



## **Bishop's University**

### **MINUTES OF THE 508<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF SENATE**

The 508th meeting of Senate took place on Monday, September 22nd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Tomlinson Hall, McGreer 100.

**Present:** Mr. M. Goldbloom was in the Chair, Ms. R. Backer, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Dr. L. Bentabet, Prof. R. Brown, Dr. T. Bruestle, Dr. C. Charpentier, Dr. M. Childs, Dr. J. Crooks, Ms. L. Eisinger, Dr. R. Harries, Dr. S. Harvey, Mr. D. Horne, Mr. S. Ho, Dr. K. Hull, Ms. M. Ianniciello, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. J.A. Kingsley, Mr. M. Kouri, Dr. E. Levac, Dr. W. Marcantoni, Prof. L. McRae, Dr. J. Savage, Mr. J. Sangster, Ms. S. Teasdale, Dr. T. Ugland.

**Regrets:** Dr. T. Fletcher, Dr. L. Zubieta.

The new Principal, Mr. Michael Goldbloom, made some opening remarks.

#### **1/508      AGENDA**

New items added:

- Item 5.3 SPARC list of programs to be reviewed.
- Item 6.3 Special Meeting of Senate.

The revised agenda was approved with these modifications.  
( Beauchamp/Teasdale )      **Motion Carried**

#### **2/508      MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 505th meeting of Senate were approved as circulated.  
( Bentabet/Ugland )      **Motion Carried**

The Minutes of the 506th meeting of Senate were approved as circulated.  
( Beauchamp/Horne )      **Motion Carried**

The Minutes of the 507th meeting of Senate were approved as circulated.  
( Ugland/Levac )      **Motion Carried**

### **3/508      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

Mr. M. Goldbloom said he felt warmly welcome by the Bishop's Community. He added that he felt there was very positive energy on campus. He commented on enrolment: total enrolment is down, but the entering class is 13% larger than last year which gives a positive outlook for the future if it continues.

There will be a Special Convocation on October 17, 2008 for the installation of the Principal. Two honorary degrees will be awarded to Dr. Irving Abella and Supreme Court of Canada Justice Mrs. Rosalie Abella will receive honorary degrees.

Finally, Mr. Goldbloom informed Senate about the Quebec Government's will to legislate about university governance.

### **4/508      BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no Business Arising.

### **5/508      COMMITTEE ITEMS**

#### **5.1    Animal Care Committee.** (document 508/5.1)

Dr. M. Childs explained that the Animal Care Committee nomination process is a bit strange, in that it reports to the Principal, not Senate and is therefore not really a "Senate Committee". Nonetheless its mandate says that its composition is "established" by Senate.

It was moved ( Childs/Hull ) that Senate approve Dr. Jade Savage and Dr. Claude Charpentier to be renewed for a two year term. <b>Motion Carried</b>
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#### **5.2    Senate Nominating Committee**

i)

It was moved ( Ugland/Beauchamp ) that Senate approve the addition of one faculty member from the School of Education as a voting member to the Teaching Evaluation Committee. <b>Motion Carried</b>
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ii)

It was moved ( Ugland/Harvey ) that Senate approve the addition of one representative from the Library as a voting member to the Continuing Education Committee. <b>Motion Carried</b>
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**iii) Update Senate Committee list** (document 508/5.2.iii)

It was moved ( Ugland/Teasdale) that Senate approve the updated Senate Committee List for Fall 2008. **Motion Carried**

**5.3 SPARC list of programs to be reviewed**

It was moved ( Childs/Harries ) that Senate approve the following list of programs to be externally reviewed during Winter 2009:

Department of Physics

Department of Drama

Department of English

Department of Psychology

**Motion Carried**

**6/508 OTHER MATTERS**

**6.1 Plagiarism** (document 508/6.1)

The Registrar presented briefly his 2007-08 academic year report noting a slight increase in reported cases of academic dishonesty.

It was moved ( Crooks/Posie ) that Senate receive the report. **Motion Carried**

**6.2 Exam schedule 08-09** (document 508/6.2)

Mr. D. Horne explained that given the recent rise of fuel and transportation costs, students from afar are becoming increasingly concerned with booking early flights to receive the best possible rates. A major hurdle for students to book early flights, is a late release date for the exam schedule. Currently there is no explicitly stated release date. Ideally, Students would like to see the exam schedule released before the Thanksgiving break to allow students to coordinate flights with their parents.

It was moved ( Horne/Ho ) that faculty must submit their exam scheduling forms on or before Sept. 25, so that Records office can have the exam schedule posted before Oct. 10, 2008. In winter semester, forms must be submitted by January 30, so that the Records office can post the exam schedule before February 12, 2009. The previous model for exam scheduling will be applied in future years to ensure that students are informed at the earliest possible time to allow travel scheduling. **Motion Carried**

**6.3 Special Meeting of Senate**

The Vice-Principal and the Registrar informed Senate that there will be a Special Meeting of Senate before the next regular meeting of Senate. The purpose of the meeting will to recommend the list of graduating students to the Business Meeting of Convocation prior to the Special Fall Convocation. They reminded Senators that quorum is very important at that meeting.

## **7/508 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

### **7.2 Arts & Science**

#### **7.2.1 Division of Humanities**

#### **A. New Courses**

##### **i) Department of History**

###### **a) New Course:** (document 508/7.2.1.a)

- HIS246 Medieval and Early Modern Ireland 3-3-0

It was moved ( Crooks/Childs ) that Senate approve this new course. <b>MotionCarried</b>
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###### **b) New Course:** (document 508/7.2.1.b)

- HIS378 War and Peace in the Middle East 3-3-0

It was moved ( Crooks/Horne ) that Senate approve this new course. <b>Motion Carried</b>
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#### **7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

##### **a) Emergency appointment in Physics**

In accordance with Article 6.12, Dean J. Crooks informed Senate that Dr. Sylvain Turcotte had been temporarily appointed by the Department until December 2008 to replace a tenured faculty member who had health problems.

#### **7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences**

##### **a) Emergency appointment in Environmental Studies and Geography**

In accordance with Article 6.12, Dean J. Crooks informed Senate that Dr. Catherine Phillips had been hired as a sessional by the Department until April 2009 to replace a tenured faculty member who had health problems.

### **7.3 School of Education**

### **7.4 Continuing Education**

**8/508      BRIEF INFORMATION**

- i)                New instructor in Chemistry / J. Crooks  
Dr. Karl Gagnon, M.Sc.

New instructor in Education / C. Beauchamp  
Dr. Anastasia Kamanos, Ph.D. McGill, to teach GSE 561, Language and  
Literature Studies in the M.Ed. program

- ii)                Student Speakers / D. Horne

Mr. D. Horne informed Senate that there was a newly formed Student Speaker Club  
aimed at student research projects.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

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Mr. Michael Goldbloom, Chair

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Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary