

**Bishop's University**

**MINUTES OF THE 479th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 479th meeting of Senate took place on Monday 21 November 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

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

**Regrets:** Dr. H. Agourram, Prof. J. Wilson

1/479 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved. ( Bequet/Manore ) **Carried**

2/479 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 478th meeting of Senate were approved as amended. ( Limpert/Moon ) **Carried**

3/479 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

4/479 BUSINESS ARISING

i) Response from the Williams School of Business Concerning:

6/477/vi - Breadth Requirement for a "Sound and Liberal Education"

The Dean of the Business Division reported on a motion of rejection passed unanimously in the Division about forcing students to take science courses as part of their Business program since the Division already offers liberal programs.

ii) A student senator asked if recommendation no 1 in the 2004-05 Ombudsman Report has progressed. It was answered that the ASAP Committee hadn't met about it yet.

iii) The Student Academic Appeal Report to be addressed in 5/479

5/479 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) The Student Academic Appeal Report not accepted by Senate at its last meeting.

Questions were raised about the feasibility of rescinding a motion (5/478/i) passed at a previous Senate meeting. Robert's Rules of Order allow the possibility of rescinding. The previous motion would have to be rescinded before voting a new motion.

It was moved ( Teasdale/Sheeran ) that Senate meet as a committee as a whole. **Carried**

Two motions had been put forward on this matter 5/479/i/a and 5/479/i/b. A long discussion followed about maintaining the integrity of the student academic appeals process. Questions were raised about Senate's ability to rehear the case when it has been established that the Student Academic Appeals Committee is the final arbiter. Other questions were raised on what happens if the previous motion is rescinded.

The committee as a whole session ended.

Given the rejection of the report by the Student Academic Appeals Committee by Senate on October 24th 2005 ;

Given the status of the appeal remains unresolved ;

It was moved that Senate resolve that the report be sent to another arbiter, either the Visitor or another ad-hoc committee, as determined by Senate

( Manore/Wickens ) **Carried**

It was moved that Senate meet again as a committee as a whole ( Drolet/Manore ) **Carried**

Issues as to the length of the process, new information, the right of the Visitor to gather information, details and meet witnesses were discussed.

The committee as a whole session ended.

It was moved ( Johnson/Wickens ) to refer the issue of the case presented to Senate by the Student Appeals Committee on October 24, 2005 to the Visitor and to ask the Visitor to review the entire case, taking into consideration not only the existing record but also whatever new information any party wishes to make before him. **Carried**

It was moved ( Johnson/Wickens ) to encourage the School of Education to suggest ways for the University to handle future appeals of its "must withdraw" decisions. **Carried**

ii) Senate Planning Committee [J. Rittenhouse]

a) Response Concerning: 6/475/i - 6/474/iv - Motion re: Full-Time Positions

A report was submitted on replacement of full-time positions. A long discussion followed on the replacement of full-time positions lost either by retirement and resignations or lost tenure-stream positions. Issues addressed were automatic or non-automatic renewal of full-time positions. The report was tabled.

b) It was moved to recommend to the Executive Committee tenure-stream positions in Business and a joint appointment in Education/Fine Arts ( Rittenhouse/Drolet ) **Carried**

It was moved to recommend to the Executive Committee tenure-stream positions in Classics and in Religion

( Rittenhouse/Sheeran ) **Carried**

iii) SPARC [J. Rittenhouse]

a) Mathematics Department (Winter 2006)

It was moved to accept the nomination of the external reviewers, Dr. Keith Taylor and Dr. Pierre Joyal ( Rittenhouse/Teasdale ) **Carried**

b) Études françaises et québécoises

It was to moved to accept the SPARC committee's Report to Senate ( Rittenhouse/Béquet ) **Carried**

c) Chemistry Department Report

The Dean of Natural Sciences commented on the department's response to the external reviewers' report in order to clear up some errors in fact. Some clarifications of data will be provided by the Dean.

It was moved to accept the SPARC committee's Report to Senate ( Rittenhouse/Béquet ) **Carried**

6/479 OTHER MATTERS

i) Sessional Dates 2006-07

A notice of motion was given by the Registrar for the next Senate meeting.

ii) Research Ethics Board Member Appointment

The Vice-Principal moved that Senate appoint Dr. Benoit Bacon to the Research Ethics Board ( Rittenhouse/Limpert ) **Carried**

7/479 Recommendations

7.1 Williams School of Business

## 7.2 Division of Humanities

i) It was moved to approve the following new courses :

a) Department of Classics/Religion:

CLA109 Egypt and Mesopotamia: From the Rise of Civilization to the Persian Conquest ( Sheeran/Morrison ) **Carried**

b) Department of History:

HIS422 American Mythology: Touchstones in the Making of Modern America ( Sheeran/Morrison ) **Carried**

HIS 432 The Social History of Disease in the West ( Sheeran/Limpert ) **Carried**

c) Department of Modern Languages:

GER371 East German Cinema: from Rubble Films to Ostalgie ( Sheeran/Ugland ) **Carried**

GER386 Women in German Literature and Culture ( Sheeran/Teasdale ) **Carried**

ii) It was moved to reinstate old deleted courses with title and description changes.

a) Department of Modern Languages:

GER320 German Poetry ( Sheeran/Manore ) **Carried**

GER330 German Drama ( Sheeran/Manore ) **Carried**

iii) New Program Requirement:

Philosophy Department

It was moved to make PHI272 Aristotle mandatory for Major and Honours Programs ( Sheeran/Moon ) **Carried**

## 7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

## 7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) New Course:

It was moved to approve this new course ESG350 Environmental Justice (Johnson/Lougheed ) **Carried**

ii) New Instructors for WOM201 and SOC129.

Tabled until next meeting

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

i) The Continuing Education Committee came with a set of recommendations primarily to divest Continuing Education of responsibilities best left to the academics of the university.

The Dean of the Business Division indicated support with some limitations. Senate members of the Humanities Division had a lot of issues with the Continuing Education Committee proposals.

It was moved that the Continuing Education Committee report be accepted in principle ( Lougheed/Moon )  
**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart,  
Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin,  
Secretary