



633RD MEETING OF SENATE

FRIDAY, MAY 21ST 2021

2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Jim Benson, Mr. Branden Bonham, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Mr. Julien Collin, Mr. Bruno Courtemanche, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Mr. Mauladad Bashar Doost, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Sufia Langevin, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Ms. Genny LeClair, Dr. Michele Murray, Ms. Victoria Perak, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Michael Teed, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Ms. Doan Duy Vo, Dr. Yanan Wang, Dr. David Webster, Dr. Brad Willms, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

Regrets: Mr. Mark Gandey, Dr. Jessica Riddell

Guests: Ms. Theresa Gagnon, Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen

Secretary: Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 633rd meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. and invited the Students' Representative Council Vice-President Academic, Ms. Sufia Langevin, to present the Student Senators in attendance: Ms. Genny LeClair (Education), Mr. Mauladad Bashar Doost (Humanities), Mr. Branden Bonham (Natural Sciences), Vitoria Perak (Social Sciences) and Ms. Doan Duy Vo (Graduate Student Representative).

ITEM 633/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Sufia Langevin requested an addition to the agenda: Outgoing student exchanges. Registrar Hans Rouleau reported that he was removing Academic Awards (item 6.3) from the agenda. The revised agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEM 633/2 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal Michael Goldbloom reported that although the public health rules that govern large gatherings have begun to be relaxed, at this point they would not allow for us to hold a Convocation in the Denver gym with full attendance. The University will make a decision and an announcement by July 1, 2021 on the exact plans for Convocation 2021.

The Board of Governors approved the renewal of Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen as Dean of Student Affairs at its meeting on April 30, 2021.

Nancy Knowlton '75, a former captain of the Gaiters' women's basketball team, was selected as one of two winners of the inaugural U SPORTS 2021 Mitchell Family Alumni of the Year Award. Ms. Knowlton has been instrumental in the creation of two of the highest-impact programs for students at Bishop's, the Chancellor's Excellence Scholarships and the Bishop's Exceptional Student Talent (B.E.S.T.) Project Fund.

The 88th Acfas Conference, organized jointly by Université de Sherbrooke and Bishop's University, was held virtually in the first week of May. It is the largest multidisciplinary gathering of academic researchers in the French-speaking world and there were over 6,000 registrants. The Principal congratulated Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Jade Savage, and the organizing team on successfully arranging the activities.

Dr. Jason Rowe, Canada Research Chair in Exoplanetary Astrophysics, has been awarded a \$1.1M contract from the Canadian Space Agency to develop the prototype of what could become Canada's next space telescope mission.

The University has been in discussions with the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur to increase the faculty complement to support the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program.

The Principal thanked Senators who are completing their mandates for their service to the University.

ITEM 633/3 MINUTES

The minutes of the 630th Senate held on March 19th 2021, were approved as presented.

Moved by: Michele Murray

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

The minutes of the 631st Senate held on April 15th 2021, were approved as presented.

Moved by: Michele Murray

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

The minutes of the 632nd Senate held on May 7th 2021, were approved as presented.

Moved by: Michele Murray

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

ITEM 633/4 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

ITEM 633/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON SENATE BY-LAWS AND POLICIES

The Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Senate By-laws and Policies, Secretary General and Vice-Principal Government Relations & Planning Trygve Ugland, reported that the Committee had met several times since it decided at its meeting on December 19, 2019 to develop a Senate Handbook to serve as a guide and reference source for Senators.

Senators were encouraged to provide feedback on the draft Senate handbook to the Secretary General by August 1st.

Dr. Ugland said the 2021-22 Senate Handbook will be presented to Senate at its meeting on September 24, 2021.

5.2 SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATION REPORT

The Chair of the Senate Committee on Student Accessibility and Accommodation, Manager of Counselling & Accessibility Services Theresa Gagnon, reported that the Committee met several times to revise the Student Accessibility and Accommodation Policy. Ms. Gagnon presented the significant changes proposed to the document, including definitions, language, and documentation requirements.

Motion:

That Senate approve the Policy Regarding Student Accessibility & Accommodation Services as outlined in Document 630/5.2 - Appendix A.

