

**SENATE OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
550th SENATE MEETING**

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tomlinson Hall, McGreer # 100

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**MINUTES OF THE 550TH MEETING OF THE SENATE
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**

The 550th meeting of Senate took place on Monday, March 11th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Agourram, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Catherine Beauchamp, Dr. Michael Childs, Ms Alana Easto, Prof. Chad Gibbs (until 7:30 p.m.), Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Dr. Trevor Gulliver, Dr. Rebecca Harries, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms Katelyn LeClair, Dr. Jean Manore, Dr. Daniel Miller, Mr. Shawn Poppler, Dr. Michael Richardson, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte.

Regrets: Dr. Gilbert Gagné (due to SPARC review), Mr. Tristan Johnson, Dr. Darren Millington, Ms Emily Rhodes, Ms Cedar Swartz-Fisher, Dr. Trygve Ugland (due to SPARC review), Dr. Calin Valsan

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

The Principal called the 550th meeting of Senate to order.

ITEM 550/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

ITEM 550/2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 549TH MEETING

Senators asked for three minor corrections to the minutes.

Daniel Miller proposed adoption of the minutes subject to these corrections and Jean Manore seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 550/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Summit on Higher Education

The Principal reported that the Summit on Higher Education, held on the 25th and 26th of February in Montreal, had been structured so as to allow the government to achieve what it had promised, while keeping all participants in the room.

The outcome was the creation of five 'chantiers', and an agreement to look at means of streamlining the many accountability exercises to which universities are subject.

The five 'chantiers' are :

- i. a reflection on a *loi cadre* on universities that would replace some existing legislation in relation to universities and include regulations in relation to University governance;
- ii. the development of a mandate and recommended composition for creation a University Council;
- iii. a reflection on CEGEP programs;
- iv. a review of funding policy for universities, including policies on tuition paid by international students;
- v. a reflection on how best to allocate an additional \$25M envelope for financial assistance for students

Funding cuts, 2012-13 and 2013-14

Late in 2012, the Ministry announced a cut of \$124M to the university funding envelope in each of the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years. For Bishop's, the proposed cuts amount to approximately \$1.2M in each of the two years.

Following the Summit, the Ministry and Universities came to a tentative agreement as to how the cuts could be managed:

1. The first cut of \$1.2M for Bishop's:
 - a. In order to meet the terms of the agreement, Bishop's needs to make half of the cut (\$600,000) in either 2012-13 or 2013-14.
 - b. Bishop's may absorb the second half (\$600,000) over the subsequent five years (2014-15 to 2018-19).
2. None of the second cut of \$1.2M need be taken in 2013-14; rather, it can be spread over seven years, from 2014-15 to 2020-21.

This agreement would reduce the challenge created by cuts to the university funding envelope, but it does not address the shortfall vis-à-vis universities elsewhere in Canada estimated by the CREPUQ at \$850M in 2011-12.

Applications

The Principal reported that applications for fall 2013 are down, and that the Director of Enrolment Management and his team are making every effort to reach our enrolment targets for 2013-14. Despite the smaller number of applicants, as of mid-March 'will attend' numbers were comparable to those at the same date in 2012.

It was suggested that there be a second telethon to encourage admitted students to enroll at Bishop's, and Dr. Childs encouraged faculty to make themselves available to meet with visiting students wherever possible.

New Chancellor

The Bishop's Council has recommended to the Board of Governors that M^e Brian Levitt be appointed the 19th Chancellor of Bishop's University and the Board has accepted the recommendation.

M^e Levitt has had a distinguished career in Montreal and Toronto, as Chair of the law firm Osler Hoskin, as CEO of the consumer products holding company Imasco, and as Chairman of the Board of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, and is committed to the values of a liberal education.

NIBS Contest

Four students from the Williams School of Business won the NIBS 2013 Worldwide Case Competition in Belgium.

B.E.S.T. Awards

The Principal reported that the Committee to award the B.E.S.T. funds had received twenty-eight candidacies, many of them outstanding, and thanked Senators for their support for the candidacies.

ITEM 550/4 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no Business Arising

ITEM 550/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

The Vice-Principal Academic introduced document 550/5.1, the Report of Senate Planning Committee, which deals with new course proposals, requests to create sessional positions, and spring and summer courses.

New Course proposals

Senate Planning Committee recommended the approval of new Fine Arts and Art History courses that had not been approved by the Division of the Humanities. The Dean of Arts and Science would recommend the approval of these proposed courses, subject to Divisional approval.

Requests for sessional positions

Senate Planning Committee recommended approval of one-half of a sessional position for the Department of History, because four members of the Department would be on leave for a term during 2013-14.

The Committee recommended that the Modern Languages Department be granted a sessional position in order to allow the Italian program to continue to implement recommendations made by Senate in 2011-12 and benefit from the decision that it be given three years to demonstrate the ability to attract additional students.

A decision on a request from the Department of Politics and International Relations for a sessional position would be made once Senate Planning Committee had had an opportunity to evaluate additional information.

Spring and Summer Courses

Applying criteria approved by Senate, Senate Planning Committee had approved the following spring and summer courses:

- ♦ 7 courses in Business
- ♦ 4 courses in Education (all GSE)
- ♦ 14 courses in the Humanities
- ♦ 6 courses in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- ♦ 11 courses in the Social Sciences

The total number of classes offered would be down by about one-third from spring and summer 2012. The Vice-Principal expected classes to be marginally larger than last year.

5.2 Report of Senate Program Academic Review Committee/M. Childs

The Vice-Principal introduced document 555/5.2, the Report of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee following the external review of the Classics Department.

The review took place during the fall term of 2012. The Department made a strong submission, including the incorporation of goals suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Liberal Education. The reviewers made five recommendations, in the areas of faculty complement, honoraria for part-time faculty who taught *pro bono*, support staff, collaboration with the library, and curricular review, to which the Department had responded.

The Senate Program Academic Review Committee concluded that the review was strong and positive, and had generated useful recommendations.

5.3 Report of the Dean of Arts and Science on the implementation of Senate Planning Academic Review Committee recommendations in the Department of Computer Science / B.-A. Bacon

In the fall of 2011, the Vice-Principal Academic reported on the external review of the Department of Classics. Dean Bacon spoke to Document 550/5.3, his report on the implementation of recommendations made by external reviewers of the Computer Science Program.

The external reviewers had made 42 recommendations, a number of them beyond departmental scope or requiring additional resources. The Dean focused on 23 recommendations that the Department could implement, grouping them into three areas:

- ♦ the B.A.I.T. and coop programs and interactions with the Williams School of Business;
- ♦ program structure and offerings; and
- ♦ recruitment and promotion.

The Department had acted on these recommendations, had built collaborations with the Williams School of Business, and had seen increases in both graduate and undergraduate enrolment.

5.4 Report of the Dean of Arts and Science on the implementation of Senate Program Academic Review Committee recommendations in Environmental Studies and Geography / B.-A. Bacon

In the spring of 2012, the Vice-Principal Academic reported on the external review of the Department of Environmental Studies and Geography. In his follow-up report, Document 550/5.4, Dean Bacon reviewed progress in the implementation of the six recommendations of the external reviewers.

The Dean emphasised that Environmental Studies and Geography is a strong Department offering very good programs. With the return of Dr. Darren Bardati

and the recruitment of Dr. Matthew Peros, the Department has consolidated its position at the core of the MUSCLE research cluster, and now benefits from a state-of-the-art laboratory on climate change.

The Dean recommended that efforts be made to raise student numbers, so as to justify, eventually, additional faculty and staff resources, ensure the vitality of programs and strengthen the Lab/GIS/experiential component of the program.

5.5 Report of the Dean of Arts and Science on the implementation of Senate Program Academic Review Committee recommendations in the Department of Sociology / B.-A. Bacon

In the spring of 2012, the Vice-Principal Academic reported on the external review of the Department of Sociology. In his follow-up report, Document 550/5.4, Dean Bacon reviewed progress in the implementation of the ten recommendations of the external reviewers.

The Dean focussed his comments at Senate on the first two recommendations, noting that the Department of Sociology had recruited a Criminologist, Dr. Vicky Chartrand, who would join the University in July of 2013. The Department is also streamlining programs from six to three in order to better attract students.

5.6 Strategic Research Plan update, 2013-2016 / B.-A. Bacon

The Associate Vice-Principal Research, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, presented Document 550/5.6, an update of Bishop's Strategic Research Plan recommended for the approval of Senate by Senate Research Committee.

Dr. Bacon thanked the members of Senate Research Committee, the leaders of the four research clusters, and the Director of the Research Office, all of whom had had input into the updated Plan. He emphasised the continuity of the updated Plan with the 2009-12 Research Plan, and briefly reviewed the contents.

Dr. Bacon moved approval of the 2013-2016 Strategic Research Plan, and Katie LeClair seconded the motion.

The motion to approve report carried.

During the course of discussion, it was suggested that:

- ♦ a link should be made to the University strategic plan;
- ♦ the Strategic Research Plan might be restructured, with the first goal of "Further develop[ing] and maintain[ing] areas of research that are recognized nationally and internationally" becoming an overarching goal,

the others being understood as more concrete objectives that could be more precisely measured;

- ♦ resources would be required to support the pursuit of all of the goals, but no estimate of costs had been provided; and
- ♦ indicators should be identified to enable us to assess whether we are achieving the goals set out in the plan.

Dr. Bacon suggested that that Senate Research Committee saw the Strategic Research Plan as a basis on which to seek additional resources to support research. The Vice-Principal Academic added that, in his view, a Strategic Research Plan was properly articulated at a broad level, laying out considerations that should inform a number of decisions within the University, including decisions on the recruitment of faculty.

Other particular points addressed in discussion included the following:

- ♦ Senate Research Committee had taken the position that, if Bishop's is to achieve its goals in relation to research, new faculty in particular will have to be protected from heavy service loads so as to be able to set up a research agenda. This conclusion is expressed in the fifth element of Objective 2, set out on page 5 of the Report.
- ♦ Preliminary discussions have begun on the design of graduate programs at Bishop's, with a view to developing two or three new programs over the next three years. Such basic questions as whether programs will be the responsibility of one Department or whether several Departments will participate in their design are under discussion.
- ♦ In relation to the proposed graduate program in Health and Wellbeing, it had not been determined whether the program would focus on psychological wellbeing, and therefore reside in the Department of Psychology, or whether it would be address a broader notion of wellbeing, and thus involve other Departments, such as, for example, Biology.
- ♦ There was a consensus that the text of the Plan should be made clearer that a number of options are being considered for the graduate program in Health and Wellbeing, including some that are broader in scope than psychological wellbeing.
- ♦ In response to a question, the Associate Vice-Principal indicated that a graduate program in Chemistry is still on the books, but is not active.
- ♦ Senate Research Committee had recognised the need to develop a policy on post-doctoral fellows, so as to enhance Bishop's ability to attract them and support them once they are at the University.

5.7 *Senate Nominating Committee/Daniel Miller*

Katelyn LeClair abstained from the vote on this motion

The Constitution of the Students' Representative Council was amended in January of 2013 to eliminate the position of Part-Time Student Senator. Daniel Miller moved the recommendation of Senate Nominating Committee that that the Vice-President Academic Affairs of the Students' Representative Council be named to sit on all Senate Committees whose composition includes a part-time student representative. These are:

- ♦ Academic Integrity
- ♦ Continuing Education
- ♦ Library
- ♦ Nominating
- ♦ Students with Disabilities
- ♦ Teaching Evaluation

The motion carried.

ITEM 550/6 OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

ITEM 550/7 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 *Instructor approval for Cory Bowles - DRA/MUS 265 Spring Musical*

Benoit-Antoine Bacon moved instructor approval for Cory Bowles for the course DRA/MUS 265, Spring Musical; Shawn Poppler seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

7.2.1.2 *Art History Program -course changes*

Dean Bacon proposed course changes in Art History, noting that they had not yet received Divisional approval. He undertook to bring the courses back to the May meeting of Senate if not approved.

Dean Bacon moved approval of FIH 246, Public Art and Monuments, and Michael Childs seconded the motion.

Dean Bacon moved approval of FIH 318, Current Art Practices and Production, and Cedar Swartz-Fischer seconded the motion.

Dean Bacon moved approval of FIH 320, Special Topic in Canadian Art, and Daniel Miller seconded the motion.

The three motions carried on condition:

- i. in relation to all the courses, that Divisional approval be obtained;
- ii. in relation to FIH320, Special Topic in Canadian Art: that the words 'more' and 'early' should be removed from paragraph 3 of the course description.

Dean Bacon moved the removal from the calendar of three Fine Arts Courses that have not been offered for a number of years:

- ♦ FIH211, Medieval Art and Architecture;
- ♦ FIH270, Convergences of Art and Architecture; and
- ♦ FIH322, Seminar in 20th Century Art.

Katelyn LeClair seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Dean Bacon moved that the following courses cease to be cross-listed by the Fine Arts and Classics Departments, and rather be listed as Classics courses recognised as cognates in Art History:

- ♦ FIN/CLA 110 becomes CLA 110ab, The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt;
- ♦ FIN/CLA 205 becomes CLA 205a, Greek Art and Architecture;
- ♦ FIN/CLA 206 becomes CLA 206ab/REL 203ab, Early Christian and Byzantine Art;
- ♦ FIN/CLA 207 becomes CLA 207ab, Early Roman Art;
- ♦ FIN/CLA 208 becomes CLA 208ab, Art and Architecture of Imperial Rome;
- ♦ FIN/CLA 238 becomes CLA 238a /REL 238a, Greece, Land of the Gods.

Kerry Hull seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

7.2.1.3 *Liberal Arts Program - minor program change*

Dean Bacon moved the following change to the Liberal Arts Program:

- ♦ History 104, The Development of the West, remains a program requirement, but may be taken in either first or the second year of the program.
- ♦ That the calendar copy be amended to read that Liberal Arts Majors “must take either FIH 101 or FIH 102, as well as HIS 104, in their first or second year”.

Jean Manore seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

7.2.2 *Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

7.2.2.1 *Biochemistry – BCL 210, Chromatography Laboratory*

Dean Bacon moved that BCL 210, Chromatography Laboratory, be cross-listed with CHL 142. Alana Easto seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

7.2.3 *Division of Social Sciences*

7.2.3.1 *Economics*

Dean Bacon moved that ILT 104, Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Social Sciences, be added to the Economics program. Michael Childs seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

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 550/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 *Bishop’s Eighth Annual Research Week / B.-A. Bacon*

Dean Bacon announced Bishop’s Eighth Annual Research Week, to take place from Monday, March 18th to Friday, March 23rd.

A number of activities were planned including a lecture by Bill McKibbon, as part of the Donald Lecture Series, and 'Bishop's Idol', a contest in which students would be challenged to describe their theses in 200 seconds or less.

A Bishop's alumnus was elected President of the Canadian Association of Business Students at the Association's most recent meeting.

There being no further business, the 550th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Victoria Meikle, Secretary