



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 501st MEETING OF SENATE

The 501st meeting of Senate took place on Monday January 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

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

Regrets: Dr. L. Bentabet, Ms. S. Teasdale, Dr. M. Vigneault.

1/501 AGENDA

Add items to agenda:

- 5.5 Williams School of Business Response to the Recommendations of the SPC.
- 5.6 School of Education Response to the Recommendations of the SPC.

Move item in agenda:

- 5.3 Strategic Research Plan moved to last item in Committee Items.

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

Motion Carried

2/501 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Senate on November 22, 2007 were approved.

(Sheeran/Posie) **Motion Carried**

The Minutes of the 499th meeting of Senate were approved.

(McRae/Ugland) **Motion Carried**

The Minutes of the 500th meeting of Senate after amending names of SPC members attending.

(Beauchamp/Fletcher) **Motion Carried**

3/501 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Interim Principal reported briefly on the following items:

- The full-time enrolment numbers for Winter 08 Semester have improved during late registration.
- The enrolment numbers show the importance of recruitment and retention issues for Bishop's.
- The new Web site.
- The discussions with the government cannot proceed until the Collective Agreements are signed.
- The Leadership Week at Bishop's

Dean Willms added that two extra Canada Graduate Scholarships have been awarded to Bishop's students.

4/501 BUSINESS ARISING

There was none.

5/501 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Social Sciences Divisional Response to Section "C" of the SPC Report

Dean Johnson reported that the Division of Social Sciences was generally in agreement and had voted the following motion: "the Division of Social Sciences supports the recommendations made in the Senate Planning Committee Report – Section C with the proviso that resources are made available to meet future needs".

5.2 Response of Division of Humanities to SPC Reports

Dean Sheeran reported that members of the Humanities Division had important questions (document 501/5.2) about the SPC reports (November and December), not only Section C of the December report. A discussion followed amongst Senators about the meaning of “a motion approved in principle” such as the SPC motion approved by Senate in December.

5.4 DNS Response to the Recommendations of the SPC

Dean Willms made a detailed presentation of the Division of Natural Sciences response (document 501/5.4).

5.5 Williams School of Business Response to the Recommendations of the SPC.

Dean Béquet presented a verbal report on the Williams School of Business response to the recommendations of the SPC report of December. The report was endorsed unanimously at the last divisional meeting. Dean Béquet mentioned that meetings between the Business School and the Computer Science Department had not been held yet.

Dean Béquet added that all new programs, all programs changes from all Bishop's Divisions/Schools should go through SPC to be consistent with the SPC recommendations.

5.6 School of Education Response to the Recommendations of the SPC.

The Director of the School of Education, Dr. Beauchamp, said the faculty members of the School had no problems with the SPC report.

Dr. Rittenhouse said he would bring the divisions/schools responses to the SPC. Dean Sheeran asked **that SPC provide responses before the next meeting of Senate***.

5.3 Strategic Research Plan

Dean Willms presented the Strategic Research Plan (document 501/5.3). The document was prepared by the Senate Strategic Research Committee. It contains nine objectives.

It was moved (Willms/Béquet) that Senate adopt Strategic Research Committee Plan.

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

A long discussion followed with members stating their concerns and issues with University Research at Bishop's. Highlights were:

- Impacts on the Collective Agreement
- Impacts on a professor workload
- Limitations of a small university environment vs a large university
- Bishop's class schedules of one hour
- Bishop's weakness in attracting external grants and research chairs compared to other small universities
- Necessity to have a well defined plan for external funding

The committee as a whole session ended.

Dean Willms said he would remove the reference to the Senate Nominating Committee in the document.

Dr. Beauchamp commented on objective no 5.

Senate moved to vote on the motion.

Motion Carried

6/501 OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Sessional dates

The Registrar presented the proposed Sessional Dates for 2008-09 (document 501/6.1). He mentioned that a few dates associated with the School of Education still could not be brought forward for approval at that moment.

