

**SENATE OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY
551st SENATE MEETING**

Date: Monday, April 15, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Tomlinson Hall, McGreer # 100

AGENDA

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5.1.1. External review of EDU and the School's response / M. Childs

5.2 Senate Nominating Committee / (Ombudsman selection committee) / G Gagné

5.3 Animal Care and Biosafety Committee (ACBC) –
Terms of Reference / B-A Bacon

551/6 Other Matters

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551/7 Recommendations

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7.2 Arts and Science / B.-A. Bacon

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8.1 2013-14 Senate meeting dates / V. Meikle



**MINUTES OF THE 551ST MEETING OF THE
SENATE OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**

The 551st meeting of Senate took place on Monday, April 15th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: 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, Dr. Darren Millington, Mr. Shawn Poppler, Dr. Michael Richardson, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms Emily Rhodes, Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda, Ms Cedar Swartz-Fisher, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Calin Valsan

Regrets: Dr. Hafid Aggouram, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Dr. Kerry Hull

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

The Principal called the 551st meeting of Senate to order.

ITEM 551/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

ITEM 551/2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 550TH MEETING

Cranmer Rutihinda proposed adoption of the minutes of the 550th meeting of Senate, subject to minor corrections, and Tristan Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 551/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Admissions process

As of the date of Senate, applications for fall 2013 admission were down 15% year over year, with applications from Ontario accounting for the bulk of the drop. Despite the drop in applications and offers of admission, data indicate that the number of students confirming that they will attend is down only slightly from numbers at the same time last year. If the 'will attends' hold, we will meet enrolment targets for fall 2013.

Sports and Wellness Centre

Construction of the Sports and Wellness Centre was scheduled to begin on April 25th, 2013, with the official groundbreaking to take place at a later date.

Follow up to Summit on Higher Education.

The various '*chantiers*' that were established following the February Summit on Higher Education are under way. The Chairs of each *chantier* are requesting input from universities and others in accordance with their different timelines, but no details are available as of yet as to what will be proposed.

Honorands

The Principal advised Senate of the honorands for Convocation 2013:

- ♦ Jean Charest, P.C., former premier of Québec;
- ♦ Alain Lemaire, O.C., until recently CEO of Cascades;
- ♦ Monique Nadeau-Saumier, former Director of the Eastern Townships Research Centre and tireless promoter of regional culture and history;
- ♦ Johnny Reid, Bishop's grad and well-known country music singer.

Brian M. Levitt will also be installed as Bishop's 19th Chancellor at the June Convocation.

ITEM 551/4 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no Business Arising

ITEM 551/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

5.1.1. Review of the School of Education

The Vice-Principal spoke to Document 551/5.1 the Senate Program Academic Review Committee Report on the review of the School of Education, which took place in the fall of 2012. Though the School of Education is subject to regular

accreditation review by the *Comité d'agrément des programmes de formation à l'enseignement* (CAPFE), the SPARC process remains useful: the scope is broader, in that it addresses issues of program coherence and in that it includes programs like the M.Ed. that are not accredited.

The Vice-Principal reviewed the five main recommendations in relation to the B.A. and B.Sc. double major, B.Ed. and graduate programs, concluding that the report was very positive. The School of Education is strengthening its connection with the rest of the University, and has demonstrated that an interest in innovative pedagogy can position it to make a unique contribution, for example in the teaching and learning initiative.

5.1.2 *Schedule of Senate Program Academic reviews for 2013-14*

The Vice-Principal reported that a number of individual Senate decisions had resulted in an accumulation of five reviews in the fall of 2013. He then brought forward recommendations of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee aimed at spreading out the work.

- ♦ The Committee recommended that the review of the History Department be postponed for a year, to the fall of 2014, because four senior members of the Department would be on various types of leaves during 2013-14.
- ♦ The Committee further recommended that the Department of Philosophy be reviewed in the fall of 2013 and the Department of Religion in the winter term of 2014.
- ♦ The Committee had recommended that the Department of Chemistry be reviewed in the fall of 2013 and the Department of Mathematics in the winter term of 2014.

After some discussion of whether the review of the Department of Chemistry ought to be postponed until Senate had received the recommendations in relation to the Department of Biochemistry, Dr. Childs undertook to bring a final recommendation to the May 15th meeting of Senate.

Michael Childs moved the approval of the recommended changes to the schedule, and Katelyn LeClair seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

The Vice-Principal advised Senate that, reports to Senate are in process following external reviews of the Departments of Biochemistry and of Politics and International Studies, and will be made in the fall of 2013.

5.2 Senate Nominating Committee / (Ombudsman selection committee) / G. Gagné

Gilbert Gagné, Chair of the Nominating Committee, moved the appointment of Dr. Andrea Drumheller to the Ombudsman Selection Committee. Daniel Miller seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

5.3 Animal Care and Biosafety Committee (AC&BC) / M. Childs

Michael Childs moved acceptance of the revised mandate and terms of reference for a combined Animal Care and Biosafety Committee, as set out in document 551/5.3. Emily Rhodes seconded the motion

The motion carried.

Following discussion of possible overlap between the mandates, and distinct roles of the Animal Care and Biosafety Committee and the Health and Safety Committee, Jean Manore moved that the Animal Care and Biosafety Committee meet with the Health and Safety committee to determine protocols in areas where there is a need for collaboration or where there are overlapping responsibilities. Michael Childs seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 551/6 OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

ITEM 551/7 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

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

There were no recommendations from the School of Education.

7.4 Continuing Education

There were no recommendations from Continuing Education.

ITEM 551/8 INFORMATION

8.1 2013-14 Senate meeting dates for 2013-14 / V. Meikle

The Secretary General announced one change to the dates proposed for Senate meetings for the 2013-14 academic year and undertook to circulate the new dates electronically.

In closing, the Principal thanked the Student Senators for their contributions to the work of Senate over the Academic year.

There being no further business, the 551th meeting of Senate adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Victoria Meikle, Secretary