



## **Bishop's University**

### **MINUTES OF THE 483rd MEETING OF SENATE**

The 483<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Senate took place on Monday 27 March 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

**Present:** Dr. R. Poupart was in the Chair, Dr. H. Agourram, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Prof. S. Béquet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. S. Harvey, Mr. R. Kennedy, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Ms. S. Limpert, Mr. S. Loughheed, 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:** Ms. J. DiSensi, Dr. A. Johnson, Mr. A. Lachambre, Prof. J. Wilson

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

#### **1/483 AGENDA**

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

#### **2/483 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 482<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Senate were approved. ( Moon/Viens ) **Carried**

#### **3/483 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Bell Science Fair (Expo-Science) held at Bishop's on March 17 to March 19, 2006 was a tremendous success.. Université de Sherbrooke has signed with the Conseil du Loisir Scientifique for the next five years. The Principal has made representation to the Rector of U de S for a possible rotation between local universities and CEGEPs after next year.

About the SPC report approved at the 481st meeting, the Finance Committee met with the Deans to look at their plans and activities. The Finance Committee will recommend to go ahead with the first year of the plan both conventional and unconventional. There is a need to bring together Academic Planning, Strategic Planning, Campus Planning and the Capital Campaign in a long term going-forward perspective. Bishop's will need 40% new faculty over the next ten years. A long range vision is needed to attract new faculty.

Issues brought by Senators in the discussion that followed were about the second and third year of the proposals of the SPC report, the future development of the campus and the integration of Bishop's plans with the development of the borough of Lennoxville across the bridge.

#### 4/483 BUSINESS ARISING

Dr. G. Wickens gave Notice of motion to be brought forward at the next Senate meeting for the approval of the Appendix of the Mission Statement.

#### 5/483 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) 5/482/i- Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities Revised (Version #8) [Prof. K. Baxter, Ombudsperson]

The Ombudsperson asked Senators for comments on the most recent version of the Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The Principal mentioned he would prefer reading Values and Expectations. Many members were satisfied with the document, some were concerned with this Charter superseding all other Bishop's rules and regulations. It was agreed that the document should be examined by a lawyer to oversee the legal implications of the proposed Charter.

ii) Senate Planning Committee - Classical Studies [J. Rittenhouse]

The report was presented. There was some discussion about secretarial help, slide library. It was moved ( Sheeran/Agourram ) to approve the amended report.

#### 6/483 OTHER MATTERS

i) Recommendation from Senate re: Departmental Meetings and Student Representation: 5/481 - 6/482/ii - Notice of Motion [L. Standing]

Dr. L. Standing explained the motion he brought before Senate. A discussion followed on number of students invited, at which meetings, on voting rights. There was agreement about the need the students have to be heard. A Dean

mentioned that his Division wasn't ready to go forward with this proposal. The original motion was modified as the discussion went along. It was moved ( Standing/Morrison ) that students in each academic department of Bishop's University annually shall elect at least one Student representative to sit as members of their departmental meetings. **Carried**

ii) Guidelines for the Appointment of Post-Doctoral Fellows [J. Rittenhouse]  
It was moved ( Rittenhouse/Sheeran ) to adopt the Guidelines for the Appointment of Post-Doctoral Fellows . **Carried**

iii) Adoption of One-Credit Course Entitled: "Introduction to Information Literacy and Critical Thinking" [S. Teasdale]  
The proposal was explained by Mrs. R. Sheeran. Consensus was that it was a very good proposal. Questions arose about the integration of this credit to regular programs. This course will be optional. Some details need to be addressed before this is made official. It was moved ( Rittenhouse/Viens ) to adopt in principle a one-credit course entitled: "Introduction to Information Literacy and Critical Thinking" . **Carried**

## 7/483 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Division of Humanities

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) New Course in Sociology: SOC209: Young Offenders  
( Vigneault/Limpert ) **Carried**

ii) Course Title Change: SOC223ab to: "Women and Global Inequality"  
( Vigneault/Limpert ) **Carried**

iii) Department Name Change to: "Department of Sociology"  
( Vigneault/Viens ) **Carried**

iv) Retroactive Credit for INT 300 - AUCC/Canada Corps Faculty Summary  
- Fall 2005 ( Vigneault/Rittenhouse ) **Carried**

7.5 School of Education

i) Course Description Change: EDU413: Methods in the Teaching of  
Science - Secondary  
( Beauchamp/Harvey ) **Carried**

ii) New Course: EDU202: Teaching Ethics and Religious Culture -  
Elementary  
( Vigneault/Morrison ) **Carried**

## 7.6 Continuing Education

### 8/483 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) Next Fall Memberships for Senate Committees to be Circulated at the Next Senate Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary