



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 516th MEETING OF SENATE

The 516th meeting of Senate took place on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. M. Childs was in the Chair, Ms. R. Backer, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Dr. L. Bentabet, Dr. C. Charpentier, Dr. J. Crooks, Ms. L. Eisinger, Dr. R. Harries, Dr. S. Harvey, Mr. S. Ho, Dr. K. Hull, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. J.A. Kingsley, Dr. E. Levac, Dr. R. Osmun Ms. R. Sheeran, Mr. J. Sangster Dr. J. Savage, Dr. T. Ugland, Dr. L. Zubieta.

Regrets: Dr. T. Bruestle, Mr. M. Goldbloom, Mr. D. Horne, Ms. M. Ianniciello, Mr. M. Kouri, Prof. L. McRae, Dr. W. Marcantoni.

1/516 AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

(Hull/Charpentier) **Motion Carried**

2/516 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 515th meeting of Senate were approved as circulated.

(Crooks/Sheeran) **Motion Carried**

3/516 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Vice-Principal, Dr. M. Childs, welcomed Dr. R. Osmun as a new member of Senate.

Dr. M. Childs spoke about the various infrastructure projects. Secondly, Senate's motion on Research Clusters passed two meetings ago led to a productive meeting earlier on this Monday with the Department Chairs, the Deans, the Vice-Principal and the members of the Senate Research Committee.

4/516 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

5/516 COMMITTEE ITEMS

Dr L. Zubieta assumed the Chair at this point.

5.1 Experiential Learning Committee: Report and Recommendations (document 516/5.1)

Dr. M. Childs presented the report. Highlights of the report were:

1. Experiential learning in its various forms should be an integral part of most programs and an option for all students.
2. Where experiential courses are existing parts of a specific program, wherever possible such courses should be used in preference to ELP coded projects.
3. Experiential learning courses should mirror as closely as possible the effort and time required to complete a similar number of academic credits.
4. Each such course should have a clearly specified objective, a project plan, well defined expectations of hours on site and product expected at the placement, and clearly defined lines of authority.
5. Bishop's Foundation funds used for the purposes of supporting experiential learning, except in exceptional cases, should be used for the defrayal of expenses (such as travel) or the purchase of equipment (which will remain the property of the University), or for supplies, not for a wage or tuition costs.

Dr. M. Childs proposed that the existing Ad hoc committee be transformed into a standing Experiential Learning Committee of Senate and that the tasks of the existing Evaluation Committee be folded into it.

It was moved (Childs/Harries) that Senate create a Standing Committee called the Experiential Learning Committee with the following composition and mandate:

Composition

- Vice- Principal
- Divisional representatives (5)
- Director, ETRC
- Student Services representative
- Student

Mandate:

- to oversee the development of experiential learning at Bishop's University
- to promote its integration into programs in diverse and appropriate ways
- to produce and to distribute to the university community guidelines and information on best practices in experiential learning
- to disburse funds for experiential learning courses and projects in a fair and impartial manner
- to report to Senate from time to time, but at least once per year, on the state of experiential learning at Bishop's, on its own activities and to make specific recommendations for the future development of experiential learning.

Motion Carried

5.2 Senate Nominating Committee – appointment of new chair

It was moved (Childs/Beauchamp) that Senate approve the nomination of Ms. Ruth Sheeran as the Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee. **Motion Carried**

5.3 Senate Program Academic Review Committee (SPARC): schedule of program reviews for 2009-10

It was moved (Childs/Hull) that Senate approve the following schedule of program reviews for 2009-10:

Fall 2009: Computer Science, Liberal Arts, Modern Languages incl. English Second Language and Physics.

Winter 2010: Fine Arts

Motion Carried

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

5.4 Senate Planning Committee (document 516/5.4)

Dean J. Crooks moved the following on SPC funding as amended pursuant to discussion at the March meeting of Senate:

It was moved (Crooks/ Eisinger) that Senate ask the Senate Planning Committee to examine the possibility of funding all replacement courses specified in the Full time Faculty Collective Agreement at the same rate across all Schools and Divisions and to report the result of its deliberations by the end of October, 2009.

Motion Carried

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6/516 OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters on the agenda.

7/516 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Arts & Science

7.2.1 Division of Humanities

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences

7.3 School of Education

7.4 Continuing Education

8/516 BRIEF INFORMATION

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

Dr. Michael Childs, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary