



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 504th MEETING OF SENATE

The 504th meeting of Senate took place on Monday April 28, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. J. Rittenhouse was in the Chair, Dr. L. Bentabet, Prof. S. Bequet, Dr. V. Faraoni, Mr. D. Horne, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Mr. T. Posie, Mr. J. Sangster, Ms. R. Sheeran, Prof. S. Sheeran, Dr. T. Ugland, Prof. C. Viens, Dr. B. Willms, Dr. L. Zubieta.

Regrets: Dr. C. Beauchamp, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Bruestle, Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. R. Harries, Dr. A. Johnson, Dr. E. Levac, Mr. A. Martinez P., Prof. L. McRae, Ms. A. Rowe, Ms. S. Teasdale, Mr. D. Thomas-Anderson, Dr. M. Vigneault, Mr. J. Wald, Prof. D. Westman,.

1/504 AGENDA

- GPA grading and SPC follow ups will be treated under Business Arising.
- Item 8.2 Approval of new member on Research Ethics Board moved to 5.3.
- Item 8.3 removed.

The revised agenda was approved with these modifications. (Faraoni/Viens)

Motion Carried

2/504 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 503rd meeting of Senate were approved after a small modification. (Viens/Sheeran) **Motion Carried**

3/504 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Interim Principal, Dr. J. Rittenhouse, reported that:

- He had a positive meeting with Mr. Boivin from MELS. Some other positive news, apart from the Federal reinvestment, there would also be extra money coming from the Provincial Government.
- Champlain College will be setting up a nursing program for September 2009. It will mean about 100 extra students over three years. They will need space on campus. There could be an opportunity for Bishop's to look into a Dec-Bac program. The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics is interested added Dean Willms.
- He also reported there had been a meeting of all university Presidents and Principals called by the Minister of Education. The issue was about university governance and a warning about fallouts that might come out once the Auditor General report about the UQAM situation is issued. University autonomy might be at stake. The Minister made references to the Toulouse report and recommendations on university governance.
- Finally, he named Bishop's professors who have won external grants: Dr. T. Ugland, Dr. G. Gagné, Dr. J. Savage, Dr. S. Bruda, Dr. L. Bentabet, Dr. S. Harvey, Dr. A. Edery, Dr. L. Nelson.

4/504 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Grading System

The Dean of the Business School, Prof. Béquet, reported that the Williams School wishes to see the formula that would be used to transform Bishop's present grading system to a GPA system before discussing a change.

4.2 Senate Planning Committee

Division of Humanities

A. New Programmes, New Courses

i) Department of English

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

It was moved (Sheeran/Posie) that Senate approve this new concentration.
Motion Carried

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

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

It was moved (Sheeran/Posie) that Senate approve these new courses.
Motion Carried

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

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.

It was moved (Sheeran/Posie) that Senate approve this new program, this major and these new courses. **Motion Carried**

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

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)

It was moved (Sheeran/Béquet) that Senate approve this new program, this major and these new courses. **Motion Carried**

School of Education (document 503/7.5.i) and (document 503/7.5.ii)

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.

It was moved (Béquet/Horne) that Senate approve these new majors.

Motion Carried

5/504 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Senate Graduate Studies Committee: Guidelines for a graduate studies support fund. (document 504/5.1)

It was moved (Bentabet/Willms) that Senate approve Guidelines for a graduate studies support fund. **Motion Carried**

5.2 Academic Administrative Structures Committee's report
(document 504/5.2)

Dean S. Sheeran assumed the Chair at this point.

WHEREAS the Committee, in making this recommendation was, of course, fully cognizant of the University's difficult financial circumstances and wished to keep costs for the approved academic administrative structure to a minimum. As such no stipends are being recommended for these positions.

WHEREAS the Committee, however, recognized the importance of providing all members of the approved structure the necessary time to do their important work and so are recommending the proposed teaching workload.

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Faraoni) that Senate adopt the April 2008 Academic Structures Committee report. **Motion Carried**

5.3 Approval of new member on Research Ethics Board
(document 504/8.2)

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Faraoni) that Senate approve the nomination of Ms. Marie-France Bureau as a new member on Research Ethics.

Motion Carried

6/504 OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Johnville Bog (document 504/6.1)

WHEREAS the City of Sherbrooke has offered to sell the land to Bishop's and to the Université de Sherbrooke while continuing to support the Corporation that manages the property for another three years.

WHEREAS discussion with the Corporation indicates that the Corporation now pays minimal taxes and insurance and that the Cookshire-Eaton Townships would continue their support for the property and its development in perpetuity.

WHEREAS the property has been developed as a nature site and educational lab consistent with Bishop's educational mission. Further, by collaborating with Université de Sherbrooke in the purchase of the property, Bishop's would ensure that the educational development of the property would be jointly shared by the two universities.

It was moved (Rittenhouse/Singerman) that Senate supports the purchase of the Johnville Bog and that Bishop's works closely with the Université de Sherbrooke and the Corporation that manages it to fully develop its educational potential.

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

7/504 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

i) ILT100

WHEREAS To avoid confusion between lab and course, the Williams School would like to add the wording "laboratory course" at the end of the course name. The first sentence in the course description is referring to ILT100 as being a course which is incorrect. The Williams School wish to change this wording for laboratory course;

WHEREAS ILT100 is indicated as a 1-1-0 course, which should be changed for 1-0-1 to indicate that it is a laboratory course;

WHEREAS this should apply to all ILT100 to ILT104 courses.

It was moved (Béquet/Zubieta) that Senate approves the change.

Motion Carried

7.2 Division of Humanities

A. New Programmes, New Courses

i) Divisional Major and Minor In Popular Culture (document 504/7.2.i)

It was moved (Sheeran/Posie) that Senate approves this Divisional Major and this Divisional Minor. **Motion Carried**

ii) Department of Fine Arts (document 504/7.2.ii)

a) New Fine Arts Major

It was moved (Sheeran/Posie) that Senate approves this new Fine Arts Major. **Motion Carried**

b) New Fine Arts Minor

It was moved (Sheeran/Posie) that Senate approves this new Fine Arts Minor. **Motion Carried**

iii) Department of History

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

a) New Course: (document 504/7.2.iii)

- HIS 378 War and Peace in the Middle East

7.3 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

i) BioInformatics Concentration / New program in Bioinformatics (document 504/7.3.i)

It was moved (Willms/Bentabet) that Senate approves this new BioInformatics Concentration. **Motion Carried**

ii) Department of Biochemistry

a) New courses (document 504/7.3.ii)

- Biochemistry 192b: Biochemistry of Macromolecules (to replace BCH 191 in the calendar)
- Biochemistry 341b: Current topics in Biotechnology
- Biochemistry 342b: Bioinformatics

It was moved (Willms/Sheeran) that Senate approve these new courses.
Motion Carried

7.4 Division of Social Sciences

Psychology Programs

It was moved (Ugland/Viens) that Senate approve the following Psychology Programs. **Motion Carried**

- i) **Georgian College Developmental Service Worker / Clinical Psychology Concentration** (document 504/7.4.i)
- ii) **Georgian College Developmental Service Worker / General Psychology Concentration** (document 504/7.4.ii)
- iii) **Georgian College Developmental Service Worker / Health Psychology Concentration** (document 504/7.4.iii)

7.5 School of Education

7.6 Continuing Education

8/504 BRIEF INFORMATION

- 8.1 Proposed meeting schedule for 2008-09
- 8.2 Moved to item 5.3
- 8.3 Removed

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Dr. Jonathan Rittenhouse, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary