



Bishop's University

MINUTES OF THE 523rd MEETING OF SENATE

The 523rd meeting of Senate took place on Monday, February 22nd 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in McGreer 100.

Present: Mr. M. Goldbloom was in the Chair, Ms. K. Allen, Dr. C. Beauchamp, Dr. C. Charpentier, Dr. M. Childs, Dr. J. Crooks, Ms. S. Faria, Dr. G. Gagné, Prof. C. Gibbs, Ms. G. Grant, Dr. S. Harvey, Mr. S. Ho, Mr. Y. Holton, Mr. Y. Jodoin, Dr. J.A. Kingsley, Prof. L. McRae, Dr. D. Millington, Dr. R. Osmun, Dr. E. Prusak, Dr. C. Rutihinda, Ms. R. Sheeran, Ms. S. Wuite, Ms. Y. Zhang.

Regrets: Dr. R. Harries, Dr. K. Hull, Dr. E. Levac, Dr. W. Marcantoni, Dr. J. Savage.

1/523 AGENDA

The agenda was approved after moving the following item:

- 5.5 Report: Committee on Students with disabilities to 5.1
(Charpentier/Beauchamp) **Motion Carried**

2/523 MINUTES

The Minutes of the 522nd meeting of Senate were approved as amended.
(Crooks/Charpentier) **Motion Carried**

3/523 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal, Michael Goldbloom, introduced the new Senators attending their first meeting of Senate: Dr. Darren Millington, Professor Chad Gibbs, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak and Ms. Yun Zhang, Business student Senator.

Michael Goldbloom reported on the following:

- Professor George Rideout very successful play at the Centaur Theater in Montreal.
- Governance Task Force work on the statutes of the university, some issues need to be addressed by the Academic Structures Committee. Once a report and recommendations are issued, Senate will be consulted.
- NSSSE survey report in Macleans in which Bishop's rate very high; students across Canada are surveyed to evaluate their university on various topics. Bishop's students have a very positive assessment of their university, one of the highest in Canada.

4/523 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no Business Arising.

5/523 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Report: Committee on Students with disabilities (document 523/5.5)

Prof. L. McRae presented the report of the committee. The Committee on Students with Disabilities re-convened after a five year-hiatus and the following is a list of recommendations made at the January 29th, 2010 meeting:

1. Bishop's Psychologist must get the necessary qualifications in order administer the various tests to determine if students are disabled and therefore eligible to use the academic accommodations available.
2. The students with disabilities must be able to register on line. A pilot project should be deployed and evaluated before Fall 2010.
3. The Students with Disabilities website must be re-vamped in order to offer more information to students, faculty, staff and parents.
4. A Building Accessibility Guide must be prepared by the Facilities Department.
5. Ask Senate to add a student with a disability to the Committee.

The current composition of the committee is: Laura Valsan (Chair), Lissa McRae, Josée Rourke, Lynne Johnson, Bruce Stevenson (ex officio), Katelin Allen and Rosemary Cavanagh.

It was moved (McRae/Allen) to add a student with a disability to the Committee on Students with disabilities. **Motion Carried**

5.2 Senate Nominating Committee

Ms. R. Sheeran indicated that she had no other business since the above motion on the composition of the Committee on Students with disabilities was approved.

5.3 SPARC - Modern Languages Reports (document 523/5.2)

Dr. Michael Childs, the Vice-Principal, made a presentation of the SPARC review of the Department of Modern Languages. The bulk of the most important recommendations are about the lack of human resources, especially continuing and permanent faculty. Dr. M. Childs added that the Dean of the Division will report in a year on the implementation of the reviewers recommendation. He tabled the report.

5.4 Proposal for a Research Space Committee (document 523/5.3)

Dr. Childs presented his proposal for a Research Space Committee. The past decade has seen the volume of research at Bishop's University increase substantially. These developments make it necessary that Bishop's University review its usage of research space, and that it set down a series of open, fair and efficient criteria for the allocation of research space on our campus. At the present time, it would be true to say that BU has no research space policy.

There was discussion about the necessity of creating a new committee.

It was moved (Childs/Wuite) That Senate create an *ad hoc* Research Space Committee, which will:

- create an inventory of research space on campus and its present utilization
- survey research space allocation practices at other universities with the view to creating a best practices guide for an institution of our size and type
- construct recommendations for research space allocation priorities in consultation with the office of the VP, deans and faculty
- construct recommendations for criteria and procedures for the allocation of research space
- recommend to Senate the proper method on how research space should be allocated at Bishops

Composition of the *ad hoc* Research Space Committee:

- Vice Principal
- Director of Research Services
- one Dean
- four faculty nominated by Senate Nominating Committee, two of which must be from the Division of Natural Sciences

Motion Carried

5.5 Brief update from the Committee on Academic Integrity

Dr. J. Crooks, Dean of Arts and Science, presented a report from Committee on Academic Integrity. The Committee has met twice—most recently on the 15th of January, 2010 and reviewed available documents. Dr. Catherine Tracy is preparing a University wide Plagiarism Guideline modeled on the document currently in use in the Department of Psychology. The committee is reflecting on how the reporting process might streamline in order that faculty be encouraged, as far as possible, to report all cases of academic dishonesty. The committee is also reflecting on how it might supplement the discouragement of academic dishonesty with the promotion of academic integrity. Dr. J. Crooks said there would be further reports from the Committee.

Senators discussed various issues relating to Academic Integrity.

6/523 OTHER MATTERS

There were no Other Matters on the agenda.

7/523 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

a. Course modifications – BMK 211ab and BMK214 (document 523/7.1.a)

It was moved (Harvey/Millington) that Senate approve the revised course description and numbering change. **Motion Carried**

7.2 Arts and Science

7.2.1 Division of Humanities

a. New course proposals:

i Religion: REL206, REL332 (document 523/7.2.1.a.i)

It was moved (Crooks/Faria) that Senate approve these new courses.
Motion Carried

ii English: ENG454, ENG450, ENG458 (document 523/7.2.1.a.ii)

It was moved (Crooks/Holton) that Senate approve these new courses.
Motion Carried

ii English: ENG294 (document 523/7.2.1.a.ii)

It was moved (Crooks/Wuite) that Senate approve this new course.
Motion Carried

b. Program / Calendar Changes

i. Add the following text to the course description for FRE135ab

It was moved (Crooks/Harvey) that Senate approve the addition of the following text to the course description of FRE 135 ab: *“Students will be evaluated during the first two weeks of class and may be required to move to a class more appropriate to their level of French.”* **Motion Carried**

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

a. New course proposal:

i Biology: Course and lab BIO111 and BIL111
(document 523/7.2.2.a.i)

It was moved (Crooks/Grant) that Senate approve this new course and lab.
Motion Carried

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences

a. New course proposal:

i Psychology: PSY356 (document 523/7.2.3.a.i)

It was moved (Crooks/Faria) that Senate approve this new course.
Motion Carried

b. Program / Calendar Changes

i. Economics ECO 370, ECO251, ECO280
(document 523/7.2.3.b.i)

It was moved (Crooks/Faria) that Senate approve the following Calendar changes:

Honours Program

Add the following after the list of required courses:

“ECO370 is strongly recommended for those Economics Honours students who intend to proceed to graduate school.”

Joint Programs

Add the following as the first paragraph:

“Numerous possibilities exist for joint programs that allow you to tailor your studies in line with your objectives. Popular joint programs are in double-major program in Mathematics and Economics, BBA and Major in Economics and International Political Economy.”

ECO251

Add the specification: *“Offered in rotation with ECO 280”*

ECO 280

Add the specification: *“Offered in rotation with ECO 251”*

Motion Carried

i. Economics

It was moved (Crooks/Harvey) that Senate approve the adjustments necessary as a result of the replacement of MAT 193 & 195 in Business with MAT 196 & 197.

Motion Carried

7.3 School of Education

7.4 Continuing Education

8/523 BRIEF INFORMATION

- 8.1 Sabbatical Reports available for consultation at the Vice-Principal's office from:
Dr. Robert Sproule and Dr. Steven Woodward

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Mr. Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary