



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 488th MEETING OF SENATE

The 488th meeting of Senate took place on Monday November 20, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. R. Poupart in the Chair, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Prof. S. Béquet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Brüstle, Mr. M. Cestnik, Mr. R. Csernyik, Ms. M. Dumont, Dr. V. Faraoni, Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. S. Harvey, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. A. Johnson, Ms. C. Lazarova, Mr. B. Lemenchick, Ms. J. Molyneux, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Ms. R. Sheeran, Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. L. Standing, Ms. S. Teasdale, Dr. T. Ugland, Dr. C. Valsan, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Prof. D. Westman, Dr. G. Wickens, Dr. B. Willms.

Regrets: Dr. L. Bentabet

1/487 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved. (Béquet/Teasdale) **Motion Carried**

2/487 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 487th meeting of Senate were approved as amended. (Beauchamp/Béquet) **Motion Carried**

3/488 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal wanted an open discussion on declining enrolment. It was agreed that Dean Béquet would prepare for next Senate a document with trends and data about Bishop's declining enrolment including comparisons with other institutions.

4/488 BUSINESS ARISING

i) 6/487/ii Ombuds Report (2005-2006) [K. Baxter]

Professor K. Baxter, Bishop's Ombudsperson, made a brief presentation of his annual report. Topics covered reevaluation of student work, harassment, charter of student's rights, length of appeal to the Visitor, follow through of committee recommendations. Questions arose about the feasibility of reevaluating non-traditional course work such as musical performances, business presentations, art work and other non-traditional course work.

ii) 4/487 Presentation on Student Enrolment

Deferred to next Senate meeting.

iii) 6/487 Fall Break at Thanksgiving Comments on Fall Break by Business Division, SRC and School of Education

Dean Béquet reported a perfect split 50/50 amongst School of Business Faculty on maintaining the Fall Break.

SRC made a survey and got 254 respondents. 70% of respondents wanted to maintain the week long Fall Break. The support fell to 48% if it meant starting the Fall Session before Labor Day. 35% would prefer it later in the session.

Dean Sheeran reported that surveyed faculty members from Humanities Division were not in favor of such a break, some finding it too early.

Director of School of Education Beauchamp said that everyone agreed to a week long Fall Break in her division, but later in the session.

Registrar Jodoin said he had prepared three scenarios for next year. These scenarios would be presented for discussion to the Deans and the SRC. The worst-case scenario would be to have a late week long Fall Break because exams would end on December 22nd. Reverting to the 2005-06 model would likely be the best scenario for exams ending early before the Christmas Holidays.

iv) 5/487/ii Recommendation from the Senate Planning Committee re: Learning Center Director

Referring to Senate's previous meeting's discussion, topics covered included the name of the position should more likely called "Teaching and Learning Director"; that a recommendation should be sent from Senate to be prioritized by the Capital Campaign Priorities Committee. It was also said that more immediate needs should address the declining student enrolment. Finally, that this position should occupied by an academic.

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Sheeran) to approve the academic position of Learning Center Director and recommend it towards the Capital Campaign Priorities Committee.

Motion Carried

v) The Teaching Evaluation Committee Report to Senate about Teaching Evaluations for Information Literacy and Technology Course was tabled.

5/488 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) SPARC - Winter 2007

a) It was moved (Rittenhouse/Béquet) to approve the External Faculty Biochemistry Reviewers.

Motion Carried

b) It was moved (Rittenhouse/Sheeran) approve the External Faculty Religion Reviewers.

Motion Carried

6/488 OTHER MATTERS

i) Research Ethics Board

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Béquet) to nominate Dr. Benoit Bacon as Chair of Research Ethics Board for a period of one year, 2006-2007.

Motion Carried

7/488 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Division of Humanities

It was moved (Sheeran/Wickens) that Senate approved the following new courses in the English Department

i) ENG102 Approaches to Media Studies

ii) ENG236 Popular Culture, ENG293 Studies in Directors/Actors: The Films of Mike Leigh and Peter Greenaway

iii) ENG382 Screenwriting

iv) ENG381 The Evolution of the Fairy Tale in Literature and Film.

Motion Carried

v) It was moved (Sheeran/Teasdale) that Senate approved the Course Code Change for ENG114→ 291: Film Theory.

Motion Carried

vi)) It was moved (Sheeran/Teasdale) that Senate approved for new students the Calendar Copy Changes to ENG102: Approaches to Media Studies.

Motion Carried

vii) It was moved (Sheeran/Brown) that Senate approved the Master's in Philosophy joint programme with Université de Sherbrooke Master's Programme in Philosophy to be offered at Bishop's University.

Issues arose about Bishop's primarily undergraduate mission with the recent approval of Masters Programmes.

Motion Carried

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

viii)) It was moved (Johnson/Ugland) that Senate approved the Calendar Changes for the Political Studies Department.

Motion Carried

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

8/488 BRIEF INFORMATION

i)New Instructors

- a) Music Department: Dr. Pauline Farrugia - MUS337 Orchestration;
F. Gaudette (MA) MUS111b Art of Listening II
- b) Religion Department: Jeff Simms (MA) - REL257b History of Christianity;
Serge Cazalais (MA) - REL126 Judaism
- c) Environmental Studies and Geography Department: T. Holland (MSc)
ESG251, ESG363;
S. Merovitz (MSc) ESG261; Dr. A. Haller ESG162

ii) Sabbatical Reports for Dr. M. Child, Prof. P. Cunningham, Dr. P. Gallina, Dr. C. Grogan, Dr. A. Taseen, Prof. G. Tuck, Dr. P. Leventhal, Dr. J. Craig, Dr. J. Eby, Dr. B. Gilbert, Dr. M. Parmentier, Dr. D. Seale, Dr. G. Tucker available for consultation at the University Secretary's Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary