

**SENATE OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
546th SENATE MEETING**

Date: Monday, October 22nd, 2012
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place Tomlinson Hall, McGreer # 100

AGENDA

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545 Senate Meeting
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 - 5.3 (Dean's) SPARC report – Library / M. Childs
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7.4 Continuing Education

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8.1 School of Education – CAPFE review and report

Brief Information / H. Rouleau

8.2 Below is the list of students who had been added to, or removed from, the graduation list, or whose degree designation had been modified, between the meeting of Senate (#535) and Convocation Day

Additions: *Troy Timmers (2071162) BA MAJITC*
Valerie-Lynne Caron (2080665) BSC MAJBHS MINPSY
Pierre Trépannier (2081332) BBA CONBFN

Removals: *None*

Modifications : *None*

Brief Information / M. Childs

8.3 Sabbatical reports available for consultation at the Vice-Principal's office from:
Sophie Boyer, Gilbert Gagné, Elisabeth Levac, Shawn Malley, Stuart McKelvie,
Linda Morra, Michael Richardson, Calin Valsan, Robert van Hulst, Dale Wood



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**MINUTES OF THE 546TH MEETING OF THE SENATE
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**

The 546th meeting of Senate took place on Monday, October 22nd, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Aggouram, Dr. Madjid Allili, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Catherine Beauchamp, Dr. Michael Childs, Ms Alana Easto, Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Prof. Chad Gibbs, Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Dr. Trevor Gulliver, Dr. Rebecca Harries, Mr. Tristan Johnson, Ms Katelyn LeClair, Dr. Jean Manore, Dr. Daniel Miller, Mr. Shawn Poplar, Ms Emily Rhodes, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms Cedar Swartz-Fisher, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Calin Valsan

Regrets: Dr. Denise Fortier, Dr. Kerry Hull, Dr. Darren Millington

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

ITEM 546/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no suggestions for additions or deletions, the Chair asked for approval of the agenda as circulated.

The agenda was approved.

ITEM 546/2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 545TH MEETING

Shawn Poppler asked that the minute of the composition of the Senate Committee on Statistics (Item 6.5) be amended to reflect Cedar Swartz-Fisher as the student member rather than Shawn Poppler.

Daniel Miller moved approval of the minutes subject to the proposed correction; Michael Childs seconded.

Subject to the correction to the membership of the Senate Committee on Statistics, the minutes were adopted as circulated.

ITEM 545/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

New Senators

The Principal welcomed new members of Senate, and asked them to introduce themselves:

- ♦ Alana Easto, a fourth-year student, is the student Senator from the School of Education for 2012-13.
- ♦ Tristan Johnson, a third-year student, is the student Senator from the Division of Humanities for 2012-13.
- ♦ Jean Manore has replaced Ross Osmun, who is on sabbatical, as Senator from the Division of Humanities.

Research

Members of the Bishop's community celebrated the opening of the laboratory for research in Multi-Scale Climate Change, headed by Canada Research Chair Dr. Matthew Peros. A reception had followed to recognise all members of the community who had received research grants. The Principal noted the continuing improvement in levels of funding for research.

Summit on higher education

The summit on higher education proposed by the new *Parti Québécois* government is likely to take place in February of 2013. The Minister of Higher Education has consulted with a range of stakeholders to determine how to frame the summit. Universities have proposed, through the CREPUQ, that the summit focus on two questions:

1. What should Quebec expect from institutions of higher education? and
2. What do these institutions need to meet those expectations?

One development of concern to universities is that the broad consensus in Quebec society that universities are under-funded relative to peer institutions elsewhere in Canada has been questioned, including by the Minister of Higher Education. The Executive Committee of the CREPUQ provided the Minister with a number of studies that support the universities' position.

The Premier announced that, in the absence of tuition increases, universities would receive some funding in compensation through a direct grant. Details of the compensation had not been made available.

Bishop's is in an unusual position in that a majority of our students are from outside Quebec. The implications of the rollback of tuition increases for these students had not been clarified.

Academic Administrators

Dr. Michael Childs announced that he will be stepping down as Vice-Principal Academic, and Dr. Catherine Beauchamp announced that she will be stepping down as Dean of Education, in both cases as of the end of the academic year. The University is undertaking search processes to replace them.

ITEM 546/4 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

ITEM 546/5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Report of Senate Nominating Committee - G. Gagné

Gilbert. Gagne suggested that the list of motions proposed in document 546/5.1 be accepted en bloc and so moved them. Jean Manore seconded.

The motion carried.

