SENATE OF BISHOP’S UNIVERSITY
536th SENATE MEETING

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 30th, 2011
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place Tomlinson Hall, McGreer # 100

AGENDA

536/ 1 Approval of Agenda

536/ 2 Approval of Minutes –
535th Senate Meeting and appendix A

536/ 3 Communications from the Chair
3.1 Memorial Minute for Professor David Rittenhouse

536/ 4 Business Arising

536/ 5 Committee Items
5.1 Senate Planning Committee / M. Childs

536/ 6 Other Matters
6.1 Strategic Orientations:
   a. Vision, mission, values /
   b. The liberal education as delivered at Bishop’s University / M. Childs

536/ 7 Recommendations

7.1 Williams School of Business / S. Harvey

7.2 Arts and Science

7.2.1 Division of Humanities / B.-A. Bacon

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics / B.-A. Bacon

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences / B.-A. Bacon
   7.2.3.1 Instructor Approval for Abe Hefter (SPO 403)
   c.v. will be available at the meeting

7.3 School of Education / C. Beauchamp
7.4 Continuing Education

536/ 8 Brief Information

8.1 School of Education
New full-time faculty:
Dr. Sunny Man Chu Lau, Ph.D., OISE/UofT
Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Ph.D., U of Ottawa

New instructors:
Dr. Linda Radford, Ph. D., U of Ottawa, EDU 410, 419
Ms. Velma Sutherland, M. Ed., Bishop’s, EDU 301
Dr. Anastasia Kamanos, Ph. D., McGill, EDU 116, 403
Mr. James Slocombe, M.Ed., Bishop’s, EDU 208
Dr. Lauren Small, Ph.D., McGill, GSE 571

8.2 Williams School of Business / S. Harvey
New sessionals
Prof. Kyung Lee
Dr. Kimin Kim
MINUTES OF THE 536TH MEETING OF THE SENATE
OF BISHOP’S UNIVERSITY

The 536th meeting of Senate took place on Tuesday, August 30th, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Madjid Allili, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Dr. Michael Childs, Dr. Rebecca Harries, Dr. Steve Harvey, Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Mr. James Laing, Mr. Justin McCarthy, Dr. Daniel Miller, Mr. Dale Miner, Ms Jordan Morneau, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda.

Regrets: Ms Stephanie Battistin, Dr. Catherine Beauchamp, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Prof. Chad Gibbs, Dr. Darren Millington, Mr. Jordan Morneau, Dr. Ross Osmon, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Mr. Alexander Rossignol, Mr. Dan Taggart-Hodge, Dr. Lourdes Zubieta.

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

Dr. Allili joined the meeting at 4:10, thus establishing quorum. Fourteen members of Senate were in attendance, of whom four were students and seven were faculty members. At that point, the Chair formally opened the 536th meeting of the Senate of Bishop’s University.

ITEM 536/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Dean of Arts and Science, asked that the agenda be amended to add item 8.3, Information from the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Dean Bacon moved approval of the agenda.

The Agenda was adopted as modified.
ITEM 536/2  APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 535TH MEETING OF SENATE
Dr. Daniel Miller moved approval of the minutes of the 535th meeting of Senate; Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda seconded.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

ITEM 536/3  COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Prof. David Rittenhouse

The Principal tabled a memorial minute for Professor David Rittenhouse, who had made a wide-ranging contribution to the University that continues to be felt to this day. The memorial minute is attached to these minutes.

New members of Senate

The Principal welcomed the new members of Senate for 2010-11, including the Dean of Arts and Science, the University Librarian and the Registrar. After the business of Senate had been completed, he asked each of the student Senators in attendance to give a brief report on their activities over the summer months.

Convocation

The Principal recalled that Convocation had taken place on May 28th, 2011. While there is always room for improvement, it had been a highly successful event, with many members of faculty in attendance.

Enrolment

The Principal announced the largest enrolment in the history of Bishop’s University, with something over 2250 full-time undergraduates expected to register for fall 2011.

ITEM 536/4  BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

ITEM 536/5  COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Senate Planning Committee Report – M. Childs

The Vice-Principal Academic spoke to document 536/5.1, outlining the timeline for the work of the Senate Planning Committee for the 2011-12 academic year. This timeline is an effort to move decision-making on tenure stream positions forward, in order to be in a position to advertise them during the fall term.

Over the course of the coming academic year, Senate Planning Committee plans to review the allocation formulas for part-time and full-time positions. In relation to part-time positions, the Committee proposes to develop a model for Senate approval that would better ensure that sufficient courses in each
programme can be offered in each program on an ongoing basis, regardless of the impact of sabbaticals, research leaves and administrative appointments each year on each individual program.

Over the course of the year, Senate Planning Committee will also reflect on how a University-wide consensus on the relative size of programs and faculty complement required to sustain those programs might be achieved. In doing so, it would consider the possibility of a different funding model for tenure stream positions, based on the size of the University, as well that of individual programs.

Since there will continue to be a connection between the number of students in honours and majors programs and the complement of tenured faculty for those programs, SPC will use existing formulas for the approval of tenure-stream positions for 2012-13. These formulas take into account the number of majors and honours students, while allowing considerations of academic integrity and program viability to be factored into decisions.

The timeline proposed is:

- **October 3, 2011:** deadline for submission of applications for tenure stream positions by Chairs of programs and departments.
- **October 24, 2011:** Senate Planning Committee recommendations to Senate in relation to tenure stream positions.
- **Prior to November 4, 2011:** approval by the School or Division of program changes, new programs, new courses, etc.
- **November 4, 2011:** deadline for submission by Chairs of programs and departments to Senate Planning Committee of program changes, new programs, new courses, etc.
- **November 21, 2011:** Senate Planning Committee brings forward to Senate recommendations for approval of program changes, new programs, new courses, etc.
- **January 9, 2012:** deadline for submission by Chairs of programs and departments to Senate Planning Committee of part time requests for 2012-13 and of part time credits for Spring courses.
- **January 23, 2012:** Senate Planning Committee reports to Senate on recommendations for part-time stipends and part-time credits for Spring courses.

The Vice-Principal Academic moved that Senate endorse the dates set out above for Senate Planning Committee reports during the 2011-12 academic year; Daniel Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried.
**ITEM 536/6 OTHER MATTERS**

**6.1 Consultation on University Vision, mission and values – M. Goldbloom**

The Principal introduced the proposed texts of vision, mission and values for Bishop’s University, explaining that these had been drafted as part of a Strategic Orientations process on which the University had embarked. The reverse in enrolment trends since 2007 was such that we at Bishop’s are now faced with making decisions about how large to grow our student population while ensuring both that we can deliver on our promise of an intimate educational experience and that our programmes remain viable.

A Strategic Orientations Steering Committee, made up of a cross-section of the University Community – faculty, students, staff and alumni – had undertaken a process to build consensus on university orientations. This process involved a review of the vision, mission and values and an analysis of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A broad consultation within the community on the vision, mission and values texts would take place during the fall of 2011, by posting the texts to the University web site and requesting comments from members of the community.

The Principal suggested that the texts be referred to the Schools and Divisions for consideration there, and that the Secretary General sit in on the discussions at the divisional meetings, in order to hear from members of the community. The Secretary General would also arrange to meet with the Students Representative Council to get feedback from students. Once the discussions in the Schools and Divisions had taken place, the texts would be brought back to Senate for discussion at either the November or the December Senate meeting.

Steve Harvey moved referral of the texts to the divisions; Michael Childs seconded the motion.

**The motion carried.**

**6.2 Follow up on the Liberal Education as delivered at Bishop’s University – M. Childs**

In the context of the Strategic Orientations process, the Vice-Principal Academic was asked to lead a reflection on the renewal of the liberal education as offered at Bishop’s University. At the April 18th meeting of Senate, he introduced a document outlining a broad consultation on issues for Bishop’s in the delivery of the liberal education. Over the course of the summer, data was gathered on how other institutions deliver a liberal education. This information will be made available to members of the community to inform the consultations.

The Vice-Principal now proposed the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee of Senate to steer consultations on the renewal of the liberal education, the
membership of the Committee to be confirmed at the September 26th meeting of Senate.

The Vice-Principal moved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee of Senate to steer consultations on the renewal of the liberal education with the mandate and composition described below. Dale Miner seconded the motion.

**The motion carried.**

*Mandate of the Ad Hoc Steering Committee on the Renewal of the Liberal Education*

1. To determine the requirements of a liberal education within the Bishop’s context,
   a. through research in the relevant literature and through an analysis of models elsewhere, and
   b. through wide consultation with university committees and bodies (Divisions, Senate Planning Committee, Senate Program Academic Review Committee, etc.), focus groups, surveys, etc.

2. To recommend to Senate the most effective models for structuring such a curriculum within a discipline-based education, and for organising its delivery.

3. To identify gaps in existing practices, programs and resources and to make recommendations to address the same.

4. To report such findings and recommendations by the December 12th meeting of Senate.

*Composition of the Ad Hoc Steering Committee on the Renewal of the Liberal Education*

- The Vice-Principal Academic
- One Academic Dean
- Five faculty members chosen by their Divisions or Schools
- Five students, to be selected by the Students’ Representative Council.

**ITEM 536/7 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 Division of Humanities*

Dean Benoit-Antoine Bacon had no recommendations for the Division of Humanities.
7.2.3  Division of Natural Sciences
Dean Bacon had no recommendations for the Division of Natural Sciences.

7.2.3  Division of Social Sciences
Dean Bacon moved the approval of Abe Hefter as instructor for SPO403, an Advanced Seminar in Sports Journalism.

The motion carried.

During the course of discussion, the Vice-Principal Academic reminded Senators that the justification for approval of part-time instructors where there is no graduate degree must address their fit for the particular courses which it is proposed that they teach.

7.3  School of Education
There were no recommendations from the School of Education.

ITEM 536/8  INFORMATION
8.1  School of Education
The School of Education reported the following new faculty:

New full-time faculty:
 Dr. Sunny Man Chu Lau, Ph.D. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto
 Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Ph.D. University of Ottawa

New instructors, and instructors taking on new courses:
 Dr. Linda Radford, Ph. D. University of Ottawa, for EDU 410 and 419
 Ms. Velma Sutherland, M. Ed. Bishop’s University, for EDU 301
 Dr. Anastasia Kamanos, Ph. D. McGill University, for EDU 116 and 403
 Mr. James Slocombe, M.Ed. Bishop’s University, for EDU 208
 Dr. Lauren Small, Ph.D. McGill University, for GSE 571

8.2  Williams School of Business
The Williams School of Business reported the following new faculty:

New sessional faculty:
 Professor Kyung Lee
 Dr. Kimin Kim

8.3  Faculty of Arts and Science
The Faculty of Arts and Science reported the following new faculty:

New Tenure-stream faculty:
 Professor Terry Eyland, Department of Economics
Dr. Heather McKeen Edwards, Department of Political Studies
Dr. Laura Mitchell, Department of Psychology
Dr. Matthew Peros, Department of Environmental Studies and Geography
Dr. Jordan Tronsgard, Department of Modern Languages (Spanish)

New sessional faculty:
Dr. Julie Allard, Department of History
Professor Joseph Eastwood, Department of Psychology
Dr. Gregor Kos, Department of Chemistry
Dr. Jorge Lazo-Cividanes, Department of Political Studies
Professor Lisa Mask, Department of Psychology
Professor Nicolas Plante, Department of Psychology
Professor Suzan (MacNider) Taylor, Department of Environmental Studies and Geography

There being no further business, the 536th meeting of Senate adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Michael Goldbloom, Chair

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Victoria Meikle, Secretary