

BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE 472ND MEETING OF SENATE

The 472nd meeting of Senate took place on Monday 24 January 2005, 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, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. C. Grogan, Dr. K. Hull, Mr. C. Léveillé, 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, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. R. Yeats

Absent: Prof. R. Drolet, Ms. S. Teasdale, Dr. B. Willms, Prof. J. Wilson

The Principal opened the meeting with a welcome to Dr. Marianne Vigneault, newly elected by Faculty Council to replace Dr. Stritch.

1/472 AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented (Sheeran/Léveillé).

2/472 MINUTES

The minutes of the 471st meeting of Senate, held on 13 December 2004, were approved as presented.

3/472 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal reminded members of the Forum on Governance which would take place on Friday 28 January, and urged Senators to attend and participate in the discussions.

He was pleased to report that he had been asked to attend future meetings of the Faculty Council.

Dr. Poupart announced that Bishop's would be the only Canadian institution featured in an American television series called "Today's Family", in a section on choosing the right university. The programme runs in the US on the ABC Family Channel and in Canada on Showcase. The Bishop's segment will be about 7 minutes long; we will collaborate on the content, and will retain rights to the film footage recorded for the show.

The Principal referred to the up-coming negotiations for a collective agreement for the staff, indicating that a transition committee would be set up to prepare for this.

A sub-committee of the Finance Committee is developing a financial planning process; Senate will be kept informed as this goes forward.

4/472 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

5/472 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Senate Planning Committee.

Dr. Rittenhouse presented a report from the Senate Planning Committee, indicating that the committee had endeavoured to take account of the restrained financial context in which we are operating, while at the same time giving an indication of the needs for additional faculty which had been expressed by the departments. Their recommendations had been prioritized by the committee, and were presented in three groups: tenure stream for 2005-06, tenure stream for 2006-07 and beyond, and sessional appointments for 2005-06. Dr. Rittenhouse added that recommendations for additional sessional appointments and part-time credits would come forward for the February meeting of Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Yeats, that Senate move into Committee of the Whole to discuss the report. **Motion carried.**

Senators were concerned about the actual number of appointments which could be approved by the Finance Committee for next year and beyond. Dr. Rittenhouse acknowledged that all of the recommendations cannot be funded presently, but added that the committee had thought it important to lay out the path by which we could reach Senate's stated target of 120 tenure stream positions over the next several years. The list would be re-visited by next year's SPC in the light of financial resources available at that time.

Dr. de Man drew Senators' attention to the difficult staffing situation in the departments of Environmental Studies and Geography and Sociology, expressing his view that at least temporary positions should be assigned in these areas.

Dr. Vigneault conveyed her concern about the use of Honours/Majors numbers alone as

indicators of need, saying that CRU numbers gave a fairer picture of the students taught in departmental courses.

Professor Sheeran made the point that small courses are pedagogically necessary in some disciplines, and this should not prejudice these departments' access to new positions.

It was moved (Cunningham/Hull) that Senate move out of Committee of the Whole.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Prof. Beauchamp, that Senate approve the recommendation of the Senate Planning Committee for the following tenure-stream positions for 2005-06, in order of priority:

- Modern Languages (Hispanic Studies – Instructor)
- Education (Foundations for Teacher Preparation)
- Business (Accounting)
- Mathematics (Math-Stats – Instructor)

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Wickens, that Senate approve the recommendations of the Senate Planning Committee for the following ten tenure-stream positions for 2006-07 or after, in order of priority (an asterisk indicating those positions which must be approved for 1 July 2006 under the Collective Agreement):

- Business (previously recommended in April 2004)
- Education/Fine Arts (Creative Arts Education and Fine Arts Studio: previously recommended in April 2004)
- Environmental Studies and Geography (Climatology) and Sociology
- Classics (Ancient Languages)*
- Chemistry and History (Contemporary European History: shared position with Sherbrooke)
- Religion*

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Dr. Agourram, that Senate approve the Senate Planning Committee's recommendations for sessional positions for 2005-06 in the following departments, where they can be funded from existing course credit allocations:

- Business (four positions)
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics

Dr. de Man, seconded by Ms. Molyneux, moved to amend the motion to add sessional appointments in the departments of Sociology and Environmental Studies and Geography. After a brief discussion the **amendment carried.**

The motion as amended was also **carried.**

6/472 OTHER MATTERS

It was moved by Dr. Rittenhouse, seconded by Mr. Léveillé, that Senate approve the nomination of Ms. Rachel Garber as a community member on the Research Ethics Board. **Motion carried.**

7/472 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

i) Professor Robson presented a proposal from the Williams School for changes to the structure of programmes in Business which had been developed following a comprehensive review undertaken by the department. He outlined the major elements of the changes: the transformation of the current “concentrations” into “streams”; an increase in the non-business electives; a new required core of courses and the removal of the secondary core; and a new minor in Entrepreneurship.

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers, that Senate approve the proposed changes to the 90 credit and 120 credit BBA and B.A. Major Business programmes, as outlined in the document circulated. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Prof. Cunningham, that Senate approve the substitution of BMK 112 Consumer Behaviour and Marketing for BMK 211 Marketing Management, in the Business Minor. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Prof. Robson, seconded by Dr. Agourram, that Senate approve a new Minor in Entrepreneurship of 24 credits, to be available to non-Business students. **Motion carried.**

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) Prof. Sheeran requested that two paragraphs pertaining to the management of academic dishonesty cases be restored to the Academic Calendar; the Secretary will see that this is done.

ii) It was moved by Prof. Sheeran, seconded by Prof. Robson, that Senate approve changes to the Arts Administration option in the Division of Humanities, as described in the document circulated. Prof. Sheeran explained that the changes were designed to streamline course offerings and provide additional flexibility to students in course choice.

Motion carried.

iii) It was moved by Prof. Sheeran, seconded by Dr. Grogan, that Senate approve changes to the Calendar descriptions of the programme in History, to designate the areas of specialization as North America, Europe, and the Developing World. **Motion carried.**

7.4 Social Sciences

i) Dr. de Man presented a proposal for changes to the programmes in Economics, developed in response to the recent SPARC report. He moved, seconded by Dr. Vigneault, that Senate approve the proposed changes to the Honours, Major and Minor programmes in Economics; two new courses ECO 270 Public Economics and ECO 370 Honours Thesis; the deletion of ECO 203, ECO 303, CO 460 and ECO 461; a change in title for ECO 317 to International Trade; and changes to the programme regulations as outlined in the document distributed. **Motion carried.**

7.5 School of Education

i) Prof. Beauchamp presented proposed changes to the Masters programme in Education, noting that though the structure of the programme is unchanged, some of the courses have been revised and a compulsory component added. In addition, the School has undertaken a comprehensive review of the graduate programme curriculum, deleted a number of courses, and revised the descriptions and titles of others.

It was moved by Prof. Beauchamp, seconded by Dr. Agourram, that Senate approve the changes to the Master of Education programme, as described on p. 2 of the document circulated. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Prof. Beauchamp, seconded by Ms. Liston, that Senate approve the revised course descriptions and titles for graduate courses in Education. **Motion carried.**

i) The Principal proposed a motion of congratulations to Dr. Hafid Agourram, who had been awarded a prize for best Ph.D. thesis in his programme at the Université de Sherbrooke; the motion was seconded by Prof. Robson and carried unanimously.

ii) Noting that this was the last Senate meeting for the Registrar, Ms. Ann Montgomery, before her retirement, Dr. de Man proposed a motion of thanks for her participation in the work of Senate over the years; this was seconded by Prof. Viens and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Ann Montgomery, Secretary