

Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 477th MEETING OF SENATE

The 477th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 26 September 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. J. Rittenhouse was in the Chair, Dr. H. Agourram, Mrs. C. Beauchamp, Prof. R. Drolet, Dr. S. Harvey, Dr. A. Johnson, Mr. R. Kennedy, Mr L. Ialenti, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Mr. A. Lachambre, Ms. S. Limpert, Mr. S. Lougheed, Dr. J. Manore, Mr. D. Moon, Mr. J. Morrison Dr. J. Savage, Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. Lionel Standing, Dr. W. Stephan, Mrs. S. Teasdale, Ms. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms

Regrets: Prof S. Béquet, Dr. Kerry Hull, Dr. R. Poupart, Dr. T. Ugland, Prof. J. Wilson

1/477 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved. (Viens/Beauchamp) **Carried**

2/477 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 476th meeting of Senate were approved as presented (Beauchamp/Kennedy)
Carried

3/477 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Vice-Principal was in the chair because the Principal was in China. He presented the new Senators

4/477 BUSINESS ARISING

i) 7/469/7.2ii – 4/470/ii – 4/477/i Tabled Motion from Humanities

Prof. S. Sheeran mentioned that tabled motion 7/469/7.2ii – 4/470/ii – 4/477/i should not be brought forward again until there are further developments.

ii) 5/475ii – 4/476 - The McConnell Student Opportunity Fund Report, 2004-2005

The McConnell Student Opportunity Fund Report, 2004-2005, was tabled by Dr. Brad Willms.

5/475 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Senate Nominating Committee – Vacancy and First Meeting

Dr. J. Rittenhouse reported that there are vacancies on Senate Committees and referred the matter to the Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee to fill those vacancies. Dr. G. Wickens volunteered. He asked the students to give him a list.

ii) SPARC

Dr. L. Standing assumed the chair for items a) and b)

a) It was moved (Rittenhouse/Drolet) to approve the list of External Reviewers for Classical Studies (Rittenhouse/Drolet) **Carried**

b) Dr. Rittenhouse tabled the SPARC external review committee's report on the programme of the Department of Philosophy, along with the department's response and the SPARC committee's disposition of the recommendations. Motion to accept report (Sheeran/Viens) **Carried**

c) Dr. J. Manore presented the Report of the Senate Library Committee 2004-2005. The allocation formula for Periodicals and Monographs has caused problems in the past because the periodicals have gone up in price compared to monographs.

Recommendation no 1 : That the Senate accepts the proposed changes to the funding allocation formula to be effective this (2005-06) academic year, with a guarantee that departments will be funded at 2004-2005 levels. (Manore/Wickens) **Carried**

Recommendation no 2 : That the Senate accept the addition of a School of Education representative to the membership of the Senate Library Committee and take the necessary measures to make the appointment. (Manore/Viens) **Carried**

Recommendation no 3 : That if the Learning Commons proposal is pursued, the Senate set up an Ad-hoc Committee on Learning Commons made up of :

- Two students representatives
- One library representative
- One non-Faculty representative
- One ETRC representative
- Five Divisions representatives
- One Faculty representative
- One Administrator

(Willms, Ialenti) **Carried**

6/477 OTHER MATTERS

Dr. L. Standing assumed the chair for items i)a) and i)b)

i)a) It was moved (Rittenhouse/Agourram) to approve the Research Ethics Board 2004-2005 Report. **Carried**

i)b) It was moved (Rittenhouse/Viens) that Dr. A. Drumheller, Dr. C. Charpentier, Dr. A. de Man, Me. S. Lebel-Grenier be appointed to two-year terms on the Research Ethics Board **Carried**

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Viens) that the following members sit on the 2005-2006 Research Ethics Board : Dr. A. Drumheller (Chair), Dr. C. Charpentier, Dr. A. de Man, Me. S. Lebel-Grenier, Ms. Rachel Gerber **Carried**

ii) It was moved (Ialenti/Moon) that the University Senate endorse the SRC,s Academic Commencement Ceremony for first year students during Orientation Week. **Carried**

Acknowledgments to Reverend Heather Thomson who initiated this.

iii) Parliamentary Rules : Dr. L. Standing put a notice of motion about the use of the Robert's Rules of Order that should be employed in Senate meetings

iv) Art Gallery Update :

Dean S. Sheeran informed Senate that there had been a meeting of the newly constituted Art Gallery Committee in July, 2005 following the submission of the first Art Gallery Strategic Plan. Interesting discussions had arisen which had served to isolate some problem areas. A fuller report will be made at a future Senate Meeting. However, in the course of the first meeting the status of the Art Gallery Committee had been raised, and Dean Sheeran wished to confirm for the record that this is to be an Advisory Committee, the purpose of which is to provide broader input to the Dean and to the Art Gallery staff in the managing of the Art Gallery.

v) Centennial Theater Update :

Dean S. Sheeran informed Senators that the various sources of funding for the Centennial Theatre renovations had been falling into place, and the theatre is scheduled to close for the Winter Semester (from January to mid-March) to allow for these renovations. Final confirmation of the Provincial Government's share in the project (\$750,000) is pending.

vi) Breadth Requirement for a « sound and Liberal Education :

The Dean of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics presented the wishes of the Division to have a minimal achievement scientific and mathematical numeracy as a positive outcome that all Bishop's graduates be required to take certain science and math courses.

Dr. G. Wickens said he was opposed to the proposal on the grounds of forcing students to take a structured program. Dean A. Johnson said he would bring this item to his division for discussion. Dean S. Sheeran said the same. Mr. Ialenti, President of the SRC agreed in principle, but thought it was hard to put in practice, particularly for CEGEP students. Other members mentioned that their programs already had mathematical contents in their programme.

7/475 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) Proposed changes to the course description for CLA 245ab (Sheeran/Vigneault)

- a. that CLA 245 be listed as an option under Comparative Arts with the Fine Arts Department.
- b. that the title of the course be changed from Signs of the Past : Cognitive Archaeology to The Art and Archaeology of the American Southwest.

c. to amend the course description in the calendar.

Carried

ii) New Instructor:

It was proposed (Sheeran/Manore) that Mr. David Gelfand be hired as new instructor. Dr. A. Johnson said instructors should have minimally a Masters Degree. Dr. L. Standing was in accordance with Dean Johnson's position. Mr. A. Lachambre replied that some professors who don't have a Masters Degree were some of the best professors. Prof. J. Manore and Dean S. Sheeran believed that he had the necessary qualifications. Dean S. Sheeran added that in Fine Arts and Music it was hard to find candidates in these practical areas with graduate degrees, and that experience was an important factor to consider.

13 in favor, 3 against including Dean. A. Johnson **Carried**

iii) Études Françaises et québécoises

Calendar change : Minor in Translation Preparation to be eliminated (Wickens/Viens) **Carried**

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

i) Biology Department

Name change for B. Sc. Biology Concentration from Integrative Biology to Bio Diversity, Ecology and Evolution (Willms/Viens) **Carried**

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) New course

PBI227a – Psychology of Nutrition (Johnson/Harvey) **Carried**

ii) New Program

Sports Study Minor (Johnson/Lachambre). Prof. R. Drolet noted that BMK112ab from the Division of Business needs to be added as a prerequisite to BMK211ab. **Carried**

7.5 School of Education

i) Name Change

PSY 285 Psychology of Reading and Reading Disabilities to EDU 285 Psychology of Reading (Beauchamp/Teasdale) **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse,
Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin,
Secretary