

Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 475th MEETING OF SENATE

The 475th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 25 April 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. Robert Poupart was in the Chair, Mrs. C. Beauchamp, Ms. P. Cove, Prof. P. Cunningham, Prof. R. Drolet, Dr. A. Drumheller, Dr. C. Grogan, Mr. C. Léveillé, Ms. V. Liston, Ms. J. Molineux, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Dr. C. Rose, Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. W. Stephan, Mrs. S. Teasdale, Ms. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. Yeats

Absent: Dr. H. Agourram, Dr. A. deMan, Mr. E. Desrosiers, Mr. E. Favelle, Dr. K. Hull, Prof. B. Robson, Mr. R. Sowerby, Prof. J. Wilson

1/475 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with the addition of 2 items under Business arising: Recommendation # 2 and # 7 of the Report on Academic Integrity.

2/475 MINUTES

Dr. Grogan asked if the vote for receiving the recommendation of the new Registrar/Secretary General could be recorded, even though it had not been requested at the time of the vote. Senators were in agreement and the vote numbers were: 7 for the motion, 1 against and 14 abstentions.

Dr. C. Rose wished to correct the reason for his abstention. He said it was not due to conflict but that there was a formal complaint involving unfair hiring practices by the Search Committee for the Registrar/Secretary General which was still before the Visitor.

Motion carried (Beauchamp/Wickens)

3/475 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal indicated that he had spent most of the last week meeting with Alumni in various cities and that foremost in their minds was the mission of a liberal arts education. Alumni are extremely loyal to Bishop's and they expressed a strong desire for Bishop's to carry the flag for liberal arts education. These Alumni are parents and donors and they want to make sure that Bishop's brand be strongly promoted internally and externally. The impact of a liberal arts education is far reaching on our graduates and we need to address this challenge without delay.

4/475 BUSINESS ARISING

Prof. S. Sheeran noted that he was having second thoughts about having voted for Recommendation # 2. He stated that this process was generating a great deal of paperwork, was very time consuming and labour intensive. He suggested giving some thought to streamlining the process and faculty need to be informed.

Dr. R. Yeats expressed concern that Recommendation # 7 was not being followed. He noted that exam booklets are being left everywhere and can be picked up by anyone at any time. This must be stopped.

After some discussion it was moved that at the end of term, all exam booklets would be recalled from absolutely everywhere and kept in Administration. They would then be issued for the Winter 2005 term in a controlled manner (Rose/Grogan).

5/475 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) SPARC

a) Dr. J. Rittenhouse handed out the list of Reviews 2005-2007 for adoption. (Rittenhouse/Viens)

b) The Dean of Humanities circulated his report covering drama, liberal arts, modern languages and religion. In answer to why Russian and Arabic are still listed when they are not taught, Prof. Sheeran said he wanted to keep them on the books for a few more years but would take it under advisement to list them as "offered infrequently".

c) The Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics circulated his report covering biology and computer science and did not make any recommendations.

d) Dr. Rittenhouse reported for the Dean of Social Sciences. The report which was circulated covered economics, environmental studies and geography and there were no recommendations

Dr. Rittenhouse stated that he felt it would be very useful for the Deans' Reports to be sent to the Senate Planning Committee as well as to Senate and these reports could be used by SPC as resource material. Motion carried. (Willms/Viens)

ii) Senate Research Committee Report

Moved acceptance as circulated (Willms/Cunningham). Dr. R. Yeats noted that the McConnell Student Opportunity Fund Committee Annual Reports were not attached as indicated. Dr. B. Willms replied that they would be presented at Senate's May meeting.

It was further moved (Grogan/Rittenhouse) that the Senate Research Committee appeal to Senate for support for a significant increase in funds to its budget. A letter from SRC to the Vice Principal recommends a 50% increase over the next three years.

iii) Search Committee for the Ombudsman-Nomination

Ms. S. Teasdale indicated that a request had come to the Transition Committee asking that a staff member be included on the Selection Committee for the Ombudsman. This is not the Mandate of the Transition Committee and was therefore being referred to Senate. After some discussion, the conclusion was that the Executive Committee should consider this request and it was so moved (Yeats/Viens).

It was moved that Claire Grogan be the Senate representative on the Selection Committee (Drumheller/Yeats)

Dr. R. Yeats indicated that he will represent Faculty Council until their next meeting at which point Faculty Council will elect a member to sit on the Selection Committee.

6/475 OTHER MATTERS

i) 6/474iv-Notice of Motion re: Full-Time Positions

Dr. G. Wickens proposed a motion that full-time positions be automatically replaced when there is a retirement. Prof. C. Beauchamp asked for a friendly amendment to this motion which would read “leaves the university for any reason”. After a great deal of discussion, it was felt that the original motion should be tabled and requested that Senate Planning Committee come back to Senate with more information that would facilitate making a decision on this issue. (Willms/Grogan)

ii) 6/474v-Notice of Motion re: Defining and promoting Bishop’s

Dr. G. Wickens circulated his proposal requesting that a new Senate Committee be struck that would define and promote Bishop’s by positioning Bishop’s for success... After much discussion, it was agreed that this new Senate Committee would have the following composition: One representative from each Division and the School of Education, the Vice Principal, 2 students, the Public Relations Officer and the Liaison Coordinator. (Wickens/Willms)

iii) Motion from SRC re: Remembrance Day Mid-Term Examinations

It was moved that no mid-term examination shall take place during the timeslot that spans 11:11 am on November 11th, in order to provide students and professors with the opportunity to observe a moment of silence. (Léveillé/Wickens)

7/475 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) New courses ENG114 Approaches to Film Theory; ENG289 Film History approved as circulated (Sheeran/Cove)

ii) New program: Minor in Japanese Studies which is a consolidation of courses already offered and will require no additional resources (Sheeran/Rittenhouse); and new course: JSE310 Independent Study: Topics in Japanese Language and Culture approved as circulated (Sheeran/Rittenhouse).

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

i) New program: M.Sc. moved the re-activation of this program with a view to admissions as soon as possible (Willms/Yeats)

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) Depart of Sociology and Anthropology

a) New courses in response to SPARC: SOC107 Canadian First Nations, SOC295 Sustainable Societies, SOC395 Advanced theories of Social Sustainability, SOC296 Globalism and Culture, SOC396 Post Colonial Theory approved as circulated (Viens/Rittenhouse)

b) Course changes: Sociology and Social Anthropology 190 Introduction to the Anthropology of Colonization, 207 North American Natives, 309 Global colonization & decolonization, 223 Women and Industrial Society as circulated (Viens/Rittenhouse)

8/475 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) SRC-Report from the Teaching Award Committee

C. Léveillé wished to highlight the winners of the William and Nancy Turner Teaching Award. They are Dr. Paul Leventhal in Business, Prof. Joséé Rourke in Education, Dr. Patricia Coyne in Humanities, Dr. Ariel Ederly in Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Prof. David Lee in Social Sciences. He also wished to note the Williams School of Business had won the Outstanding Department Award and that Mr. Michael Medland in Drama had won the Outstanding Academic Support Award. A motion of congratulations to all the recipients was passed (Cunningham/Drolet).

Dr. R. Yeats on behalf of Senate thanked the students for the recognition they had bestowed to members of the University community.

ii) SRC-Summary on the Speakers' Fund Administration Committee

C. Léveillé noted that the Speakers' series had been a wonderful success and he wished to thank most sincerely all those who had participated. He also reported that speakers have been choosing a book of their choice from the funds made available by the SRC and these materials are being added to the library's collection. Prof. S. Sheeran on behalf of Senate extended heartfelt thanks to the students for their initiative and hard work.

iii) Senate dates for the next academic year (2005-2006)

The dates were received as circulated. They are September 26, 2005, October 24, 2005, November 21, 2005, December 12, 2005, January 23, 2006, February 20, 2006, March 27, 2006, April 24, 2006 and May 15, 2006

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Sylvia Teasdale, Secretary