

**SENATE OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY  
534<sup>th</sup> SENATE MEETING**

**Date:** Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Tomlinson Hall, McGreer #100

**AGENDA**

- 534/ 1 Approval of Agenda
- 534/ 2 Approval of Minutes –  
533<sup>rd</sup> Senate Meeting
- 534/ 3 Communications from the Chair
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  - 5.2 Ad Hoc Research Space Committee Report / M. Childs
  - 5.3 SPARC report - 2011-12 program reviews/ M. Childs
- 534/ 6 Other Matters
  - 6.1 Appointment of University Librarian (document will be distributed at meeting) / M. Childs
  - 6.2 Liberal Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – a discussion document / M. Childs
  - 6.3 Academic Dishonesty cases reported to the Registrar / Y. Jodoin
- 534/ 7 Recommendations
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  - 7.2 Arts and Science / J. Crooks
    - 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 / C. Beauchamp
  - 7.4 Continuing Education

534/ 8 Brief Information

- 8.1 Sabbatical reports available for consultation at the Vice-Principal's office from:  
Andrea Drumheller, Jack Eby, Louis-George Harvey, François Huard, Kerry Hull,  
Norman Jones, Catherine Tracy, Darren Millington

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**MINUTES OF THE 534<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE  
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**

The 534<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate took place on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

*Chair:* Principal Michael Goldbloom

*Present:* Dr. Catherine Beauchamp, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Dr. Michael Childs, Dr. Jamie Crooks, Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Prof. Chad Gibbs, Mr. Yves Jodoin, Dr. Rebecca Harries, Dr. Steve Harvey, Dr. JoAnne Kingsley, Mr. Justin McCarthy, Mr. Dale Miner, Ms Elizabeth Robichaud, Dr Cranmer Rutihinda, Ms Ruth Sheeran.

*Regrets:* Dr. Madjid Allili, Ms Hazeline Delos Trinos, Mr. Félix Hivon-Vaillancourt, Dr. Elisabeth Levac, Dr. Walter Marcantoni, Dr. Daniel Miller, Dr. Darren Millington, Dr. Ross Osmun, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Mr. Nicholas Seebruch, Ms Jenna Smith, Dr. Lourdes Zubieta.

*Secretary:* Ms Victoria Meikle

**ITEM 534/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

**ITEM 534/2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 533<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF SENATE**

Dr. Rebecca Harries moved approval of the minutes of the 533<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Senate; Dr. Claude Charpentier seconded.

**The motion carried.**

**ITEM 534/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

***New Student Senators***

The Principal asked the newly elected student Senators for 2011-12 to introduce themselves:

Stephanie Battistin, Natural Sciences Senator  
James Laing, Williams School of Business Senator  
Jordan Morneau, Education Senator  
Sandy Rossignol, Social Sciences Senator  
Dan Taggart-Hodge, Humanities Senator

Justin McCarthy, outgoing Science Senator will sit during the 2011-12 academic year as Vice-Principal Academic of the Students' Representative Council.

**ITEM 534/4 BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

**ITEM 534/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS**

***5.1 Report of the Nominating Committee - R. Sheeran***

Ruth Sheeran, Chair of the Nominating Committee, moved that Professor Denise Fortier be named representative on the Prize Committee of the Williams School of Business. Elizabeth Robichaud seconded the motion.

**The motion carried.**

Ms Sheeran announced that Dr. Gilbert Gagné had agreed to assume the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2011-12 academic year. The Principal thanked Dr. Gagné for offering to serve as Chair.

***5.2 Report of the Ad Hoc Research Space Committee - M. Childs***

The Vice-Principal Academic reported that the Ad Hoc Research Space Committee had completed the allocation of research space, undertaken with a view to minimising disturbances to the current allocation of space. He moved that Senate approve the allocation as recommended by the Ad Hoc Research Space Committee and distributed to Senators.

Dale Miner seconded the motion.

**The motion carried.**

**5.3 Report of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee (SPARC) – M. Childs**

The Vice-Principal Academic moved approval of the recommendations of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee for departmental reviews for the 2011-12 academic year:

**Fall term 2011:** Departments of Music and Sociology, in addition to the Departments of Environmental Sciences and Geography which Senate had previously approved;

**Winter term 2012:** the Williams School of Business, the Departments of *Études françaises et québécoises* and Philosophy.

The Vice-Principal further moved that the review of the Department of Political Studies, previously approved for winter, 2012, be postponed to fall 2012.

Ruth Sheeran seconded the motion.

**The motion carried.**

**ITEM 534/6 OTHER MATTERS**

**6.1 Appointment of a University Librarian – M. Childs**

The Vice-Principal Academic reported to Senate on a confidential basis on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Governors for the Selection of a University Librarian, and asked for feedback from Senators.

**6.2 Liberal Education for the XXIst Century – a discussion document – M. Childs**

The Vice-Principal Academic spoke to the discussion paper on a liberal education that had been distributed to Senate, as the governing body that is sovereign in relation to academic matters.

The skills and learning outcomes that are part of a liberal education are delivered in significant measure through academic programs in the different disciplines. However, all disciplines may not be equally well placed to deliver all of the skills and learning outcomes that we would like to see in graduates of Bishop's University. One important issue for consideration will be how, as a University, we offer what we feel should be available to students across all disciplines.

Dr. Childs outlined a timeline for the reflection on a liberal education that he is leading:

**summer 2011:** consultation with faculty, gathering of data on the forms of liberal education and how it is offered in other institutions;

**early fall 2011:** a committee will be struck, composed roughly equally of faculty and students, to consult broadly in the Bishop's community and report back to Senate;

**fall 2011:** the committee will consult, among others, with the Divisions, with the Students' Representative Council, the Senate Program Academic Review Committee, and Senate Planning Committee;

The Principal emphasised the importance of the reflection on a liberal education led by the Vice-Principal, and indicated that time would be set aside to discuss the issues raised in his document at Senate over the fall of 2011.

### ***6.3 Report of the Registrar on Cases of Academic Dishonesty - Y. Jodoin***

Yves Jodoin, Registrar, introduced his report on cases of Academic Dishonesty, which covers the years 2004-05 to 2009-10. He suggested that numbers seem low, when compared to those reported in other universities, and stressed the importance of reporting cases of dishonesty to the Registrar. He also noted that a majority of cases of academic dishonesty now involve failure to acknowledge a source, and occur in work other than exams.

## **ITEM 534/7 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEANS**

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

Dean Harvey had no recommendations.

### ***7.2 Faculty of Arts and Science***

#### ***7.2.1 Arts and Science***

Dean Crooks had no recommendations for the Faculty of Arts and Science.

#### ***7.2.2 Division of Humanities***

Dean Crooks had no recommendations for the Division of Humanities.

#### ***7.2.3 Division of Natural Sciences***

Dean Crooks had no recommendations for the Division of Natural Sciences.

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

Dean Crooks had no recommendations for the Division of Social Sciences.

### ***7.3 School of Education***

Dean Beauchamp had no recommendations.

ITEM 534/8      INFORMATION

The Vice-Principal Academic indicated that there had been no news on Bishop's applications for Canada Research Chairs, possibly because announcements had been delayed as a result of the federal elections.

The following Sabbatical reports are available for consultation in the Vice-Principal's Office:

- Dr. Andrea Drumheller
- Dr. Jack Eby
- Dr. Louis-George Harvey
- Dr. François Huard
- Dr. Kerry Hull
- Dr. Norman Jones
- Dr. Darren Millington
- Dr. Catherine Tracy

There being no further business, the 534<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Michael Goldbloom, Chair

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Victoria Meikle, Secretary