

## **Bishop's University**

### **MINUTES OF THE 482th MEETING OF SENATE**

The 482<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Senate took place on Monday 20 February 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

**Present:** Dr. R. Poupart was in the Chair, Dr. H. Agourram, Prof. S. Béquet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. S. Harvey, Dr. A. Johnson, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Mr. A. Lachambre, Ms. S. Limpert, 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, Dr. C. Valsan, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms

**Regrets:** Dr. C. Beauchamp, Ms. J. DiSensi, Mr. R. Kennedy, Mr. S. Lougheed, Prof. J. Wilson

**Observer:** Prof. R. Drolet, K. Baxter

Dr. R Poupart welcomed Prof. R. Brown, newly appointed as Senator by the Humanities Division

#### **1/482 AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved after Dr. L. Standing mentioned that he wanted to add notices of motion to Business Arising. ( Teasdale/Viens ) **Carried**

#### **2/482 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 481<sup>st</sup> meeting of Senate were approved. ( Moon/Teasdale ) **Carried**

#### **3/482 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Finance Committee positively received the SPC report approved by Senate at the last meeting. The Finance Committee agrees that there is a need to pursue the academic development of Bishop's. The Finance Committee is preoccupied by the revenue side of the university budget and is looking forward to receiving recommendations from Senate that would increase the revenue base.

In terms of regional development, the Pôle Universitaire is moving away from focussing only on technological transformation. Potentially, there will now be opportunities for Bishop's faculty interested in issues related to social transformation.

The second version of the governance review will be sent to all members of the Bishop's community during the week. It incorporates a lot of comments and suggestions made at the Bandeen Hall meeting.

\$10,000 was collected for the Canadian Cancer Society by the SRC activities.

#### **4/482 BUSINESS ARISING**

6/479/i – It was moved ( Béquet/Sheeran ) to amend the sessional dates for the June 24 and July 1 holidays. There will be no classes on Friday June 23 and Friday June 30. **Carried**

5/481/i - The Humanities Division approved in principle the recommendations of the Senate Committee on Defining & Promoting Bishop's University

#### 5/482 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Academic Appeals Committee, Prof. K. Baxter, Ombudsperson circulated and explained version 8 of the proposed revision of the Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The Chair of Senate said it will be put on the agenda of the next Senate meeting for discussion.

ii) Senate Nominating Committee - Updated Report for information by Dr. G. Wickens

iii) Senate Planning Committee - Dr. G. Wickens insisted that accurate reports of SPC decisions be presented to Senate. A long discussion followed on that topic.

#### 6/482 OTHER MATTERS

i) Senate Procedures:

a) Natural Sciences Division approved a change for BIO 113 and BIO 114 to offer these courses for a duration of three weeks in August.

b) 4/481 – Dr. Leo Standing brought four motions about Senate minutes, implementation of Senate motions and open-door policy for Senate meetings.

No motions were seconded but after discussions and clarifications, there was agreement on the following :

- o Draft minutes should be circulated by E-Mail within two weeks of a Senate meeting
- o Public posting should be made as soon as possible after the minutes have been approved
- o Implementation of Senate decisions should be done more diligently
- o Maintain the current practice of Senate to have open-door meetings unless Senate votes to debate a particular issue in camera.

ii) NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING OF SENATE

“The students in each academic department of Bishop’s University annually shall elect Student Representatives (normally two in number) to sit as voting members of their departmental committee. The election shall be called and conducted by the Dean of the Division, with votes to be collected and counted by a Secretary of that Division.” ( Standing )

#### 7/482 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Division of Humanities

New Courses :

- English Department: ENG242 Studies in Comparative Literature: World

Perspectives on Liberty and Oppression; ( Sheeran/Viens ) **Carried**

- History Department: HIS355 The Great Irish Famine

( Sheeran/Viens ) **Carried**

### 7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

i) Changes to Programmes:

- Biochemistry ( Willms/Béquet ) **Carried**

- Biology ( Willms/Béquet ) **Carried**

ii) Motion Concerning the Continuing Education

iii) Approval of Status of Adjunct Professors for Three Years (2006-2008) for: Dr. D. Wood, Dr. P. Labelle, Dr. J. Emerson, Dr. S. Harvey, Dr. D. Petitclerc

( Willms/Moon ) **Carried**

### 7.4 Division of Social Sciences

### 7.5 School of Education

### 7.6 Continuing Education

### 8/482 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) New Instructor: - Études françaises et Québécoises Shirley Fortier (MA) - FRE134 French IV

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary