



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 503rd MEETING OF SENATE

The 503rd meeting of Senate took place on Monday March 31, 2008 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. Bequet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Bruestle, Dr. V. Faraoni, Dr. R. Harries, Mr. D. Horne, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. E. Levac, Mr. A. Martinez P., Mr. T. Posie, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, Ms. Alyson Rowe, Mr. J. Sangster, Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. T. Ugland, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. M. Vigneault, Mr. J. Wald, Prof. D. Westman, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta.

Regrets: Dr. T. Fletcher, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. S. Teasdale, Mr. D. Thomas-Anderson.

1/503 AGENDA

The Dean of Humanities, Prof. Sheeran asked that three items deferred from last Senate be dealt under 7.2 Division of Humanities:

- English Major in Popular Narrative
- New Courses in Department of Philosophy
- New Courses in Department of Music.

The revised agenda was approved with this modification. (Viens/Beauchamp)

Motion Carried

2/503 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 502nd meeting of Senate were approved as circulated.

(Posie/Wald) **Motion Carried**

3/503 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Interim Principal, Dr. Rittenhouse, reported that:

- There was no further update from the MELS.
- Three NSERC awards were given to Bishop's students, the same number as last year.
- Dr. Tom Fletcher is not present tonight because of medical problem. Every member of Senate wished him good news and full recovery.

4/503 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Grading System

The Dean of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Willms, reported that the Division preferred keeping the present percentage grading system, but was not opposed to a dual system where both percentage and a letter grade would appear on the transcript.

The Dean of the Business School, Prof. Béquet, reported that the issue had not been discussed because there had not been a divisional meeting.

The Dean of the Division of Humanities, Prof. Sheeran, reported that members of the division are not opposed as long as they can mark as they are used to.

The Chair of the School of Education, Dr. Beauchamp, reported that members of the school were positive about moving towards a letter grading system.

Dr. Rittenhouse reported that an NSERC survey indicated that the vast majority of universities use the letter grade system (GPA). The main issue remains about the risk of disadvantaging Bishop's students in Canada when they are compared to other students in national competitions.

It was agreed that ASAP should come up with a resolution for Senate*.

5/503 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Senate Planning Committee Report (document 503/5.1)

It was moved (Johnson/Sheeran) that Senate approve the March Senate Planning Committee report. Motion Carried
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5.2 Senate Teaching Evaluation Committee (document 503/5.2)

Dr. Faraoni presented a brief report and motion.

WHEREAS Currently, the Senate Teaching Evaluation Committee is required by the Collective Agreement to assess requests for course release ``involving the improvement of teaching skills and performance and/or significant curriculum development" (art. 9.14c.iv of the CA). However, there is no mention of this duty in the mandate of the Senate Teaching Evaluation Committee, which reads:

``The mandate of the Committee include the maintenance of the database generated through the teaching evaluations by students and oversees the creation of a resource center whose purpose would be to improve the overall quality of teaching at Bishop's University."

Dr. Faraoni moved, seconded by Mr. A. Martinez P., that Senate changes the mandate of the Senate Teaching Evaluation Committee to:

(changes in capital)

The mandate of the Committee includes: the maintenance of the database generated through the teaching evaluations by students; OVERSEEING the creation of a teaching resource CENTRE whose purpose would be to improve the overall quality of teaching at Bishop's University; AND ASSESSING REQUESTS FOR COURSE RELEASE FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING THE IMPROVEMENT OF TEACHING SKILLS AND PERFORMANCE AND/OR SIGNIFICANT CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT. **Motion Carried**

In light of the work the Academic Redeployment Committee, some concerns were voiced about the last sentence in the report about a teaching resource centre.

5.3 Report: Committee on Academic Administrative Structures (document 503/5.3)

Dean A. Johnson assumed the Chair at this point.

Dr. Rittenhouse presented the report and asked Senate to recognize three faculty members, Dr. Seale, Dr. Yeats and Dr. Taseen. The Executive Committee of Corporation has already adopted in principle the report, pending Senate's approval, at its last meeting.

Highlights of the recommended structures are:

- will cost less than the present structure (a minimum of \$100k in savings) and will maintain the basic structure of a Vice-Principal and Deans;

- will ensure that specific functions and mandates within academic administrative structures are assigned to individuals so that the University is confident that critical tasks are being carried out, co-ordinated and evaluated;
- will be a three-year experimental structure (2008-11) so that any further changes might be made to allow continuation of this proposed structure. Aspects of the current academic administrative structure that are not changed will remain in place along with the changes.

It was moved (Faraoni/Bentabet) that the report of the Committee on Academic Administrative Structures be referred to Divisions for discussion.

It was answered that many requests for submissions were sent to individual faculty. After a lengthy discussion, **the motion was defeated.**

WHEREAS some gaps need to be filled before implementation of the report.

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Wald) that Senate adopt the report of the Committee on Academic Administrative Structures. **Motion Carried**

6/503 OTHER MATTERS

At this point, Dr. Rittenhouse went back to chairing the meeting.

6.1 Sessional dates (document 503/6.1)

The Registrar presented the changes to the Sessional Dates.

WHEREAS Senate approved the 2008-09 Sessional Dates at its January 22, 2008 meeting;

WHEREAS the School of Education has decided on the Sessional Dates that apply specifically to the students in their programs;

WHEREAS the Collective Agreement between Bishop's and the Staff states that the Canada Day Holiday will be on June 30, 2008 instead of July 1, 2008 for this year.

It was moved (Sheeran/Béquet) that Senate amends its January 22, 2008 motion to incorporate these changes to the 2008-09 Sessional Dates.

Motion Carried

6.2 Campus-wide Paper Waste Reduction Submission (document 503/6.2)

Senator Martinez P. asked that the students be recognized. A presentation was made of the proposal to reduce paper waste and providing five methods that are conducive to saving paper, and thus trees, highlights are:

1. Only assignments which have printing on both sides of each page will be accepted.
2. Assignments which are printed on the blank side of used paper, and clearly identified, will be accepted.
3. Assignments [whether typed or in power-point or another format], no longer than twenty-five pages, will be accepted on a compact disk (CD), rather than being printed out.
4. Assignments will be accepted digitally through electronic mail
5. Cover sheets will not be required for any assignments submitted.

It was noted that this proposal is permissive rather than restrictive, thus not affecting any other format requirements or guidelines to which the institution may desire to adhere with.

It was moved (Martinez P./Posie) that Senate supports the Campus-wide Paper Waste Reduction proposal brought by the Sustainable Development Action Group (S.D.A.G.). Motion Carried
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6.3 Johnville Bog (document 503/6.3)

Dr. Rittenhouse reported that the City of Sherbrooke wishes to sell the property to Bishop's University and the University of Sherbrooke for \$1. The Johnville Bog is managed by a non-profit organization. A Bishop's professor, Dr. Van Hulst has been a member of the Board of that organization.

6.4 Memorandum of Understanding (NSERC) and (SSHRC) (document 503/6.4)

Dr. Rittenhouse explained that the three research councils require Bishop's to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to continue to receive funding. The Executive Committee has already approved the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between Bishop's and the federal granting Agencies concerning the roles and responsibilities in the Management of Federal Grants and Awards.

It was moved (Faraoni/Willms) that Senate allows the Interim Principal, Dr. Rittenhouse, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion Carried

6.5 DNS response to Senate requests for opinions (document 503/6.5)

i) last 30 credits rule

The Dean of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. Willms, reported the Division is strongly opposes changing the present rule regarding transfer credit in the last 30 credits of a Bishop's degree program. The present rule works well and is flexible and professors are encourage to exercise sound judgement in disallowing course credit transfers for courses of dubious quality.

The Dean of the Division of Humanities, Prof. Sheeran, reported the members of Division generally felt the rule is sufficiently firm and flexible. Online courses will be looked at more closely to make sure of the quality.

ii) percentage grade to 4-point grade scheme

This item was dealt under business arising.

iii) DNS request

Dean Willms reported the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics asks Senate to offer the necessary support to all its new redesigned programs and initiatives, and notes that, as the division with the highest number and proportion of externally funded principal investigators, we are unduly penalized by the new SPC parameters.

7/503 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

i) Mark change after graduation

WHEREAS a grade change in BAC212 Intermediate Financial Accounting II for Winter 2007 Session was never done for (name withheld) prior to last year's Convocation;

WHEREAS Senate approved the original grade in its recommendation to the Business Meeting of Convocation;

WHEREAS the student needs this grade change to be able to continue his studies to become a Chartered Accountant.

It was moved (Béquet/Zubieta) that Senate approves the requested grade change from 56 to 60 in BAC212 Intermediate Financial Accounting II.

Motion Carried

7.2 Division of Humanities

A. New Programmes, New Courses

i) Department of English

Approval of the following was deferred to a Fall Senate meeting, because it's needs a Senate Planning Committee recommendation.

a) English Major: Concentration in Popular Narrative.
(document 502/7.2.ii.c)

b) New Courses: (document 502/7.2.ii.b)

- ENG 219 Popular Narrative: The Graphic Novel
- ENG 220 Popular Narrative: Fantasy.

ii) Études Françaises et Québécoises (document 503/7.2.ii)

Approval of the following was deferred, because it's needs a Senate Planning Committee recommendation.

a) New Programme in French mini-immersion (PAFMI/FLPMI)

b) Major in French Language Studies

c) New Courses:

- FRE 137 French I-II
- FRE 138 French III- IV
- FRE 135 Conversation and Aural Comprehension
- FRA 187 Introduction au théâtre québécois
- FRA 270 Littératures migrantes et de la francophonie.

iii) Department of History

Approval of the following was deferred, because it's needs a Senate Planning Committee recommendation.

a) New Course: (document 503/7.2.iii)

- HIS 246 Medieval and Early Modern Ireland

iv) Liberal Arts

a) New Courses: (document 503/7.2.iv)

- LIB 210 Eros, Love and Desire
- LIB 211 Empire and its Enemies
- LIB 212 In Search of Justice
- LIB 213 The Use and Abuse of Beauty
- LIB 214 The Human Will and Nature
- LIB 215 Ecstasy and Excess
- LIB 216 The Divine and Ultimate Concern

<p>It was moved (Sheeran/Johnson) that Senate approves these new courses. Motion Carried</p>

Note: LIB 201 to LIB 206 to disappear from the Calendar.