Moved by: Sufia Langevin

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

Dr. Gregory Brophy suggested that section entitled 'Responsibilities of the University' could be included in the 'Policy on Responsibilities Of The Academic Staff To Students'.

ITEM 5.3 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Dr. Dawn Wiseman, reported that the Committee met to discuss its Composition and Membership which was last revised in 1996. The proposed composition is:

- One faculty Senator from each division
- One contract faculty Senator
- One full-time student Senator
- One part-time student Senator
- One Librarian other than the University Librarian

Motion:

That Senate accepts the change in composition and membership of the Nominating Committee as outlined in Document 633/5.3, section 1.

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Bruno Courtemanche

Motion carried.

Motion:

That Senate approves the 2021-22 Senate Nominating Committee membership as presented in Document 633/5.3, section 2

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Michael Teed

Motion carried.

ITEM 633/5.4 ACADEMIC STANDING AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee, Registrar Hans Rouleau, reported that the Committee discussed its composition, the creation of micro-certificates, academic misconduct procedures, advanced credits policy, CEGEP equivalences, Student Success Week, Indigenous pathways to admissions, academic integrity, and student appeals.

The Committee proposed the addition to its composition of the Associate Vice-Principal Academic and the Dean of Science to reflect the University's academic structure. The Committee also recommended that the position of Faculty-at-large be filled.

Motion:

That Senate approves the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee (ASAP) composition to add the Associate Vice-Principal Academic and the Dean of Science as voting members while these positions exist.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull
Seconded by: Michele Murray
Motion carried.

Motion:

That Senate approves the establishment of embedded Micro-Certificates with the following regulations:

- Undergraduate students may enroll in up to two Micro-Certificates, completed during the undergraduate degree.
- The 15 credits of the Micro-Certificate count towards the 120-credit degree.
- Students are encouraged to declare a Micro-Certificate as early as possible so they can get appropriate academic advising.
- A student may not normally achieve a Micro-Certificate and a Minor, Certificate or Major in the same disciplinary area. If a student is doing a Minor, Certificate or Major in a certain area, and wants to keep the Micro-Certificate on their transcript, no double-counting is allowed. The Departmental / Program Chairperson will determine which students are eligible to enroll in Micro-Certificates as they are developed. Moreover, students may complete a Micro-Certificate and an Honours/Major/Minor with overlapping courses provided that duplicates are replaced with alternative courses accepted by the Departmental / Program Chairperson.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull
Seconded by: Bruno Courtemanche

Dr. David Webster asked that 'normally' be added to the first bullet of section 1.2 Micro-Certificates and Certificates (Document 633/5.4) refer to :

Micro-certificates generally bring together five (5) courses that, as a package, develop career-related competencies and knowledge, and are normally interdisciplinary.

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull said that would accept the friendly amendment to change the wording, but that Senate and the Senate Planning Committee should bear in mind that the objective of the micro-certificates is to encourage interdisciplinary cooperation.

For: 22
Against: 1
Abstained: 0
Motion carried.

Motion:

It be approved by Senate that students who have been sanctioned for academic misconduct during the pandemic, and have been awarded a grade of "0" for a course, not be permitted to change their grade to a "F".

Moved by: Michele Murray
Seconded by: Reena Atanasiadis
For: 22
Against: 1
Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

ITEM 633/5.4 SENATE PROGRAM ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT (54:30)

The Chair of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee, Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull, provided an update on the status of SPARC reviews in-progress. He reminded Senate that the calendar for upcoming program reviews had been distributed at the 630th Senate on March 19, 2021.

Dr. Turnbull said that the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur requires universities to review programs periodically and said that the evaluations generally lead to positive changes.

ITEM 633/6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull reported on positive early Fall enrolment numbers with some of the results approaching the Fall 2019 results.

Six tenure-stream position searches were successful. An additional process will be restarted as it was deemed a failed search.

Dr. Artem Babayants has been hired for a three-year Strategic Innovation Hire position in Musical Theatre, and Dr. Genner Llanes-Ortiz has been selected as the nominee for the CRC position in Indigenous Studies.

Dr. Turnbull reported that there were 6,100 registered participants in the Acfas conference and invited Senators to read the research updates and activities included in his report.

6.2 APPROVING OF DEGREES

Registrar Hans Rouleau presented the lists of students who had applied for graduation at Convocation 2021 and who had fulfilled all the requirements.

Motions

It is moved by Dean of Arts Michele Murray that the University Senate receive the list of candidates for the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education, as presented by the University Registrar, and that these candidates be awarded their degree(s) at the 193rd Bishop's Convocation.

Moved by: Michele Murray

Seconded by: Michael Teed

Motion carried.

It is moved by Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull that the University Senate receive the list of candidates for the following graduate degrees: Master of Arts, Master of Education and Master of Science, as presented by the University Registrar, and that these candidates be awarded their degree at the 193rd Bishop's Convocation.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Jim Benson

Motion carried.

It is moved by Dean of the Williams School of Business Reena Atanasiadis that Senate receive the list of candidates for Certificates, Graduate Certificates, and Micro-programs, as presented by the University Registrar, and that these candidates be awarded this certificate at the 193rd Bishop's Convocation.

Moved by: Reena Atanasiadis

Seconded by: Julien Collin

Motion carried.

It is moved by Interim Dean of the School of Education Anthony Di Mascio that the University Senate approve the awarding of a Bachelor of Arts degree to Alexis Iverson under the affiliation agreement with the Thomas More Institute.

Moved by: Anthony Di Mascio

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

It is moved by Dr. Miles Turnbull that the Vice-Principal Academic & Research, the Academic Deans, and the University Registrar be authorized by the University Senate to add the names of students to the graduating list, subject to satisfactory completion of program requirements, or to delete candidates who do not meet their program requirements by the date of Convocation.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Jim Benson

Motion carried.

ITEM 633/7 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair of the Senate Planning Committee, Dr. Miles Turnbull, said that the Committee had already reviewed and supported the recommendations that were being brought to Senate for approval.

7.1 Williams School of Business – no recommendations

7.2 Arts and Science

7.2.1 Division of Humanities

Dean of Arts Michele Murray presented program and course modifications for the Department of Modern Languages (Japanese Studies Program).

Mr. Branden Bonham asked how the proposed curriculum changes would affect students who had already started their Japanese Studies program.

Dr. Michele Murray said that discussions were underway with the Chair of Modern Languages to find alternatives for students who can no longer anticipate an exchange semester in Japan.

Dean of Arts Michele Murray, on the recommendation of the Department of Modern Languages, moved the approval of 7.2.1.1 and 7.2.1.2.

Moved by: Michele Murray

Seconded by: Jim Benson

Motion carried.

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – no recommendations

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences – no recommendations

7.3 School of Education

Interim Dean of the School of Education Anthony Di Mascio presented course modifications for the School of Education (EDU 204 Indigenous Education).

Dr. David Webster asked if 'in Canada' could be removed from the course description.

Dr. Miles Turnbull suggested broadening the definition to include Indigenous people from around the world.

Dr. Dawn Wiseman said the course is intended to educate future teachers about local Indigenous populations.

Interim Dean of the School of Education Anthony Di Mascio said that discussions on the course description will continue within the department.

Interim Dean of the School of Education Anthony Di Mascio, on the recommendation of the School of Educations, moved the approval of 7.3.1.

Moved by: Anthony Di Mascio

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

7.4 Library and Learning Centre - English Writing Centre

The University Librarian, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, presented a new course proposal for the English Writing Centre.

University Librarian Catherine Lavallée-Welch, on the recommendation of the English Writing Centre, moved the approval of 7.2.2.1.

Moved by: Catherine Lavallée-Welch

Seconded by: Miles Turnbull

Motion carried.

ITEM 633/8.0 Outgoing Student Exchanges

The Students' Representative Council Vice-President Academic, Ms. Sufia Langevin, expressed concerns about the University's announcement cancelling outgoing student exchanges.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen, said there would be an open meeting to discuss outgoing student exchanges on May 25th 2021 and she encouraged interested students, faculty and staff to attend.

Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen left the meeting.

The meeting moved in-camera at 4:05 p.m.

ITEM 633/8.1 Approval of Minutes (In-Camera Session - March 19, 2021)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary General