Senate Committees	Nominee(s)	Nominated by	Term	End of Term
Academic Appeals	Ms Alana Easto, alternate	SRC	1 st	2013
Academic Integrity	Dr. Denise Fortier Dr. Leo Standing	WSB Social Sciences	1 st 3 rd	
Academic Review	Mr. Tristan Johnson, alternate	SRC	1 st	2013
Continuing Education	Dr. Daniel Miller	Humanities		
Institutional Repository Committee	Dr. Stephen Woodward Mr. Tristan Johnson	Humanities SRC	1 st	2013
Nominating	Dr. Daniel Miller	Humanities	1 st	
Students with Disabilities	Mr. Tristan Johnson	SRC	1 st	2013
Teaching Evaluation	Dr. Daniel Miller Mr. Tristan Johnson	Humanities SRC		2013
Timetable	Dr. Yanan Wang Ms Alana Easto	WSB SRC	1 st 1 st	2013
Ad Hoc Committee on Education for Sustainable Development	Dr. Stephen Woodward	Humanities		

5.2 Report of Senate Planning Committee - M.Childs

The Vice-Principal Academic introduced Document 546/6.1, the Report of Senate Planning Committee on recommendations for tenure-stream positions for the 2013-14 academic year. Recommendations are brought to Senate in October so that Departments can advertise positions, subject to Board approval, before the holiday break.

Dr. Childs reviewed the criteria applied by Senate Planning Committee in order to come to its recommendations, both in terms of student numbers and in relation to program integrity, pointing out that the relationship between the ratios used by the Committee and the actual needs of Departments is not linear.

Williams School of Business

Two of the three positions recommended for the Williams School of Business were replacements, and Senate Planning Committee concluded that the School had the numbers for a third position. The Vice-Principal noted that the School is at capacity in terms of student enrolment, but one or two additional positions will have to be added.

Department of English

One position was recommended for the English Department, in Victorian Literature.

Politics and Philosophy

A joint appointment in Philosophy and Politics was recommended on the basis that it meets the needs of both Departments. While Senate Planning Committee had thought the position in political theory clearly justified, the Committee concluded that the case had not been made in relation to a second position in Canadian Politics and Methodology.

Psychology

One tenure stream appointment was approved for the Department of Psychology, on the basis that classes in that Department are significantly larger (55, on average), than in any other Department (next biggest is 38, on average). The Vice-Principal suggested that the Psychology Department could take additional steps to limit class size by encouraging its students to enrol in courses in other Departments.

Biology

Senate Planning Committee had recommended that a Lab Instructor be hired for the Biology Department, due to the significant growth in the health sciences program.

The Committee decided not to recommend several tenure-stream positions that had been requested for 2013-14 on different grounds:

- ♦ the needs of the Chemistry Department could be met through the appointment of a sessional lecturer;
- ♦ the numbers were not sufficient to support a new faculty member in either the Economics or the Sociology Department;
- ♦ the Committee decided to delay any recommendation in relation to *Études françaises et québécoises* until there had been some indication that the recent recommendations of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee were being implemented;
- ♦ the Committee had concluded that it would be too risky to hire a tenure-stream faculty member for the Sports Studies program, a stand-alone program that had not yet gone through the CREPUQ accreditation process.

Michael Childs moved, and Rebecca Harries seconded, that Senate approve the seven tenure stream appointments for 2013-14 as set out below in order of priority, and that these positions be converted into sessional positions should the Board of Governors of the University decline to approve them:

1. one position in Williams School of Business - Accounting
2. one position in Biology – lab instructor
3. one position in English – Victorian literature
4. one position in the Williams School of Business - Strategy
5. one joint position in Politics and International Studies (2/3) and Philosophy (1/3) – Pol. Philosophy
6. one position in Williams School of Business - Entrepreneurship
7. one position in Psychology – Clinical or other

Dr. Childs further moved, and Katelyn LeClair seconded, that Senate approve sessional appointments be made in the following Departments (unranked):

- ♦ Chemistry
- ♦ Sports Studies
- ♦ Williams School of Business

The motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions.

At the request of Cedar Swartz Fisher, the Chair asked Senators to allow Dr. Brad Willms, Chair of the Sports Studies program, to address Senate.

Dr. Willms made two requests of Senate:

- ♦ that a document entitled “Recap of the Sports Studies request to SPC submitted fall 2011” be distributed to Senators on behalf of the Program Committee and be appended to the minutes of Senate; and
- ♦ that Senate reconsider the decision not to recommend an appointment in Sports Studies.

Daniel Miller moved reception of Dr. Willms’s document, Michael Childs seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Dr. Willms described the significant growth of registrations in the Sports Studies Program since its inception, growth that had been maintained in 2012 despite an enrolment cap. The first cohort of eight graduates received their degrees in May of 2012, and, by Fall 2012, the number of majors had grown to 77, making Sports Studies the sixth largest program in Arts and Science. Even without new admissions, the program was expected to grow to 80 majors in the Winter 2012 term through internal transfers.

Changes to the program were planned to strengthen and focus it, and thus positioned it better to achieve accreditation. The lack of full-time faculty creates a number of challenges, including a lack of capacity to prepare a strong case for accreditation.

Dr. Willms noted that there are precedents for hiring tenure-stream faculty for programs without accreditation, including Environmental Sciences and International Studies. Finally, a joint hire by Sports Studies and the Sociology Department had been approved for 2011-12, so it was not clear why other requests for positions should get higher priority in 2012-13.

Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Dean of Arts and Science, noted that the success of the Sports Studies program puts pressure on courses in that program and on other courses that support it, many of which are in Departments with large enrolments. He suggested that, at a minimum, Senate Planning Committee should provide the Sports Studies program with the means to prepare a case for accreditation through course reliefs.

There are three major streams in the Sports Studies program, social sciences, management and marketing, and natural sciences/kinesiology, and it was suggested that a clear direction for the Program was needed in order to drive the hire.

The Vice-Principal noted that the tenure-stream position that Senate Planning Committee had recommended in the Fall of 2011 was for a joint appointment with a high enrolment Department, and therefore did not imply the same risk if the program did not achieve accreditation. Senate Planning Committee understood the challenges faced by the Sports Studies Program, and the Vice-Principal expressed his view that, if the program should be accredited by CREPUQ, there would be a strong case for a tenure-stream position. In conclusion, Dr. Childs suggested that the Program Committee move on accreditation, and, depending on indications received, Senate Planning Committee might consider a position while a final decision was pending.

Benoit-Antoine Bacon moved, and Michael Childs seconded, that Senate Planning Committee look at mechanisms to support program development and the accreditation process and report back to Senate at the November 26th meeting.

The motion carried.

5.3 Vice-Principal's Report on the implementation of SPARC Recommendations in relation to the John Bassett Memorial Library - M. Childs

The Vice-Principal introduced document 546/5.3, his report on the implementation of the Senate Planning Academic Review Committee's recommendations in relation to the John Bassett Memorial Library. Most of the recommendations had been implemented. The Library was in the process of developing plans for a 'learning commons' and a teaching and learning resource centre, as well as a long-term space plan.

Michael Childs moved that Senate receive his report, and Daniel Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5.4 Dean's Report on the implementation of SPARC Recommendations in relation to the Department of Economics - B.-A. Bacon

Dean Bacon spoke to Document 546/5.4, his report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee in relation to the Department of Economics, focusing on two recommendations of Committee.

Though reviewers had recommended that the Department add programs, the Department had concluded that it would not add more than one program. The possibility of a program in environmental economics would be explored. The Department would also develop strategies to attract students.

Benoit-Antoine Bacon moved acceptance of report. Gilbert Gagné seconded. The motion carried.

5.5 Dean's Report on the implementation of SPARC Recommendations in relation to the Department of Biology - B.-A. Bacon

The Department of Biology had implemented the recommendations of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee and streamlined program offerings. Programs were better defined, resources better allocated, and there was greater success in attracting students.

5.6 Report of the Associate Vice-Principal Research legal counsel for the Research Ethics Board - B.-A. Bacon

Benoit-Antoine Bacon reported that Maître Derek McKee has been appointed to the Research Ethics Board as the member with legal expertise.

ITEM 546/6 OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

ITEM 546/7 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEANS

7.1 Williams School of Business

There were no recommendations from the Williams School of Business.

7.2 Faculty of Arts and Science

7.2.1 Division of Humanities

There were no recommendations from the Division of Humanities.

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

There were no recommendations from the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences

There were no recommendations from the Division of Social Sciences.

7.3 School of Education

7.3.1 There were no recommendations from the School of Education.

7.4 Continuing Education

There were no recommendations from Continuing Education.

ITEM 546/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

School of Education – CAPFE review

In the spring of 2012, the School of Education underwent the cyclical review by CAPFE to which it is subject in order to maintain its accreditation. Dean Catherine Beauchamp reported that reviewers had met with faculty and administrators at the School, and with external partners in the school system.

The reviewers had submitted their report over the summer of 2012, and the School of Education had responded to the report. Reviewers had recommended work on two issues, relating to teaching methods and the second year practicum, and that the School report back to them in 2014.

The submission of the School of Education, the report of the external reviewers, and the School's response to the report are available in the School of Education for those who might want to consult them.

Convocation list

The Registrar reported that three names were added to the Convocation list for May 2012 after the May 14th meeting of Senate following a review through the usual processes and approval by the relevant Dean.

Sabbatical reports

The Vice-Principal reported that Sabbatical Reports were available for review in his office for:

- ♦ Sophie Boyer
- ♦ Gilbert Gagné
- ♦ Elisabeth Levac
- ♦ Shawn Malley
- ♦ Stuart McKelvie
- ♦ Linda Morra
- ♦ Michael Richardson
- ♦ Calin Valsan
- ♦ Robert van Hulst and
- ♦ Dale Wood.

There being no further business, the 546th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Victoria Meikle, Secretary