



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 489th MEETING OF SENATE

The 489th meeting of Senate took place on Monday December 11, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

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

Regrets: Dr. T. Brüstle, Mr. R. Csernyik, Ms. M. Dumont, Dr. S. Harvey, Mr. B. Lemenchick, Prof. C. Viens

1/489 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved after the removal of two items
5/489 i) SPARC – Dean's Report on the Chemistry Department's Review
6/489 ii)c) Three motions from the Social Sciences Division
and the addition of two items from the Library to be treated under Business
arising. (Willms/Teasdale) **Motion Carried**

2/489 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 488th meeting of Senate were approved.
(Béquet/Ugland) **Motion Carried**

3/489 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal reported on:

- A second meeting of Principals from small residential Liberal Arts Schools of Eastern Canada where like-minded institutions from New England were also invited. Outcome from this meeting is an event planned for Fall 2007. Theme of the event would "Sustainable Development". Apart from institutional participation, student involvement in the event is planned.
- The latest document on governance has been issued. Comments are invited. The E-Mail address for governance@ubishops.ca.

4/489 BUSINESS ARISING

After a brief presentation, the University Librarian, Ms. S. Teasdale, moved (Teasdale/Molyneux) that ITS (Information Technology Service) and the Writing Center become members on the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on the Learning Center.

Motion Carried

The University Librarian then presented the Senate Library Committee Annual Report that was handed out. Dr. Darren Bardati is the new Chair replacing Dr. Jean Manore.

5/489 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Removed from Agenda

ii) The Vice-Principal presented the SPC (Senate Planning Committee) report. It included a recap of existing requests with SPC' reaffirmation of its support for four replacement positions resulting from retirements/resignations. The report also included departmental requests for tenure-stream positions to be included into the existing 2006-08 three-year plan. One particular request is more urgent because it involves a soon to retire professor teaching Italian in the Modern Languages Department.

The SPC will not be making recommendations for additional tenure-stream positions for July 2007 nor replacement positions needed after that date because SPC considers there are no compelling reasons to make recommendations beyond what has been previously approved by Senate. The Modern Languages and Psychology requests are deferred until the next Senate meeting.

A further SPC report should be issued at the next Senate meeting.

iii) 4/488/v Senate Teaching Evaluation Committee

The Vice-Principal presented the report from the Teaching Evaluation Committee on Teaching Evaluations for Information Literacy and Technology Course. It was moved (Rittenhouse/Teasdale) to accept the five recommendations of the Teaching Evaluation Committee. **Motion Carried**

iv) Academic Standing and Appeals Committee

Dean A. Johnson presented the reasons for the motion voted unanimously at the Academic Standing and Appeals Committee (ASAP).

After discussion, it was moved (Johnson/Wickens) that 50% of degree credits must be obtained from Bishop's University (e.g. 120 credit programme = 60 credits at Bishop's). A recognized student exchange counts as credits completed at Bishop's University. **Motion Carried**

v) Senate Nominating Committee

Chair of Committee Dr. G. Wickens mentioned this was his last Senate meeting and indicated Prof. R. Brown would replace him on the committee, but that he was still looking for someone as chair.

6/489 OTHER MATTERS

i) Sessional Dates

The Registrar, Mr. Y. Jodoin, presented his proposal for next year's Sessional Dates which include 12 days of classes for every day of the week. At this point it was decided to do discuss item b) before item a)

b) Dean B. Willms presented the following motion to Senate:

It is moved (Willms/Teasdale) to change the present practice of requiring 4 calendar days between the end of classes and the beginning of final examinations. The new policy shall the requiring of at least two days between the end of classes and the beginning of final examinations.

Concerns were expressed about changing current policy. Since some students Senators were not present and because of its implication for students, it was moved to table the motion (Molyneux/ Lazarova). **Motion Tabled**

a) 6/487 Fall Break at Thanksgiving

Discussion resumed on the Sessional dates. The Thanksgiving Break will be eliminated and replaced by a later Reading Break in the semester. After long discussion, the original proposal was modified to move the two day Reading Break at the end of the Fall Semester and to maintain 4 calendar days between the end of classes and the beginning of final examinations. It was moved (Rittenhouse/Johnson) to adopt the Sessional Dates as amended in the meeting .

Motion Carried

ii) 4/487 & 4/489 Presentation on Student Enrolment

Dean S. Béquet made a presentation on student enrolment report which she had forwarded to Senators. It focused on how many students Bishop's should have now if enrolment had followed the Canadian trend. Following the trend, Bishop's should have 2550 students now, instead of 2100 registered this Fall. *"However, though Bishop's enrolment has increased at an unsurpassed rate of 4.76% per year over the time period 2001-2004, it felt short by 2.64% per year compared to Canadian universities"*. Most of the difference stems from not attracting enough students from Ontario during the double cohort year, and even in the regular years since 1998. In short, Bishop's has not kept its market share in Ontario. Adding the Quebec Universities tuition fees and decreased government funding, it explains some of financial difficulties of Bishop's. This was followed by a long discussion. Dr. G. Wickens explained in details the successful moves that led to an increase in enrolment in the English Department. It was agreed Bishop's future depends on enrolment growth. Hence, it was moved (Standing/Teasdale) that Senate mandate the Vice-Principal Dr. J. Rittenhouse to organize a brainstorming session to enhance enrolment, with departmental chairs based on successful departmental experiences and benchmarking examples. **Motion Carried**

Whereas it has become apparent that Bishop's enrolment is an urgent matter

Whereas next year's calendar and recruitment plans are being drafted soon

It was moved (Wickens/Béquet) that Senate concerns about the urgency of the situation be communicated to the Strategic Planning working groups.

Motion Carried

7/489 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Division of Humanities

i) It was moved (Sheeran/Béquet) that Senate approved the following new course in the History Department HIS273 Medieval and Early Modern Spain.

Motion Carried

ii) a) It was moved (Sheeran/Béquet) that Senate approved the following new courses in the Music Department

MUS070a Individual Practice Study: Rudiments of Performance I

MUS071b Individual Practice Study: Rudiments of Performance II.

Motion Carried

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

MUS103a History and Analysis to 1945

MUS104b History and Analysis 1945-Present.

Motion Carried

b) It was moved (Sheeran/Fletcher) to approve the Calendar Copy Changes.

Motion Carried

c) It was moved (Sheeran/Brown) to approve the Certificate in Musical Studies.

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

i) It was moved (Willms/Valsan) that Senate approved the following new courses in the Biology Department

BIO350b Invertebrate Physiology

BIO125b Environmental Health: Ecosystem Function and Public Health.

Motion Carried

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) It was moved (Vigneault/Béquet) that Senate approved the Revised Economics Major.

Motion Carried

ii) It was moved (Vigneault/Béquet) that Senate approved the following motion:
“Any student who twice receives a failing grade in a course offered by the Department of Economics will not be permitted to repeat the course again.

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

8/489 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) New Instructors

a) History Department: Dr. Frederique Denis HIS273 Medieval and Early Modern Spain

b) Modern Languages Department: Marisa Ruccolo (MA) ITA102b Italian Language II (Knowlton)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary