



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 500th MEETING OF SENATE

The 500th meeting of Senate took place on Wednesday December 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. J. Rittenhouse was in the Chair, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Dr. L. Bentabet, Prof. S. Béquet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. V. Faraoni, Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. R. Harries, Mr. D. Horne, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. E. Levac, Prof. L. McRae, Mr. T. Posie, 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. T. Bruestle, Mr. A. P. Martinez, Ms. A. Rowe, Mr. J. Sangster.

1/500 AGENDA

Remove item from agenda:

- Minutes to be approved at January meeting

Reverse order of items 5/500 i) and ii)

The agenda was approved with these modifications (Beauchamp/Ugland)

Motion Carried

2/500 MINUTES

3/500 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Interim Principal, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, referred to the memo he sent to the Bishop's community during the week about the negotiations with the Department of education (MELS).

4/500 BUSINESS ARISING

5/500 COMMITTEE ITEMS

i) Senate Planning Committee

The Chair of the Senate Planning Committee (SPC), Prof. B. Robson, being present at the meeting was invited to present the Senate Planning Committee report. Prof. Robson referred to the document dated December 2007 which had been recently circulated. He presented the non-Senator members of the SPC attending this meeting: Dr. Grogan, and Dr. Prusak.

Prof. Robson said that SPC had met three times with all departments and also met the Finance Committee. The goal of the SPC is to look at ways of better using the resources Bishop's has and recommend how to improve programme offerings. The report makes many recommendations.

Senate move into Committee of the Whole for discussion of the report.

A long period (over an hour) of questions, clarifications, concerns and answers followed.

The committee as a whole session ended. Senate moved to voting on a series of four recommendations.

1. It was moved (Beauchamp/Bentabet) that Senate endorse the following critical components for Bishop's future:
 - i. Maximum inter-departmental collaboration in existing and developing programs that fully respect the contributions departments make;
 - ii. Championing of new programs (some with clear interdisciplinary needs) by a department or a division in order to ensure maximum oversight and success;
 - iii. Creation of concentrations within divisions/departments/programs to attract students and provide an exit degree more specifically helpful for student employment;
 - iv. Creation of complementary concentrations within departments/programs that provide student choice in either traditional or applied options;
 - v. Full development of internship and varied learning-style options for students across-the-curriculum and appropriate recognition of academic support and student-service areas which contribute to a student's overall learning experience;
 - vi. Development of more specific and/or clearly integrated articulation agreements with the college system in Quebec and Canada to provide diploma earning students with uncomplicated pathways to BU degree completion and so attract significantly greater numbers of students from these sources than in the past;
 - vii. Continued development of integrated degrees with Université de Sherbrooke, to attract bilingual students;

- viii. Development of specific and clearly integrated articulation agreements with non-Canadian universities to attract international students into targeted programs in significantly greater numbers than in the past.

Motion carried

2. It was moved (McRae/Posie) that from 2008 through 2011, SPC will be used as the conduit to Senate for program changes, course changes, tenure-stream requests and part-time requests. That proposals for program changes will be treated at the November meeting of Senate, course changes at the December meeting of Senate, tenure-stream and part-time requests at the January meeting of Senate.

It was moved (Willms/Faraoni) to amend the motion by adding courses changes “that require additional resources”.

Motion defeated

Senate then voted on the main motion.

Motion carried

3. It was moved (Beauchamp/Zubieta) that all departments, programs and divisions/schools fully collaborate with the Task Force on Recruitment and Retention and its Senate-approved recommendations and provide the Liaison Office with clear information about their programs before each semester.

4.

- Whereas SPC has reviewed each school/division and, where necessary, each department/program.
- Whereas SPC provide a brief overview for each school/division and make recommendations for schools/divisions and then departments/programs. These recommendations are based on a global picture of the University and proceed from [suggestions] recommendations about existing programs and new proposals through recommendations concerning external links, experiential learning and recruitment/retention initiatives.
- Whereas SPC is making a series of recommendations (70 in all) based upon submissions received and subsequent discussions with departments.
- Whereas SPC strongly believe these recommendations should be evaluated as an omnibus motion.

It was moved (Johnson/Posie) that Senate endorse in principle Section C of the report and that departments through divisions/schools report back in writing on Section C one week prior the January Senate meeting.

Motion carried

ii) Senate Research Committee

This item was put over to the next meeting of Senate.

6/500 OTHER MATTERS

7/500 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Division of Humanities

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

8/500 BRIEF INFORMATION

i) New Instructor in Humanities:

Simon Gilbert, M.A., to teach Fre 132b05 French II

Frank Runcie, Ph.D., to teach Eng 230 Studies in Post-Colonial
Literatures: Africa

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary