

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 471ST MEETING OF SENATE

The 471st meeting of Senate took place on Monday 13 December 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

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

Absent: Prof. P. Cunningham, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. K. Hull, Ms. A. Montgomery, Dr. A. Stritch, Prof. J. Wilson

In the absence of Dr. Poupart, Dr. Rittenhouse assumed the Chair. Mr. Léveillé volunteered to act as Recording Secretary in the absence of Ms. Montgomery.

1/471 AGENDA

4/471 Dr. Yeats asked that an item "Update on Policy for Managing Intellectual Property" be added, to be addressed by Dr. Rittenhouse.

The agenda was approved as amended (de Man/Viens).

2/471 MINUTES

The minutes of the 470th meeting of Senate were approved as presented (Teasdale/Robson).

3/471 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

As Dr. Poupart would be late, this item was moved to the end of the meeting.

4/471 BUSINESS ARISING

i) 7/469/7.2/ii – 4/470/ii – Tabled Motion from the Humanities Division – Timetable Modifications.

Prof. Sheeran advised senators that, due to the complexity of modifying the timetable, any changes made at Senate this year could not be implemented until the 2006 – 07 academic year. As a result, the ad-hoc committee established at the last meeting of Senate will not meet until the winter semester. Further, it was reported that Dr. Hull has stepped down from the committee, but Dr. Yeats will replace her for the Division of Natural Sciences. Prof. Beauchamp has been

invited to represent the views of the School of Education, and a student has been invited as well. The motion remains tabled.

- ii) 6/468/iv – 4/470/iv – Update on Policy for Managing Intellectual Property.

Dr. Rittenhouse reported that the concerns of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics had been incorporated into the document, as per Senate's request.

5/471 COMMITTEE ITEMS

- i) SPARC – Response from the Business Department

As per Senate's request, the Business Department's response to the SPARC evaluation was deposited.

Discussion occurred surrounding the disjunction between what the reviewers expected, and what Bishop's actually offers. Prof. Robson noted that many other business schools follow the corporate model, whereas that is contrary to the liberal arts mission of the university. Further discussion about the goals and future of the Williams School of Business ensued.

Finally, questions arose regarding the evaluation process itself. Dr. Rittenhouse clarified that the Business Department's response was purely for Senate's purposes, and was not for the review, as Senate wanted to know the Business Department's position on the recommendations. However, since the process requires that the Dean report on the follow-up of recommendations one year after the evaluation, Prof. Robson stated that this will take place at the January meeting of Senate. In addition, Prof. Robson expressed dismay at the evaluators having been on campus for only six hours, versus the standard two days for a department of the size of business.

Dr. Agourram suggested that the Vice Principal or SPARC create an integrated system to coordinate the SPARC reports and recommendations for all departments, in order to maintain strategic guidelines.

At 7:20 p.m., Dr. Poupart arrived.

6/471 OTHER MATTERS

- i) New S.R.C. Awards

Mr. Léveillé reported that the S.R.C. had formally established two new academic awards, the Outstanding Academic Support / Service Award, and the Outstanding Department Award. They had been given out in the past to Counseling Services in the case of the Outstanding Academic Support/Service Award and to English and

Drama in the case of the Outstanding Department Award. However, following the same procedure as had been done for the S.R.C. Divisional Teaching Awards, he was seeking the endorsement of Senate for the two new awards.

It was moved (Léveillé) and seconded (Wickens), that Senate endorse the two new S.R.C. awards. Dr. Yeats noted that the Chemistry department had also received the Outstanding Department Award at some point in the past. **Motion carried.**

7/471 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

i) New Course

It was moved (Robson/Agourram) that Senate approve the new course BHR 334 Administering the Collective Agreement. Prof. Robson said that library resources should be available. **Motion carried.**

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) New Course

It was moved (de Man/Viens) that Senate approve the new course ESG 349 Watershed Management. Dr. Willms reminded departments to confirm with the library well ahead of time as to the availability of resources. Dr. Rose confirmed that there were ample resources in the library. Dr. Willms also asked about the possibility of team teaching for this course. **Motion carried.**

ii) Calendar Changes in Psychology

It was moved (de Man/Molyneux) that Senate approve the Calendar Changes in Psychology. Dr. de Man noted that the changes reflect the fact that Dr. Black is retiring. **Motion Carried.**

7.5 School of Education

i) New Course

It was moved (Beauchamp/Teasdale) that Senate approve the new course EDU 330 Independent Study in Education. Prof. Beauchamp noted that many other departments have classes such as this, and it was being introduced to add a little flexibility into the schedule for education students. Dr. de Man reminded Senators about the guidelines for the administration of independent studies as laid out in the Academic Calendar. **Motion carried.**

7.6 Continuing Education

i) Certificate of Studies in the Discoveries of Science

It was moved (Yeats/Stephan) that Senate approve the new certificate of Studies in the Discoveries of Science. **Motion carried.**

3/471 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Poupart referred to the document circulated regarding the Royal Society. He felt that there would be a role for faculty to play in the coming years, especially now as the Royal Society is the main advising body to the Prime Minister's Science Advisor. Suggestions are welcome, either through the Vice-Principal, or directly to the Royal Society. Dr. Rittenhouse noted that Bishop's is at present an institutional member, and that there are very few small, primarily undergraduate institutions that are members.

In response to a query by Dr. Yeats, Dr. Poupart explained that Bishop's was invited to join the Royal Society as a result of a gentleman's agreement with Gilles Paquet, President of the Royal Society. M. Paquet's vision was to transform the Royal Society from a group of friends of friends, to the main scientific advisor to the Canadian government. M. Paquet noted that, should his vision not become a reality, then the membership fee of \$8000 would be refunded. Dr. Poupart also noted that this was an important step for Bishop's University, as it would help position the institution in prominent debates nationwide.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Chris Léveill , Secretary