



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 495th MEETING OF SENATE

The 495th meeting of Senate took place on Thursday May 17, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. J. Rittenhouse was in the Chair, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Prof. S. Bequet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Bruestle, Dr. T. Fletcher, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. A. Johnson, Ms. J. Molyneux, Mr. J. Sangster, Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. L. Standing, Mrs. S. Teasdale, Dr. C. Valsan, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Prof. D. Westman, Dr. B. Willms.

Regrets: Dr. L. Bentabet, Mr. M. Cestnik, Mr. R. Csernyik, Ms. M. Dumont, Dr. V. Faraoni, Dr. R. Harries, Ms. C. Lazarova, Mr. B. Lemenchick, Dr. R. Poupart, Dr. T. Ugland, Dr. L. Zubieta.

1/495 AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as after removing item 5/495 i) Committee Items SPARC - Dean's Report on the Review of the Chemistry Department and adding an item under 6/495 iii) Other Matters, "Mention of Distinction on Diplomas Awarded at Convocation". (Viens/Béquet) **Motion Carried**

Dean of Humanities Sheeran added that SPARC Reviews of Classical Studies, Études françaises et québécoises, Music and Philosophy will be done in the Fall.

2/495 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 493rd meeting of Senate were approved as circulated. (Béquet/Viens) **Motion Carried**

The Minutes of the 494th meeting of Senate (Special Meeting) were approved as circulated. (Béquet/Sheeran) **Motion Carried**

3/495 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Vice-Principal Rittenhouse reported the Principal, Dr. Poupart, was away continuing his work with the Strategic Plan financial negotiations with the government. He also spoke about the Canadian Government release of its policy on “Mobilizing Science and Technology” earlier in the day.

4/495 BUSINESS ARISING

- i) 1/494 Strategic Planning

It was moved (Béquet/Willms) that Senate supports in principle the direction of the Strategic Plan and authorizes the Principal to continue discussion with MELS (Ministère de l'Éducation, du Sport et des Loisirs).

Issues and concerns discussed by Senators were about supporting the direction of the plan, continuing discussion with government, the level of buy-in of the Bishop's community and the conditions of governmental extra funding.

Motion Carried

5/495 COMMITTEE ITEMS

- i) item removed from agenda
- ii) Academic Structures Committee Report

The Vice-Principal indicated the May 11th document had been circulated for information. A second version, dated May 12th, was now a more recent version of the report. The Chair of the School of Education wanted the record show that the report in no way responded the request of the School of Education made and it continued the ambiguity of the School of Education position within the University. The School of Education wants equal status with the other Divisions of the University and not with the status of the head of the School of Education.

- iii) Senate Nominating Committee Report

Prof. R. Brown presented his report.

It was moved (Brown/Béquet) that Senate approve the addition of a School of Education representative on the Teaching Evaluation Committee. **Motion Carried**

In order to fill the Senate Nominating Committee, it was moved (Brown/Teasdale) that Senate approve the appointment of Dr, V. Faraoni

(Natural Sciences) and Dr. L. Zubieta (Business) for two-year terms and Mr. A. Martinez (Full Time Student) for the 2007/2008 academic year. **Motion Carried**

It was moved (Brown/Sheeran) that Senate receive the updated Senate Committee list for 2007/2008. **Motion Carried**

iv) Committee on Prizes and Scholarships

The Registrar reported verbally on the meeting Committee on Prizes and Scholarships held earlier in the day, a printed version to follow.

6/495 OTHER MATTERS

At this point Dr. L. Standing took over the Chair so that the Vice-Principal could present his report.

i) Report from the Vice-Principal

Following Senate's creation of a Task Force on Recruitment and Retention and the Task Force recommendations to Finance Committee, and the visit of the Executive Director of the Canadian Association for Community-Service Learning. Also further to the Strategic Plan's recommendations concerning academic programs and the necessity for the University to increase its enrollment through the offerings of attractive programs, the Vice-Principal brought in three recommendations for Senate's approval.

Some concerns were raised by the existing number of committees at Bishop's. Some redundant committees already in existence might need to be dismantled.

It was moved (Béquet/Molyneux) that Senate officially approve the establishment of the Working Group on Experiential Learning with the Vice-Principal as Chair and that it make reports and recommendations to Senate or Student Services, as appropriate, and that such a working group have representation from faculty, students and staff. In particular such a working group should also make recommendations as to the creation of a Centre for Learning and Teaching. **Motion Carried**

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Willms) that Senate create the new Internal Program Review and Development Committee and that it be composed of the Heads of each School or Division or a faculty member so designated by the head, a student and a representative from Student Services. The Vice-Principal would be non-voting Chair. That it be convened as soon as possible. That its mandate be to review existing programs and to receive and review proposals for new programs in light of an approved Strategic Plan and make recommendations to departments, programs, divisions/schools or Senate, as necessary. That it ensure the proper submission of any new program dossier to the CREPUQ committee overseeing new program approvals. **Motion Carried**

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Sheeran) that Senate create the Committee on Graduate Studies and that it be composed of representatives from each division/school, a graduate student and a Senior Academic Officer (who shall chair) and that Senate Nominating Committee fill the committee as soon as possible. That its mandate be to assess and review all proposals for Graduate Programs and that it make recommendations to departments, programs, divisions/schools or Senate, as necessary. That it ensure the proper submission of any new program dossier to the CREPUQ committee overseeing new program approvals. **Motion Carried**

At this point, the Vice-Principal resumed the Chair.

ii) Approval of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates to be awarded at Convocation of June 9, 2007

The Registrar, Mr. Jodoin, presented the list of potential graduates for the Convocation to be held on June 9, 2007. The Deans were asked to indicate cases where the final results of spring courses, courses being taken elsewhere, or supplemental examinations were still outstanding.

It was moved (Beauchamp/Béquet) that Senate receive the candidate for the degree of Master of Arts, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Beauchamp/Sheeran) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Master of Education, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Willms/Béquet) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Master of Science, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Willms/Béquet) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Béquet/Johnson) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration Honours, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Béquet/Valsan) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Béquet/Valsan) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Business, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Carried

It was moved (Sheeran/Brown) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Humanities Honours, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Sheeran/Fletcher) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Carried

It was moved (Willms/Béquet) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Johnson/Viens) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Carried

It was moved (Beauchamp/Vigneault) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Carried

It was moved (Beauchamp/Teasdale) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Education, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation.

Carried

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Beauchamp) that Senate receive the list of candidates for Certificates in Continuing Education, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Sheeran) that Senate receive the list of candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Thomas More Institute, as presented by Mr. Jodoin, and that these candidates be recommended to the Business Meeting of Convocation. **Carried**

It was moved (Béquet/Standing) that the Deans, the Director of the School of Education, and the Registrar be authorized by Senate to add the names of students to the graduating list, subject to satisfactory completion of programme requirements, or to delete candidates who do not meet their programme requirements by the date of Convocation. **Carried**

iii) Mention of Distinction on Diplomas Awarded at Convocation

Dean of School of Business Béquet raised an issue about the Distinction Mention since current practices vary between divisions and departments. Members wondered how consistency could be achieved in the future. This issue should be addressed by ASAP.

7/495 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Division of Humanities

The following was moved (Béquet/Valsan):

Ms. Stéphanie Côté (BBA,CBA), currently enrolled in the MBA program at Université de Sherbrooke be allowed to teach BFN203 (fall & winter semesters).

Carried

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

8/495 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) Revised Dates for Senate Meetings (2007-2008)

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm

Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary