (Robson/Cunningham) that Senate approve three new courses in Economics: ECO 251 History of Economic Thought I; ECO 260 Topics in Applied Economics; and ECO 360 Advanced Topics in Applied Economics. **Motion carried.**

ii) It was moved (Robson/Rittenhouse) that the new course ECO 251 History of Economic Thought I be added as a prerequisite for students taking ECO 351 History of Economic Thought II. **Motion carried.**

iii) It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Prof. Drolet, that Senate approve the transfer of the Department of Economics from the Williams School to the Division of Social Sciences, effective 26 October 2004.

Prof. Robson indicated that both the Williams School and the Division of Social Science had approved the proposal unanimously. It had been made clear in the discussions that Economics would continue to provide the service courses required by the programmes in

Business.

In response to questions from Senators, the members of the Department of Economics explained that the interests of the faculty in the department, both for research and programme development, were closer to those of the Division of Social Science. It was noted that the recent SPARC report had urged more collaboration between Economics and Business; Dr. Rittenhouse hoped that this would still take place.

**Motion carried.**

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) Certificate in Cultural and Media Studies. This item was withdrawn as the Continuing Education Committee has not yet met.

ii) Proposal for Timetable modifications.

Prof. Sheeran gave notice of a motion for the November meeting of Senate, that the course timetable be modified to include 1-½ hour teaching blocks on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and a 3-hour block on Friday mornings.

He indicated that the change had been discussed at the Academic Standing/Admissions Policy Committee, and had been referred to the Divisions for comment. The Division of Humanities and the Williams School had already approved the proposal in principle.

Prof. Sheeran undertook to provide Senators with a clear written statement of the proposed timetable changes, well in advance of the November meeting, so an informed debate could take place.

iii) New Courses.

a) Prof. Sheeran presented a proposal for a new course, CLA/FIN/REL 238 Greece, Land of the Gods: a three-week intensive travel course which would be worth 6 credits. After some discussion, the proposal was tabled, to be brought back with additional information about course content, grading, and the credit value to be assigned.

It was pointed out that Senate had developed guidelines for off-campus courses some years ago, and that these might be helpful in this case.

Dr. Yeats questioned the principle of offering courses which some students would be financially unable to take.

b) It was moved (Sheeran/Yeats) that the course CHE 132 Chemistry of Art Conservation

and Restoration be added to the comparative arts component in the Fine Arts programme. **Motion carried.**

A motion to cross-list SOC 291 Sociology of Art as FIN 392 was tabled pending consultation with the Department of Sociology.

c) It was moved (Sheeran/Wickens) that Senate approve two new courses in History: HIS 431 Inquisitions, Law and Society; and HIS 332 The Celluloid Republic. **Motion carried.**

iv) It was moved (Sheeran/Grogan) that the designation of the course HIS 280 Women in Modern History be changed to HIS 380, to better reflect the level of the course content. **Motion carried.**

#### 7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) It was moved (de Man/Stritch) that the designation of the course POL 331 European Union be changed to POL 231, to better reflect the level of the course content. **Motion carried.**

ii) It was moved (de Man/Robson), that Senate approve the division of the 6-credit course PSY 440 Practicum into two 3-credit courses: PSY 441 Practicum I and PSY 442 Practicum II. This would allow students some flexibility in choosing to take one or both sections according to their needs or interest. **Motion carried.**

#### 8/469 BRIEF INFORMATION

The Principal asked Senators to note that the date of the December meeting had been changed from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 3/469 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal reported that a submission had been sent in to the *Commission parlementaire de l'éducation*, as required by law. The date for Bishop's to appear before the Commission has not been set, but will probably be early in 2005. A copy of the submission (in French) will be posted on the Bishop's web site.

Dr. Poupart said that the issue of tuition fees, and more particularly the link between fees and accessibility, was currently being discussed at the *Comité exécutif* of CREPUQ; articles have also begun to appear in the press. Some universities have raised the subject during their hearings before the *Commission parlementaire*. It is likely that there will be a wider public discussion of this in the near future.

With regard to the discussion on campus concerning management of our forest, Dr. Poupart indicated that there would be a general consultation and debate about this which would take into account the academic needs of various departments.

The Principal also said that he would like to open a debate on governance of the University, and would raise this issue with the Corporation at its annual meeting this weekend. He said that Corporation and Senate, as well as the wider Bishop's community, would participate in this debate, and that outside expertise could be called on as well.

In response to a question from Dr. Rose, the Principal said that the faculty would be fully consulted in the process of drawing up priorities for the up-coming Capital Campaign.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

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Ann Montgomery, Secretary