



## **Bishop's University**

### **MINUTES OF THE 524<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF SENATE**

The 524<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate took place on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in McGreer 100.

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

**Regrets:** Ms. K. Allen, Ms. S. Faria, Dr. R. Harries, Mr. S. Ho, Dr. W. Marcantoni, Prof. L. McRae, Ms. R. Sheeran.

#### **1/524 AGENDA**

The agenda was approved after adding the following item:

- 5.2 The Notation with Distinction

( Hull/Harvey ) **Motion Carried**

#### **2/524 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 523<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Senate were approved as circulated.

( Charpentier/Kingsley ) **Motion Carried**

#### **3/524 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Principal, Michael Goldbloom, congratulated all the people involved in the Network of International Business Schools (NIBS) case competition in Denmark where a team from Bishop's University took home first place in this prestigious and demanding student competition.

Michael Goldbloom added that a draft report of the Academic Administrative Structures Committee had been sent to Faculty. He indicated that a special meeting of Senate might be needed to consider the Academic Administrative Structures Committee final report before it is sent to Executive Committee. That final report will also be integrated into the Governance Task Force final report which will be discussed at the May 15, 2010 meeting of Corporation.

#### **4/524 BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no Business Arising.

#### **5/524 COMMITTEE ITEMS**

##### **5.1 Senate Nominating Committee**

This item will be dealt with at the next Senate meeting.

##### **5.2 ASAP - The Notation “With Distinction” (document 524/5.2)**

Dr. Michael Childs, the Vice-Principal, made a presentation of the Academic Appeals/Admissions Policy Committee (ASAP) findings of the various use of the notation “With Distinction” throughout the Divisions/Schools. After examining current practices about the various methods used to calculate first class degrees, the committee also worried about the uneven criteria used throughout the divisions for “With Distinction”. ASAP recommends that the awarding of the notation “With Distinction” should be based on cumulative average and only available for 1st degree students.

This recommendation would apply to new students entering Bishop’s starting in September 2010.

A long discussion ensued amongst Senators about recognizing excellence for students other than 1st degree students.

It was moved ( Childs/Pruzak ) that Senate approves that the awarding of the notation “With Distinction” should be based on cumulative average throughout the University and only available for 1st degree students

and

that Senate instructs ASAP to develop a system whereby excellence can be recognized in second degrees, graduates studies and certificates.

**Motion Carried**

#### **6/524 OTHER MATTERS**

There were no Other Matters on the agenda.

#### **7/524 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

## **7.2 Arts and Science**

### **7.2.1 Division of Humanities**

#### **7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics** (document 524/7.2.2.a.)

It was moved (Crooks/Millington ) that Senate approves the following: that Master's thesis supervisors must be tenured or tenure stream faculty members. An adjunct faculty member may supervise a Master's thesis if a tenured or tenure-stream faculty member acts as co-supervisor. Sessional and contract faculty members and emeritus professors may co-supervise students with the department's approval. In all cases, the department must ensure the continuity of appropriate supervision of their graduate students. **Motion Carried**

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

## **7.3 School of Education**

## **7.4 Continuing Education**

## **8/524 BRIEF INFORMATION**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Mr. Michael Goldbloom, Chair

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Mr. Yves Jodoin, Secretary