

**SENATE OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
549th SENATE MEETING**

Date: Monday, January 28th, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tomlinson Hall, McGreer # 100

AGENDA

549/1 Approval of Agenda

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5.1 Report, Senate Planning Committee, January 2013 / M. Childs

5.2 Plan for the operation and maintenance of infrastructures funded by CFI /
B.-A. Bacon

5.3 Research Ethics Board membership – updated / B.-A. Bacon

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6.1 2013/2014 Sessional Dates / H. Rouleau

549/7 Recommendations

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7.2 Arts and Science / B.-A. Bacon

7.2.1 Division of Humanities

7.2.1.1 Proposed new programs in Fine Arts: Major, Concentration Studio and Honours in Studio

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**MINUTES OF THE 549TH MEETING OF THE SENATE
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**

The 549th meeting of Senate took place on Monday, January 28th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Aggouram, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Catherine Beauchamp, Dr. Michael Childs, Ms Alana Easto, Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Prof. Chad Gibbs (until 7:30 p.m.), Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Dr. Trevor Gulliver, Dr. Rebecca Harries, Dr. Kerry Hull, Mr. Tristan Johnson, Ms Katelyn LeClair, Dr. Jean Manore, Dr. Daniel Miller, Dr. Darren Millington, Mr. Shawn Poppler, Dr. Michael Richardson, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms Cedar Swartz-Fisher, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Calin Valsan

Regrets: Ms Emily Rhodes, Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda, Dr. Trygve Ugland

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

The Principal called the 549th meeting of Senate to order.

ITEM 549/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Benoit-Antoine Bacon and Gilbert Gagné asked that Item 5.3, Research Ethics Board Membership update be dropped from the Agenda, and that a new Item 5.3, Report of Senate Nominating Committee be added.

Dr. Bacon moved approval of the Agenda as amended, and Dr. Gagné seconded the motion.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

ITEM 549/2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 548TH MEETING

Tristan Johnson moved adoption of the minutes of the 548th meeting of Senate, and Daniel Miller seconded the motion.

The following corrections to the minutes were requested by Senators:

- ♦ a correction of the presences and regrets to reflect Mr. Johnson's regrets;
- ♦ a correction of the minutes of Item 548/7 to reflect the fact that there had been no recommendations from the School of Education;
- ♦ a correction of the minute of Item 549/4.1 to reflect the fact that the recommendations of the Academic Review Committee, as opposed to the Academic Standing and Policies Committee, would be brought to Senate in January.

The minutes were adopted subject to the requested corrections.

ITEM 549/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Summit on Higher Education

The Summit on Higher Education promised by the Parti Québécois during the 2012 Quebec election campaign was scheduled to take place on February 25th and 26th. The government was expected to announce some recommendations before the Summit, including a recommendation on the indexation of tuition fees.

The Principal noted that a CREPUQ study comparing operating funding (operating grant + tuition) per student in Quebec with the average elsewhere in Canada had been updated. The updated figures show that the gap in annual operating funding between Quebec and the rest of Canada had grown to \$850M.

2012-13 budget cuts

In December, the government announced that University grants for the 2012-13 fiscal year would be cut by 5.2%. The Principal indicated that Bishop's would not be able to absorb the cut in government funding during the current year, and would have to run a deficit for 2012-13 equivalent to the funding cut. Most universities had indicated that they would not be able to absorb the full 5.2% funding cut in the current fiscal year.

B.E.S.T. awards

The Principal reminded Senators that applications for B.E.S.T. funding were due on February 1st, and urged them to make students and colleagues aware of the need to submit projects by that date.

Up for Debate

The Principal invited Senators and other members of the Bishop's community to participate in *Up for debate* on February 9th. Presidents, faculty and students from Acadia, Mount Allison and St. Francis Xavier Universities had been invited to the Bishop's campus to participate in a full day of events and activities, including a student debate, a series of 10 Tedx talks, and the taping of the CBC comedy show *The Debaters*.

ITEM 549/4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Follow-up report of the Academic Review Committee / C. Beauchamp

Catherine Beauchamp tabled Document 549/4.1, the report of the Academic Review Committee, noting that it had been submitted to the Chair of Senate as stipulated in the calendar. Dr. Beauchamp reported that the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee (A.S.A.P.) had reviewed the recommendation of the Academic Review Committee and had determined that the notation would be removed from student's transcript after the fall term.

Dean Beauchamp further reported that A.S.A.P. had accepted the recommendation of the Academic Review Committee that the range of possible notations on transcripts be reviewed.

ITEM 549/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Report, Senate Planning Committee, January 2013 / M. Childs

Allocation of Part-time Credits

The Vice-Principal introduced Document 549/5.1, the Report of Senate Planning Committee, and for the late distribution to Senators.

Dr. Childs noted that funding for universities had been reduced five times since the University's 2012-13 budget had been approved in May of 2012. He suggested that the most effective use of scarce resources is to maximise the number of part-time credits offered, which allows the University to maintain course offerings in a context of budget constraints.

In proposing the allocation of part-time credits for 2013-14, Senate Planning Committee had taken notice of the decision of the Board of Governors to approve one tenure-stream hire in the Williams School of Business for 2013-14.

The Vice-Principal moved approval of the allocation of the part-time credits recommended by Senate Planning Committee and Darren Millington seconded the motion:

General pool*:	34.5
School of Education:	15
Williams School of Business:	34
Division of Humanities:	95
Division of Natural Sciences:	32.5
Division of Social Sciences:	34
TOTAL	245

* Evaluation Committee, Association des Professeurs de Bishop's University, EWP, Vice-Principal/Dean of Arts and Science, research pool etc.

The motion carried.

During the course of discussion, Dr. Childs indicated that, though some optional courses may not be offered in 2013-14, Departments will have sufficient credits to offer current programs.

The appropriateness of Senate Planning Committee and Senate taking into account the financial constraints faced by the University was questioned, on the grounds that this might blur the division of responsibility between Senate and the Board of Governors.

Dr. Childs assured Senators that all members of the administration are concerned about the impact of the financial constraints on our ability to deliver academic programs. Though it was within Senate's power to send the proposed allocation of part-time credits back to Senate Planning Committee, he did not think that there was much scope to modify it.

Conversion to Sessional Positions

Senate Planning Committee recommended that the practice of allowing Departments to convert seven part-time courses (21 credits) to a sessional position be discontinued. Where it would be advantageous to convert part-time courses into a sessional position, Departments would be asked to obtain the approval of Senate Planning Committee and the appropriate Dean in order to do so.

The Vice-Principal moved adoption of the recommendation of Senate Planning Committee that the conversion of part-time credits to Sessional positions require the approval of S.P.C. and of the appropriate Dean. Katie LeClair seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Spring and summer offerings.

The offering of courses during Spring and Summer terms does not generate significant additional revenues for the University, and costs are incurred in order to offer courses in these terms.

Senate Planning Committee therefore recommended that:

- ♦ courses scheduled in the Spring session be cut back significantly; and
- ♦ with the exception of courses offered in Graduate School of Education programs, the Summer session be discontinued.

Senate Planning Committee would give consideration to offering courses in the Spring session where they are prerequisites needed by a substantial number of students to register in fall courses, or where they are of general interest and therefore likely to attract significant enrolment.

5.2 Policy on the operation and maintenance of research infrastructures funded by Canada Foundation for Innovation / B.-A. Bacon

Benoit-Antoine Bacon introduced document 549/5.2, Bishop's policy for the distribution of operating and maintenance funding grants from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and thanked Sylvie Côté and Eugénie Cadieux-Pinsonnault for their work in drafting the policy.

5.3 Report of Senate Nominating Committee- G. Gagné

Gilbert Gagné moved the following appointments to the Research Ethics Board:

- ♦ Dr. Christopher Stonebanks, as a regular member
- ♦ Dr. Fuschia Sirois, as an alternate member from the Social Sciences
- ♦ Dr. Yanan Wang, as an alternate member from the Williams School of Business
- ♦ Dr. Corinne Haigh, as an alternate member from the School of Education
- ♦ Dr. David Webster, as an alternate member from the Division of the Humanities

Daniel Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 549/6 OTHER MATTERS

6.1 2013/2014 Sessional Dates / H. Rouleau

The Registrar, Hans Rouleau, introduced Document 549/6.1, which sets out the sessional dates for the 2013-14 academic year.

Michael Childs moved the sessional dates proposed, subject to the Dean of Education working with the Registrar to complete sessional dates for the School of Education once Eastern Townships School Board and the Ministry have made decisions about the timing of spring break.

Gilbert Gagné seconded the motion

The motion carried.

ITEM 549/7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Williams School of Business

There were no recommendations from the Williams School of Business.

7.2 Arts and Science

7.2.1 Division of Humanities

7.2.1.1 Proposed new programs in Fine Arts: Major, Concentration Studio and Honours in Studio

Benoit-Antoine Bacon introduced Document 549/7.2.1.1, which, together with Document 549/7.2.1.2, sets out a new model for the Fine Arts Major. The Major will be made up of two concentrations, one each in Studio Art and Art History, each one involving a certain number of courses in the other programme.

Document 549/7.2.1.1 also sets out an Honours program in Fine Arts Studio.

Dean Bacon moved approval of the Fine Arts Major – Studio Concentration and the Honours in Fine Arts – Studio described in Document 549/7.2.1.1, and Katie LeClair seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

7.2.1.2 *Proposed new program in Fine Arts: Major, Concentration in Art History and Theory*

Dean Bacon further moved approval of the Fine Arts Major Concentration in Art History and Theory described in Document 549/7.2.1.2, and Katie LeClair seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

7.2.1.3 *New Course: CLA 321: Laws and Outlaws in Ancient Rome*

Dean Bacon introduced Document 549/7.2.1.3, setting out the description for a new Classics Course, CLA 321, Laws and Outlaws in Ancient Rome. He then moved approval of the course, and Daniel Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

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*

There were no recommendations from the School of Education.

7.4 *Continuing Education*

There were no recommendations from Continuing Education.

ITEM 549/8 INFORMATION

The Principal advised Senators that the Mitchell Gym would not be available for Convocation because of construction work on the new Sports Centre. Three Convocation ceremonies will be held in Centennial Theatre, one on Friday, the 31st of May, and two on Saturday, June 1st. Students will be assigned to the Convocation ceremonies in order to maximise the number of guests they can invite.

There being no further business, the 549th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Victoria Meikle, Secretary