



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 522nd MEETING OF SENATE

The 522nd meeting of Senate took place on Monday, January 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in McGreer 100.

Present: Dr. M. Childs was in the Chair, Ms. K. Allen, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Dr. C. Charpentier, Dr. J. Crooks, Ms. S. Faria, Dr. G. Gagné, Ms. G. Grant, Dr. R. Harries, Dr. S. Harvey, Mr. S. Ho, Mr. Y. Holton, Dr. K. Hull, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. J.A. Kingsley, Dr. E. Levac, Dr. R. Osmun, Dr. C. Rutihinda, Ms. R. Sheeran, Dr. J. Savage, Ms. S. Wuite.

Regrets: Mr. M. Goldbloom, Prof. L. McRae, Dr. W. Marcantoni, Mr. S. Taylor.

1/522 AGENDA

The agenda was approved after adding the following item:

- 5.3 SPARC - Program Review Committee for Department of Fine Arts
(Beauchamp/Kingsley) **Motion Carried**

2/522 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 520th meeting of Senate were approved as circulated.
(Ho/Harvey) **Motion Carried**

3/522 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Vice-Principal, Dr. M. Childs, indicated that a minute of silence will be held in all Quebec universities at 4:53 p.m. on Tuesday January 19 (a week exactly after the earthquake) in order to commemorate the disaster in Haiti.

4/522 BUSINESS ARISING

Items from Business Arising will be covered in the regular business of this meeting of Senate.

5/522 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Senate Nominating Committee

• News from Committees

Ms. R. Sheeran indicated that the “Students with Special Needs Committee” will change its name to “Students with Disabilities”.

Ms. R. Sheeran also reported that the “Advisory Committee on Writing in English” which hadn’t met since 1997, met recently and decided that it should be abolished.

It was moved (Sheeran/Crooks) that Senate abolish the Advisory Committee on Writing in English. **Motion Carried**

5.2 Senate Planning Committee (SPC) (document 522/5.2)

Dean. J. Crooks assumed the Chair at this point.

Dr. M. Childs presented in detail the SPC report. Following the Executive Committee’s approval of four tenure stream positions, this report deals only with Sessional and Part time allocations for 2009-10 requests. The four tenure stream positions approved were:

1. one replacement position in Sociology
2. one replacement position in Economics
3. one replacement position in Williams School of Business
4. one new position in Psychology

The positions which were refused were immediately converted into sessional appointments. In addition, Senate in December approved three sessional appointments in Spanish, Italian and Physics.

In making its recommendations for part-time and sessional budgets, SPC used the part-time allocation parameters for the period 2007-11, with the modifications approved by Senate in October 2009. Because of those modifications, SPC this year divided the reduced teaching load allocation into two main categories: a “firm” category, which included replacements for externally funded research and credits which were absolutely essential to the running of a program (e.g., Sports Studies) and/or were contractual obligations (e.g. APBU relief, replacements for academic officers), and the other categories, such as replacements for sabbaticals, partial retirement, or those on reduced teaching due to departmental administration.

SPC has used the CRU-faculty ratio in making the allocation of regular part time credits, as this better takes into consideration the service function of various programmes. There has been little substantive change in these ratios compared to the previous two years.

Finally, Dr. M. Childs indicated SPC has also reserved a very small number of part time credits for emergency allocation and moved two motions.

Before voting on the motions, Senators discussed at length concerns about the reduced teaching load allocations and part-time credits allocation. Dean J. Crooks said unequal funding across divisions gives the impression that Arts & Science matters less as the University moves forward, that there's a contradiction in asking departments struggling to maintain their core programs, even the place of their discipline in the university, to add more programs, that the unmistakable message sent to the members of underfunded departments is that they should think twice about University service and that the funding formula itself, based on the abstract administrative principle of divisions, discriminates against a number of Arts & Science programs that are very successful by any numerical calculation.

Reduced Teaching Load Allocations Motion

It was moved (Childs/Faria) that Senate approve the following Reduced Teaching Load Allocations:

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| • General pool (APBU, EC, etc.): | 13.5 courses |
| • Williams School of Business: 5 firm + 9 calculated @ 80% | 12 courses |
| • School of Education: 5 firm + 3 calculated @ 80% | 7 courses |
| • Div of Social Sciences: 5 firm + 24 calculated @ 70% | 22 courses |
| • Div of Humanities: 18 firm + 20 calculated @ 50% | 28 courses |
| • Div of Natural Sciences: 7 firm + 24 calculated @ 50% | 19 courses |

Motion Carried

Part time Credit Allocations Motion

It was moved (Childs/Gagné) that Senate approve the following Part time Credit Allocation:

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| • Williams School of Business | 10 courses |
| • School of Education | 17 courses |
| • Div of Social Sciences | 26 courses |
| • Div of Humanities | 48 courses |
| • Div of Natural Sciences | 12 courses |

Motion Carried

5.3 SPARC - Program Review Committee for Department of Fine Arts

Nomination of an additional member to the Committee

Dr. M. Childs reminded Senators that at the November 2009 meeting of Senate (520th), he had indicated he would be actively searching for a senior administrator to add to the Fine Arts Program Review Committee.

It was moved (Childs/ Harries) that Dr. Michel Blais, retired professor from the Université de Sherbrooke be added to the Program Review Committee for Department of Fine Arts. **Motion Carried**

6/522 OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Sessional Dates 2010-2011 (document 522/6.1)

Mr. Y. Jodoin, Registrar, presented the proposed Sessional dates for 2010-2011. Senators asked some questions about the proposal.

It was moved (Hull/Charpentier) that Senate approved the 2010-2011 Sessional Dates. **Motion Carried**

7/522 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

8/522 BRIEF INFORMATION

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Dr. Michael Childs, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary