



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 492nd MEETING OF SENATE

The 492nd meeting of Senate took place on Thursday April 2, 2007, at 7:00pm in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. R. Poupart was in the Chair, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Dr. L. Bentabet, Prof. S. Bequet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Bruestle, Mr. M. Cestnik, Mr. R. Csernyik, Dr. V. Faraoni, Dr. T. Fletcher, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. A. Johnson, Ms. C. Lazarova, Mr. B. Lemenchick, Ms. J. Molyneux, Dr. J. Rittenhouse Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. L. Standing, Dr. T. Ugland, Dr. C. Valsan, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta

Regrets: Ms. M. Dumont, Dr. R. Harries, Mrs. S. Teasdale, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Prof. D. Westman

Ms. J. Molyneux presented next year's student senators.

1/492 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as circulated. (Béquet/Sheeran)

Motion Carried

2/492 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 491st meeting of Senate were approved as circulated. (Beauchamp/Béquet) **Motion Carried**

3/492 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Ms. J. Molyneux presented next year's student senators.

Dean B. Willms of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division named three Bishop's students who were awarded NSERC post-graduate Scholarships for their graduate studies; Mr. Brian Lemenchick, Ms. Starr Dostie and Mr. Michael Jensen. (applause).

Dean A. Johnson of Social Sciences Division announced three SSHRC Scholarships winners: Ms. Annie Benoit, Ms. Carolyn Cornford and Ms. Rachel Harris.

Principal R. Poupart named two Faculty members who won research grants: Dr. Elisabeth Levac and Dr. Majdid Allili.

Vice-Principal J. Rittenhouse mentioned Dr. C. Beauchamp winning an American award for the best Ph.D. thesis in her area. (applause).

Principal attended many successful BU events recently including:

- Athletics Award evening
- "Fear and Misery Under the Third Reich" play directed by Vice-Principal Rittenhouse
- Concert by the BU singers. This concert was performed three times to packed houses including a performance in Toronto. The Principal has received many appreciative phone calls about the quality of the performance.

The Principal finally reported on his meeting with Deputy Minister Boivin of MELS on addressing Bishop's structural financial deficit with a pilot project. Unlocking the conditional grants was also discussed. Another meeting is planned in the coming days.

4/492 BUSINESS ARISING

No items

5/492 COMMITTEE ITEMS

- i) SPARC Department of Sociology: Dean's Report.

There was no discussion on Dean A. Johnson's Report

- ii) Senate Planning Committee Report

The following was moved:

That the priority list for 2007-08 tenure-stream positions be:

- Education
- English
- Fine Arts
- Business
- Philosophy ½

(Rittenhouse/Sheeran)

A question arose about the role of Senate as the body responsible for academic decisions in lieu of the recent Finance Committee recommendation to Executive Committee in support of the position in English. VP Rittenhouse explained that, taking into account the Finance Committee recommendation, Executive Committee found it appropriate to refer the priority listing of academic positions back to Senate for its approval. **Motion Carried**

6/492 OTHER MATTERS

- i) Task Force on Recruitment and Retention

Vice-Principal Rittenhouse presented his recommendation about establishing a Task Force on Recruitment and Retention. A member added there should be financial support to this recommendation.

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Béquet) that the University immediately establish a Task Force on Recruitment and Retention with the goal of increasing full-time student enrollment to 2500+ as soon as possible and that this motion be presented to Finance Committee for financial support. **Motion Carried**

- ii) Notice of Motion on Academic Responsibilities of Academic Staff to Students

Ms. J. Molyneux briefly explained her notice of motion.

7/492 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Division of Humanities

The following was moved:

i) Department of Music

a) Course Description Change: **MUS139 Introduction to Electronic Music**
(Sheeran/Béquet) **Motion Carried**

b) Program Requirement: **MUS139 Required for Music Major**
(Sheeran/Béquet) **Motion Carried**

c) Change in Entrance Requirements to the Honours Music Program
(Performance)
(Sheeran/Brown) **Motion Carried**

ii) Department of Religion

a) New Course **REL239 The Origins of Religion and Spiritualism**
(Sheeran/Brown) **Motion Carried**

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

The following was moved:

New Courses:

i) Department of Sociology: **SOC294 Sociology of Tourism; SOC293 Visual Sociology** (Johnson/Ugland) **Motion Carried**

ii) Department of Political Studies: **POL232 Politics in Asia**
(Johnson/Ugland) **Motion Carried**

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

8/492 BRIEF INFORMATION

Report on the McConnell Student Opportunity Fund deferred.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary