



## **Bishop's University**

### **MINUTES OF THE 496th MEETING OF SENATE**

#### **Special Meeting**

The 496th meeting of Senate took place on Thursday August 30, 2007 at 10:00 am in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

**Present:** Dr. R. Poupart was in the Chair, Dr. L. Bentabet, Prof. S. Béquet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Bruestle, Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. R. Harries, Mr. D. Horne, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. E. Levac, Mr. A. P. Martinez, Prof. L. McRae, Mr. T. Posie, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Mr. J. Sangster, Prof. S. Sheeran, Ms. S. Teasdale, Mr. D. Thomas-Anderson, Dr. T. Ugland, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Mr. J. Wald, Prof. D. Westman, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta.

**Regrets:** Dr. C. Beauchamp, Dr. V. Faraoni, Ms. Alyson Rowe.

#### **1/496 AGENDA**

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

A Senator remarked that the Senate material came in late for this meeting.

#### **2/496 MINUTES**

The approval of Minutes of the 495th meeting was deferred to the next meeting of Senate.

### **3/496      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Principal reported briefly on the following items:

- Summer was occupied by the labor situation
- Time to move forward with the Collective Agreements now ratified
- Many issues facing Bishop's can be addressed by Committee Items on the Senate Agenda.

### **4/496      BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

### **5/496      COMMITTEE ITEMS**

i)      Task Force on Recruitment and Retention

At the Task Force's last meeting, a series of recommendations were passed. It was moved ( Béquet/Sheeran ) that Senate support the following:

- A. That given the delays in hiring new recruitment staff in Liaison and the effects of the redeployment/restructuring plan on the Office, that a short-term solution be implemented to ensure that the Office is adequately staffed during the Fall semester;
- B. That in terms of ensuring the most professional look to the website for academic program/information, all divisions/departments commit themselves to ensuring information/material for such sites is up-to-date and to do so as soon as possible;
- C. That in terms of improving programs offering and increasing student enrolment all divisions/departments review closely their present offerings and, as necessary, develop modified/new/collaborative programs and to do so with a view that such programs would be on-stream for September 2008.

A very long discussion ensued on the new structure of the Liaison Office and the effects of the redeployment. Amendments to the motion were presented but withdrawn after lengthy discussions. Concerns were raised about the new configuration of the staffing vis-à-vis the previous configuration, also about discussing recommendations and staffing issues from the Restructuring Redeployment Committee that are not part of the Task Force on Recruitment and Retention recommendations and that are not the purview of the Senate.

The motion was finally **Carried**.

Another motion was presented. It was moved ( McRae/Fletcher ) that the Redeployment and Restructuring Committee in the future strongly consider the impact of its decisions on the Academic Community. **Carried**

ii) Internal Program Review Committee

The Vice-Principal reported to Senate the Internal Program Review Committee proposed course of action.

The Committee was struck at the last Senate on May 17, 2007. Some Senators worried about faculty representation on the Committee, about overlap, duplication and redundancy with the existing Senate Planning Committee (SPC). Other points were discussed such as the need of having Senior Academics like Deans part of the process. A long discussion followed.

It was moved ( Fletcher/McRae ) that Senate recalled its May 17, 2007 motion establishing the Internal Program Review Committee. The motion was **Carried** with the necessary two-thirds majority of votes to recall a previously adopted Senate motion.

Senator McRae added that the Vice-Principal Rittenhouse, Chair of SPC, should call an immediate SPC meeting making sure the mandate of the previous Internal Program Review Committee is understood by SPC.

iii) Experiential Learning Group

The Vice-Principal submitted to Senate the Experiential Learning Group report. It included a draft proposal for possible university-wide Experiential Learning labs/courses. The proposal to be forwarded to divisions/schools for their suggestions and input.

## **6/496 OTHER MATTERS**

i) Report from the Research Ethics Board

The report was received by Senate.

It was moved ( Rittenhouse/Bentabet ) that Senate approve the following nominations to the Research Ethics Board for two year terms; Dr. Benoît Bacon as Chair, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Dr. Andrea Drumheller replacing Dr. Anton De Man, Sébastien Lebel-Grenier. **Carried**

It was moved ( Rittenhouse/Willms ) that Senate approve the following nomination to the Animal Care Dr. Michael Richardson in place of Dr. Ginny Stroehrer who is stepping down because of her other duties. **Carried**

## **7/496      RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **7.1              Williams School of Business**

### **7.2              Division of Humanities**

### **7.3              Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

i) Request for Adjunct Professor Status for Dr. Ariel Edery,  
Dean Willms moved that Dr. Ariel Edery Adjunct Professor Status in the  
Department of Physics be extended by three years permitting him to apply  
to NSERC for research funding, seconded by Dr. R. Harries. **Carried**

ii) Increase in Course Credits for BIO272 Scientific Writing for the Life  
Sciences.

It was moved ( Willms/Béquet ) to change a one credit laboratory BIL 272a  
into a three credit course BIO 272a. **Carried**

iii) Dean's Report for the Chemistry SPARC Review of Fall, 2005  
Dean Willms distributed copies of the report which should be discussed at  
next Senate.

### **7.4              Division of Social Sciences**

After explanations from Dr. Dale Stout and Dr. Stuart McKelvie, the  
following was moved ( Fletcher/Ugland ) for Senate to approve,

i) New Courses: PSY214 - Community Psychology; PSY222 Group  
Dynamics and Therapy; PSY449 Honour's Seminar - Advance Topics in  
Psychological Science;

ii) New Program: Clinical Concentration

iii) Program Change: Revision of the Former "Minor in Sports Studies"  
**Carried**

### **7.5              School of Education**

## **7.6 Continuing Education**

### **8/496 BRIEF INFORMATION**

New Instructor: Mr. Sylvain Bérubé (M.Sc.) - MAT215a01

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

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Dr. Robert Poupart, Chair

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Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary