

**Bishop's University**

**MINUTES OF THE 478th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 478<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate took place on Monday 24 October 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

**Present:** Dr. J. Rittenhouse was in the Chair, Mrs. C. Beauchamp, Prof S. Béquet, 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. R. Poupart, Dr. J. Savage, Mrs. R. Sheeran, Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. L. Standing, Dr. W. Stephan, Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. T. Ugland, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms, Prof. J. Wilson

**Regrets:** Dr. H. Agourram, Mrs. S. Teasdale

1/478 AGENDA

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

2/478 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 477<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate were approved as amended ( Limpert/Manore) **Carried**

3/478 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Vice-Principal announced the name of the Bishop's University Representative on the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences : Dr. Andrew Johnson, Dean of Social Sciences

4/478 BUSINESS ARISING

i) After being informed Mrs. J. Calvert, Dr. L. Standing informed Senate the Robert's Rules of Order were adopted to conduct Senate meetings.

ii) Breadth Requirement for a « sound and Liberal Education » :

a) List of Courses for Non-Science Majors submitted by Dr. B. Willms

- 1) Biochemistry 191b - Survey of Modern Biochemistry – Nutrition from Science to Life
- 2) Biology 101 - Introduction to Biodiversity
- 3) Biology 127 - Introduction Exercise Physiology
- 4) Biology 131 - The Human Body in Health and Disease
- 5) Biology 138b - The Genetics Revolution
- 6) Biology 193b - Introduction Biology for Education Students
- 7) Chemistry 131 - Liberal Arts Chemistry : The Chemistry of Everyday Life
- 8) Chemistry 132 - Chemistry of Art Conservation and Restoration
- 9) Computer Science 102ab - Essentials of Computing on the PC for Non-Scientists

- 10) Mathematics 100a - Excursions in Modern Mathematics
- 11) Mathematics 101b - Further Excursions in Mathematics
- 12) Mathematics 104a - History of Mathematics
- 13) Mathematics 105a - Introduction to Discrete Mathematics
- 14) Mathematics 114b - Modern Geometry : Euclidian to Fractal
- 15) Mathematics 190ab - Precalculus Mathematics
- 16) Physics 111 - The Physics of Everyday Phenomena
- 17) Physics 112 - Introduction to Holography
- 18) Physics 113b - Introduction to Astronomy

b) The Divisional meeting of Social Sciences endorsed the principle of a sound and Liberal Education and will encourage students to take courses outside their division and particularly in the Natural Sciences Division.

c) The Humanities Divisional meeting on October 12, 2005 discussed the Bachelor of Science and Arts programme, two motions were adopted :

Motion 1 : Humanities does not support the proposal presently circulated

Motion 2 : Humanities supports the Natural Sciences Division in its effort to make its programmes more attractive. Towards that end, members of the Humanities Division would be happy to participate in a committee with members of Natural Sciences to assist them with these efforts.

These motions would also serve as responses to the Breadth Requirement for a « sound and Liberal Education ».

iii) Dr. J. Rittenhouse wanted to know if Senate would agree that a friendly amendment could be added to the Senate motion passed 477/5/ii)c) at the last meeting.

It was moved that an amendment to add a professional librarian to the Ad-hoc Committee on the Learning Commons ( Viens/Stephan ) **Carried**

#### 5/478 COMMITTEE ITEMS

It was moved ( Wilms/Lachambre ) to receive the report of Student Academic Appeals Committee about a student appealing its « unsuccessful » performance in the practicum portion of the course EDU 215f Reflective Practicum which led to a subsequent decision by the School of Education to require the student to withdraw from the Bachelor of Education programme. **Carried**

Dr. B. Wilms presented the report that included a unanimous motion « that the evaluation of the appellant's performance in the practicum component of the course EDU215f be changed from 'fail' to 'pass', but that the course grade recorded on the appellant's transcript remain unchanged. And the appellant be reinstated in the School of Education and be allowed to resume professional studies the degree, Bachelor of Education ». The appeals process proceeded according to the rules in effect in the 2003-04 Calendar.

Dr. B. Wilms moved that Senate accept the report. ( Wilms/Standing )

Lengthy and frank discussions followed with strong opposing views being voiced. Issues were also raised on the Senate incapacity to rehear the case according the rules. Senate was reminded that it could either accept the report or reject it on procedural grounds and may return it to the original committee for appropriate action.

Dr. J. Rittenhouse called the question about accepting the report. Vote on the motion then proceeded.

4 in favor

6 opposing

13 abstentions

The report is not accepted.

Further discussions were held about the non-acceptance of the report and its consequences.

#### 6/478 OTHER MATTERS

i) Flood Day, October 17, 2005, cancellation of classes

I was moved to encourage all professors to make-up all missed classes in advance of Monday December 5, 2005, but leaving available that day to make it up. ( Wilson/Lougheed ) **Carried**

ii) Annual report of the Ombudsman, 2004-05

Prof. K. Baxter, the University Ombudsman, presented the Annual report of the Ombudsman, 2004-05. The report was prepared by Dr. C. Rose, the former Ombudsman. The report had six recommendations :

1. A review of the procedures for re-evaluation of all course work
2. The Registrar in consultation with the Deans, the Vice-Principal and the Dean of Student Affairs to prepare a one-page contract about University policies to be signed by all new students
3. A review of the University policy on harassment with the necessary modifications to cover instances of psychological harassment
4. The selection of a University Harassment Officer
5. The Dean of Student Affairs to prepare an appeal procedure in the case of termination of student employment contracts
6. Changes in the terms of reference for the Office of the University Ombudsman for reporting to Senate on academic matters, to Executive Committee of Corporation for non-academic matters.

The Ombudsman asked the Chair of the Academic Student Appeals Committee to make sure Recommendation no 1 be addressed quickly by ASAP.

It was moved ( Limpert/Manore ) that Senate accepts the report of the Ombudsman. **Carried**

## 7/478 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.2 Division of Humanities

- i) It was moved (Sheeran/Cove) that Senate approve two new courses ( Sheeran/Wickens ) from the Italian Section :

Italian 309ab - Italian Cinema and Society I

Italian 310ab - Italian Cinema and Society II

**Carried**

### 7.4 Division of Social Sciences

- i) New Program Proposal :

It was moved (Johnson/Standing) that Senate approve a Health Psychology Concentration **Carried**

- ii) New Courses :

It was moved (Johnson/Viens) that Senate approve four new courses in Psychology :

Psychology Biology 275a - Health Psychology I

Psychology Biology 276b - Health Psychology II

PSY440b - Health Internship

PSY222 – Occupational Health Psychology

Some discussion was held around the need of having mathematical prerequisites in these courses.

**Carried**, Prof. S. Bequet opposed for the record

### 7.6 Continuing Education

Notice of motion for next Senate Meeting concerning the future handling of on-campus credit courses, certificate programs and registration for spring/summer courses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse,  
Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin,  
Secretary