Dean Sheeran then proceeded to circulated modified versions of two Philosophy Courses discussed at last Senate meeting:

- PHI 172 – Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
- PHI 242 – Seminar in Political Philosophy

A discussion followed about the contents of these courses and the possible duplication with courses in Political Studies.

It was moved (Sheeran/Wald) that Senate approve these courses. The motion was tabled until further consultations are held between the Philosophy Department and other departments in Social Sciences,

B. Calendar Modifications—Course Descriptions, Text changes

v) Études Françaises et Québécoises (document 503/7.2.v)

Approval of the following was deferred, because it's needs a Senate Planning Committee recommendation.

a) Course Description changes:

- FRE 131 French I
- FRE 132 French II
- FRE 133 French III
- FRE 134 French IV

b) Text Changes:

- Major in French
- Preamble for FRA 203, 204, 205, 207, 244, 245, 247.
- French Language Studies (Intermediate Level)
- French and Quebec Studies (Advanced Level)

vi) Department of Modern Languages

a) SPA 205 and SPA 206 to be replaced by SPA 203 and SPA 204.

It was moved (Sheeran/Posie) that Senate approve these changes.

Motion Carried

vii) Department of Music

a) New Courses: approval was deferred at last Senate.
(document 502/7.2.v.b)

- MUS 101 ab Rock Music 101 3-3-0
- MUS 102 ab Music for the Movies 3-3-0
- MUS 105 ab World Music 3-3-0
- MUS 109 ab Music and Theatre 3-3-0
- MUS 233 ab Materials of Popular Music 3-3-0
- MUS 290 ab Improvisation 3-3-0
- MUS 291 ab Song and Instrumental Writing 3-3-0
- MUS 292 ab Arranging and Scoring for Jazz and Pop
Music 3-3-0
- MUS 293 ab The Music Profession 3-3-0
- MUS 435 a Honours Composition – Jazz Option
- Ensembles: MUS 188a, 189b, 288a, 289b, 388a, 389b Rock,
Pop Band Ensemble 1-3-0

It was moved (Sheeran/Brown) that Senate approves these courses as resources permit and that these courses can be offered only as elective in the next year.

Motion Carried

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It was moved (Willms/Faraoni) that Senate approve the request from the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics granting adjunct status (4 years) in the Department of Mathematics for Dr. David Smith. **Motion Carried**

i) Department of Computer Science

a) **New courses** (document 503/7.3.i)

- CSC 214 Introduction to Networks
- CSC 107ab Databases and Dynamic Web Design

It was moved (Willms/Béquet) that Senate approve this new courses.
Motion Carried

ii) Department of Chemistry

a) **New course** (document 503/7.3.i)

- CHE 263 Introductory Thermodynamics for Pharmacology – online

It was moved (Willms/Bruestle) that Senate approve this new course.
Motion Carried

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

i) **New courses in Economics** (document 503/7.4.i)

- ECO 175 Economic Geography
- ECO 217 International Economics
- ECO 310 Economics Internship

It was moved (Johnson/Vigneault) that Senate approve these new courses.
Motion Carried

ii) **New course in Sociology** (document 503/7.4.ii)

- SOC 219 Sociology of the Body

It was moved (Johnson/Viens) that Senate approve this new course.
Motion Carried

7.5 School of Education

i) Double Major French and Secondary Education

Proposal tabled until Senate Planning Committee recommends the course changes in Études Françaises et Québécoises.

ii) Double Major French/Spanish and Secondary Education

Proposal tabled until Senate Planning Committee recommends the course changes in Études Françaises et Québécoises.

iii) Double Major Social Studies and Secondary Teacher Education Programme (document 503/7.5.iii) & (document 503/7.5.iv)

It was moved (Beauchamp/Johnson) that Senate approve these changes.

Motion Carried

7.6 Continuing Education

8/503 BRIEF INFORMATION

Mr. Martinez P. presented the new student Senators for next year.

Instructor Approval

1. DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH:

- 1.1 J. Baconova (M.A.) to teach ENG 122 Intro. To Russian Literature
- 1.2 C. Gibbs (M.A.) to teach ENG 285 Journalism
- 1.3 B. Gilchrist (PhD.) to teach ENG 210 Intro. To Children's Literature

2. DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

D.Ryan to teach HIS 246 Medieval and Early Modern Ireland

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm

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

Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary