

## **Bishop's University**

### **MINUTES OF THE 474th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 474<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate took place on Monday 21 March 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. Robert Poupart was in the Chair, Dr. H. Agourram, Mrs. C. Beauchamp, Ms. P. Cove, Dr. A. deMan, Mr. E. Desrosiers, Prof. R. Drolet, Dr. A. Drumheller, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. C. Grogan, Dr. K. Hull, Mr. C. Leveille, Ms. V. Liston, Ms. J. Molineux, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Dr. C. Rose, Prof. S. Sheeran, Mr. R. Sowerby, Dr. W. Stephan, Mrs. S. Teasdale, Ms. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Dr. B. Willms, Prof. J. Wilson, Dr. Yeats

Absent: Prof. P. Cunningham, Dr. G. Wickens, Prof. B. Robson

Observer: Prof. J. Manore

#### 1/474 AGENDA

With the addition under # 8 Brief Business of updates on NSERC and SSHRC scholarships and awards and a report on a Faculty Council motion by Dr. R. Yeats;

The agenda was approved as amended (Sheeran/Liston)

#### 2/474 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 473<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Senate were approved as presented (deMan/Favelle)

#### 3/474 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal reported that Dave Young underwent surgery but he seems to be recovering well and in good spirits. He will be away for two month and we wish him a good recovery.

The Master Plan for the Sustainable Development of the St. Francis River area is moving ahead. As reported earlier, there are many stakeholders in this project and these include faculty and students of Bishop's University. Dr. Poupart indicated that he has been asked to Chair the Fundraising Committee for this initiative.

In another initiative, this one spearheaded by the Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce, it has been confirmed that Dr. Poupart will head the Working Group on Infrastructure and Urban Development

The Principal reported that he has been approached by several students who are concerned with the spreading use of cocaine in the Lennoxville area and on campus. Some seem to feel that as Bishop's moves toward a smoke free campus, this should include a drug free campus as well. The Principal has already consulted with Mr. B. Stevenson, BU Security and the Sherbrooke police and will be discussing it with BU Health Services. It is a concern and a challenge which must be investigated further.

Dr. Poupart commended the students who performed in Twelfth Night. He indicated that he had seen the play on two nights with different casts and thought both performances were excellent. The new Chancellor, Mr. Scott Griffin, hosted a reception after the play at 5 Harrald Dr. which was very much appreciated.

The Principal noted that the Maclean's Guide to Canadian Universities 2005 was out and that the list of Popular Profs at Bishop's was increasing. Clearly students appreciate their faculty and it is very encouraging to see this in print.

#### 4/474 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

#### 5/474 COMMITTEE ITEMS

##### i) SPARC-Political Studies Review

Dr. J. Rittenhouse presented the report and asked that it be approved as presented. Dr. B. Willms noted that the department of Political Studies should be congratulated on an excellent review.

The Report was approved as presented (Willms/Viens).

#### 6/474 OTHER MATTERS

##### i) Task Force on Academic Integrity Report

Prof. J. Manore reviewed the Report with Senate noting that at the Senate Meeting of May 5, 2004, the Task Force on Academic Integrity had been asked to do the following:

1. Assess the current climate of academic integrity at Bishop's University
2. Review current procedures for education, processing and enforcing matters of academic integrity
3. Consult broadly both inside and outside of the university community on these matters
4. Make recommendations to Senate

Prof. Manore noted that Senate might wish to consider the recommendations but urged that certain ones be approved at this meeting as they could be implemented before the end of this academic year. After considerable discussion, Senate approved Recommendation # 2: That the faculty member, in cases where there has been academic dishonesty on the part of the student, and where it is resolved, be required to report this to his/her Dean. The report should include the student's name and student number, the type of misconduct, the penalty assigned and space for additional comments, including a description of how the misconduct was discovered. The report should be sent to the faculty member's Dean, the student's Dean and to the Registrar where a separate file on such cases will be maintained for easy referral. (Rose/deMan)

Recommendation # 3: That the faculty member, when bringing a possible case of academic dishonesty to the next level, be required to report this also to the Dean of the Division or the school to which the student belongs or to the Vice-Principal, whichever is appropriate.(deMan/Leveillé)

Recommendation # 6: That a permanent sub-committee of Senate be established to which new issues with respect to academic integrity could be referred and from which materials explaining policies, issues, responsibilities would be disseminated. It was felt that this recommendation had to be passed now so that things could really get started. It was agreed that the Senate Academic Integrity Committee would have the same composition as the Task Force and would be appointed through the Senate Nominating Committee. (deMan/Leveillé)

Recommendation # 7: That procedures governing exams be tightened up immediately: 1) That professors be strongly encouraged to invigilate their own exams, if for no other reason than to be on hand to answer student questions or help relieve their stress. 2) That the requirement of students to bring their student cards to the exam be strictly adhered to and that the cards be checked during the exam period and cross-referenced with student class lists. 3) That all extraneous material from backpacks to cell phones to food packages be left at the front or back of the exam room. 4) That Bishop's approved calculators and other approved devices be the only ones used during exams. 5) That exams with multiple sections undertaken at special needs services be better co-ordinated to prevent a student in one section discussing the exam to students in other sections. 6) That all exam booklets be access-controlled. Mr. E. Desrosiers noted that most students need to be informed of these measures as they would not know about them otherwise. (Favelle/Yeats)

Dr. A. deMan noted that the SRC representatives on the Task Force had done a tremendous amount of work on this report and should be thanked for their effort.

ii) Questionnaire to Seek Students' Opinion on Music Tutors

Dr. J. Rittenhouse requested that the evaluation form be approved as circulated. There were questions about what would happen when the ratio is one student to one tutor ( we have to do it, it is in the Collective Agreement ); why wasn't it pre-tested ( tutors were consulted ). (Rittenhouse/Hull)

iii) Consultation on the Registrar/Secretary- General Position

Dr. R. Poupart asked Ms. Sandra Gallichon, a member of the Search Committee to present. Ms. S. Gallichon indicated that the Search Committee had reviewed its report with the Principal and that they were recommending Mr. Yves Jodoin for the position. Ms. S. Gallichon noted that Mr. Jodoin has extensive experience on the Registrar side of the position. The Search Committee recognized that it was unlikely to find a candidate with strengths in both areas so they had had to weigh and prioritize the requirements. Having done this, they were very pleased with their recommendation of Mr. Jodoin

There was some discussion about why we were going for one candidate for both roles at this time when we might want to split the position at a later date. Dr. R. Poupart noted that Mr. Jodoin was well aware of this issue and was quite comfortable filling a position where the duties of registrar and secretary general are linked at the moment. The Principal noted that there were several issues with splitting the position at this time. These issues include financial considerations, the need for consultation with APBU, a change to the ROR's and the need to discuss this position within the governance framework.

Dr. H. Agourram felt that we had an excellent candidate and that we must move ahead.

Dr. Poupart asked for a motion recognizing that Senate had positively received the recommendation of Mr. Yves Jodoin to the position of Registrar/Secretary-General. (Agourram/Drolet)

Dr. C. Rose abstained from the vote because there is a formal complaint involving unfair hiring practices by the Search Committee for the Registrar/Secretary General which is still before the Visitor.

and Dr. A deMan declared conflict and abstained from the vote as well.

iv) Notice of Motion Concerning Full-Time positions

This notice by Dr. G. Wickens was received

v) Notice of Motion on Defining and Promoting Bishop's University

This motion by Dr. G. Wickens was received

## 7/474 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.4 Division of Social Sciences

#### i) Revised course descriptions

The descriptions of WOM201: Women and Feminism in Canada and WOM305: Women and Feminism: Selected Topics be approved as circulated (deMan/Viens)

## 8/474 BRIEF INFORMATION

Dr. R. Yeats wished to impart to Senate the following motion which had been passed at Faculty Council that afternoon: That Faculty Council request the IT department to develop procedures as soon as possible that would recreate the features of the “bit/Campus” system that allow faculty to communicate with their students, and that Faculty Council deplore that lack of advance notice of the disappearance of this service”. Dr. R. Yeats indicated that copies of this motion had been sent to Ms. Carol Bennett of ITS and Ms. Elaine Rope, Chair of ITPC

Prof. S. Sheeran brought to Senate’s attention the fact that all three applicants from Bishop’s for the 2005-2006 SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships had been successful. They are Patricia Cove in English Literature, Bin Hu in Economics-Mathematical and Quantitative Methods and Jordan Watters in Sociology. All receive \$17,500 and are to be heartily congratulated.

Dr. J. Rittenhouse announced the following:

Dr. Ariel Edery of the Physics Department has been awarded a three-year grant for a total of \$46,500 to support his research project entitled Massless Solitons via Gravitation: Kinks, Vortices, and Monopoles in Curved Spacetime.

Dr. Jade Savage of the Biology Department was awarded two NSERC grants: a three-year research grant totalling \$34,500 to pursue her research activities on systematics and biogeography of true-flies in the arctic fauna of North America and Eurasia and a one-year equipment grant of \$13,267 to purchase of very sophisticated microscope.

Dr. Walter Stephan of the Physics Department was awarded a five year grant totalling \$65,345. His research activities focus on cluster studies of strongly correlated electron systems and magnetism.

Congratulations to Ariel, Jade, and Walter.

Dr. B. Willms announced that 3 out of 4 Bishop’s student applications to NSERC for post graduate study had been successful. These awards went to Edward Wilson in Physics, Taylor Grey in Biology and Alex Lasnier in Mathematics. Sincere congratulations to all three.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Sylvia Teasdale, Secretary