It was moved (Posie/Brown) that Senate approve the Sessional Dates for 2008-09. **Motion Carried**

7/501 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

Further Agreements with three-year diplomas from Ontario Colleges (Algonquin, Mohawk, Sheridan)

Dean Béquet presented (document 501/7.1) the proposed extension of the BBA (Professional) to three Ontario Colleges similar to the one Senate already approved for Humber College. These Colleges are Algonquin, Mohawk and Sheridan. The start date for the BBA (Professional) is set for the Spring 2009 Semester.

It was moved (Béquet/McRae) that Senate approve these agreements with three-year diplomas from Ontario Colleges. **Motion Carried**

7.2 Division of Humanities

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Proposed new Biology Programs and Courses

Dean Willms presented (document 501/7.3) the proposed new Biology Programs. The new courses associated with this programs were approved at the 499th meeting of Senate. It is proposed that the B.Sc. degree be offered at both the majors and honors level, with four possible areas of concentration. For the B.A. degree, it is proposed to a B.A. major be offered in two areas of concentration.

These four areas of concentration will be:

1. Concentration: Health Science
2. Concentration: Molecular Biology
3. Concentration: Environmental Biology
4. Concentration: Diversity, Form and Function

It was moved (Willms/Fletcher) that Senate approve the new Biology Programs.
Motion Carried

7.4 Social Sciences

i) **Grading System**

Dean Johnson presented two motions voted at the Social Sciences divisional meeting (document 501/7.4.i).

- i. The Division of Social Sciences requests that Senate require the last 30 credits of any degree to be completed at Bishop's.
- ii. The Division of Social Sciences requests that Senate standardize the present B.U. grading system to conform to those of Quebec universities.

After a short discussion, it was moved (Johnson/Viens) that **these two motions should be referred to the other Divisions of Bishop's University for their consideration***.

Motion carried

ii) **New Course: INT301 – The Bachand Canadian Civil Society Internship**

Dean Johnson presented this new course (document 501/7.4.ii).

It was moved (Johnson/Viens) that Senate approve the following course:
INT301 – The Bachand Canadian Civil Society Internship. **Motion Carried**

It was moved (Johnson/Viens) that Senate approve the following new programs worked out to accommodate Humber College students through articulation agreements: **Motion Carried**

iii) **New Program: BA Child and Youth Clinical Psychology**

(document 501/7.4.iii).

iv) **New Program: BA Developmental Services Clinical Psychology**

(document 501/7.4.iv).

v) **New Program: BA Developmental Services General Psychology**

(document 501/7.4.v).

vi) **New Program: BA Developmental Services Health Psychology**

(document 501/7.4.vi).

vii) **Change in Program: Economics Programs and Courses**

Dean Johnson presented (document 501/7.4.vii) the proposed revisions to Economics Programs and Courses. There will be three areas of concentration:

1. Concentration: Business Economics
2. Concentration: Public Policy
3. Concentration: Global Economy

New Course:

ECO 275 – The New Economic Geography, 3-3-0

Revised Course:

ECO 340 – Practicum in Applied Economics Analysis and Policy, 3-3-0

It was moved (Johnson/Horne) that Senate approve the proposed revisions to Economics Programs and Courses. **Motion Carried**

It was moved (Johnson/Viens) that Senate approve the following new course, and changes to calendar course descriptions, and change to calendar course title: **Motion Carried**

viii) **New Course: SOC1555 – Sociology of Sport**

(document 501/7.4.viii).

ix) **Changes to calendar course descriptions:**

(document 501/7.4.ix).

SOC190 – Introduction to Postcolonial Study

SOC295 – Sustainable Societies

SOC309 – Advanced Seminar in Global Colonization and Decolonization

x) **Change to calendar course title:**

(document 501/7.4.x).

SOC321 – Industrial Society: Selected Topics change to Sociology of Technology

SOC315 – Political Sociology change Political Sociology in the Digital Era

xi) **Draft of Concentrations in the Department of Sociology**

Dean Johnson said this proposal should be tabled until the **Division of Humanities has a look at the proposal***. (document 501/7.4.xi)

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

8/501 BRIEF INFORMATION

Student Senator Posie asked when the Spring and Summer courses timetable will be available for students. Dr. Rittenhouse, member of the SPC, said the SPC recommendations for Spring and Summer courses should be made available very soon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

***Items to brought forward as Business Arising at next Senate Meeting**

Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary