



**641<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF SENATE**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2022

MINUTES

**Chair:** Principal Michael Goldbloom

**Present:** Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Dr. Darren Bardati, Mr. Branden Bonham, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Mr. Bruno Courtemanche, Mr. Mark Gandey, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Mr. Mauladad Bashar Doost, Dr. Alexandre Drouin, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Sufia Langevin, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Ms. Genny LeClair, Ms. Sydney Marteniuk, Dr. Michele Murray, Ms. Victoria Perak, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Dr. Jessica Riddell, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Michael Teed, Dr. Jordan Tronsgard, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Ms. Doan Duy Vo, Dr. Yanan Wang, Dr. Brad Willms, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

**Regrets:** Mr. Julien Collin

**Guest:** Sarah Théberge

**Secretary:** Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 641<sup>st</sup> meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

ITEM 641/1 AGENDA

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull requested that the Senate Research Committee Report (item 5.3) be tabled to a future meeting. The revised agenda was unanimously approved.

## ITEM 641/1.5 REMEMBERING JEAN LEVASSEUR

Dr. Sarah Théberge, Chairperson of the Department of Études françaises et québécoises read a memorial minute in honour of Professor Jean Levasseur.

*Jean Levasseur obtained his PhD from the Université de Bordeaux III in 1989, with an impressive thesis entitled "Jacques Poulin: étude thématique et narratologique de son œuvre (1967-1988)". He began his teaching career at Mount Saint Vincent University before joining the Bishop's community in 1992. He taught French as a Second Language, and Quebec Literature & History in the Département d'études françaises et québécoises until 2019, and he officially retired in June 2020.*

*Travels, rigor, and great versatility can best describe Jean Levasseur. While travelling several countries, a study of his published articles and other work shows that Jean Levasseur also travelled time and genres through his numerous interests and expertise. He published a number of papers on Acadian literature – more specifically on the author Jacques Savoie – on Quebec legends, and on contemporary Quebec literature (in his analysis of Sergio Kokis's texts, for instance). His most important work was published in 2017 after many years of diligent preparation, and in collaboration with Rémi Ferland. The "Dictionnaire des artisans de l'imprimé à Québec" is the reference for information on the Quebec City publishing scene and related crafts between 1764 and 1900.*

*Through short stories, legends, theater, and other literary genres, Jean Levasseur introduced and perfected the knowledge of Quebec culture and language to students from all around the world. He succeeded in transmitting his passion for the Francophone world to many, in a relaxed and humorous atmosphere. His excellence and rigor also had an impact on numerous students in the pursuing of their studies at the graduate level.*

*Thank you, Jean, for your dedication to the Département d'études françaises et québécoises and its students over the years. Your contribution has greatly improved diversity in the course offering of the department. Thank you for providing a safe and thriving space for cultures to encounter.*

As a symbol of recognition for Dr. Levasseur's commitment to and passion for French education at Bishop's, Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull requested that a French version of the memorial minute be included in the minutes.

*Jean Levasseur a obtenu son doctorat de l'Université de Bordeaux III en 1989, avec une thèse remarquable intitulée « Jacques Poulin: étude thématique et narratologique de son œuvre (1967-1988). » Il débuta sa carrière en enseignant à l'Université Mount Saint Vincent avant de se joindre à la communauté de Bishop's en 1992. Il a enseigné le français langue seconde ainsi que l'histoire et la littérature québécoises au sein du Département d'études françaises et québécoises jusqu'en 2019, et prit officiellement sa retraite en 2020.*

*Les voyages, la rigueur et une grande versatilité décrivent le mieux Jean Levasseur. Tout en*

*voyageant dans de nombreux pays, l'étude de ses articles, publications et autres travaux démontrent que Jean Levasseur voyageait aussi à travers les époques et les genres littéraires par le biais de ses nombreux intérêts et champs d'expertise. Il a publié plusieurs articles à propos de la littérature acadienne – plus spécifiquement à propos de l'auteur Jacques Savoie – à propos des légendes québécoises, ainsi que sur la littérature contemporaine québécoise (ses analyses des textes de Sergio Kokis, par exemple). Sa plus importante œuvre fut publiée en 2017 après de longues années de préparation diligente avec Rémi Ferland. Le « Dictionnaire des artisans de l'imprimé à Québec » constitue la référence en matière d'information sur le domaine de l'édition et des métiers connexes à Québec entre 1764 et 1900.*

*À travers les nouvelles, les légendes, le théâtre et autres genres littéraires, Jean Levasseur a fait découvrir et approfondir la connaissance de la culture et de la langue québécoises à des étudiants de partout au monde. Il est parvenu à transmettre sa passion pour le monde francophone à plusieurs, dans une atmosphère décontractée et humoristique. Son excellence et sa rigueur ont aussi trouvé écho parmi de nombreux étudiants qui ont poursuivi aux études supérieures.*

*Merci Jean, pour ton dévouement au Département d'études françaises et québécoises et ses étudiants au cours des années. Ton apport a grandement contribué à la diversité des cours offerts par le département. Merci d'avoir offert un environnement sécuritaire et fertile pour que les cultures se rencontrent.*

Principal Goldbloom said that Dr. Jean Levasseur was a gentle soul and that he will be missed by his colleagues and students.

#### ITEM 641/2 MINUTES

Secretary General Trygve Uglund said that Registrar Hans Rouleau noted that the text on page 4 should read Registrar's Office rather than Record's Office. The minutes of the 640<sup>th</sup> Senate held on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2022, were unanimously approved with the aforementioned change.

#### ITEM 641/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal Michael Goldbloom said that the ongoing situation in the Ukraine was deeply disturbing for everyone and particularly for the students and staff who have ties with the Ukraine.

Dr. Jessica Riddell said that St. Francis-Xavier University had made a public statement of support for Ukraine which included information on assistance available for members of the university community experiencing stress due to the war.

Dr. Riddell asked if Bishop's would be making a similar statement.

Principal Goldbloom said that a statement that included information about assistance available on campus would be communicated to support Bishop's students, faculty and staff affected by

the war in the Ukraine.

Principal Goldbloom reported that the Students' Representative Council (SRC) had held elections in early February. The next SRC Vice-Principal Academic Affairs is Victoria Perak, Student Senator representing the Division of Social Sciences from Ontario. The next SRC President is Camilla Rizzi, a student of Biology and Health Sciences from Iqaluit.

Principal Goldbloom reported that Dawson College had obtained approval for an infrastructure project based on its current enrolment level. Recently the Quebec Government announced that it was withdrawing the funding for the infrastructure project. In reference to the removal of funds for Dawson College, Premier François Legault said that his government preferred to support French CEGEPs.

Principal Goldbloom said that this decision potentially had implications for all English colleges and universities.

In response to the Quebec Government's actions and reasoning, the English colleges and universities wrote to the Premier François Legault requesting a meeting to discuss the situation.

Principal Goldbloom reported that there had been relatively few cases of COVID-19 on campus and that on February 25<sup>th</sup> there was only one student in residence in isolation. He said that even if public health lifted measures requiring masks to be worn while indoors, the University may keep the mask mandate in place until the end of the Winter semester to minimize transmission of the virus.

Ceremonies for Convocation 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be held in person from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>. A survey was sent to 2020 and 2021 graduates to measure interest in returning to campus for convocation. Out of 300 responses, 290 said that they would attend.

The Chancellor's Dinners will be held at the Centre des Foires and the Convocation ceremonies will take place in the Denver Gym.

Principal Goldbloom invited Senators to two upcoming Donald Lectures:

- Dr. Terri Givens, author of *Radical Empathy*, a Professor of Political Science at McGill University and the Provost's Academic Lead and Advisor on McGill's Action Plan to Address Anti-Black Racism; and
- Naheed Nenshi, Calgary's mayor for three terms between 2010 and 2021, the winner of the 2014 World Mayor Prize as the best mayor in the world and an international voice on urban issues.

Principal Goldbloom reported that on January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne awarded Dr. Sunny Lau of the School of Education a Canada Research Chair to continue her work on plurilingual pedagogies.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Fannie Gaudette, of the Department of Music and Director of the University Singers, launched her first album, "L'invention humaine".

#### ITEM 641/4 BUSINESS ARISING

At the Senate meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, Registrar Hans Rouleau requested that the Senate Committee on Academic Integrity resume meeting in order to provide support to the Bishop's Community in matters of Academic Integrity. Specifically, there was a request to review current procedures for educating, processing, and enforcing matters of Academic Integrity.

The Dean of the Williams School of Business, Reena Atanasiadis, reported that at the first meeting of the Senate Committee on Academic Integrity on February 16<sup>th</sup> Committee members elected her as Chair and reviewed the Committee mandate and composition. After some deliberation, a motion was proposed to replace the current part-time student representative with a graduate student representative. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The Committee has started reviewing the University regulations pertaining to academic integrity with the objective of presenting Senate with a preliminary report in Fall 2022.

#### ITEM 641/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

##### 5.1 SENATE PROGRAM ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee (SPARC), Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull, reported that the review of the Department of Economics is on track to take place during the current semester and the review of the Library Learning Commons is planned for May or June 2022.

Dr. Turnbull presented Senate with an updated timeline for 2022 - 2027 which includes Departments and Programs to be evaluated. The timeline will be circulated to all Department and Program Chairs.

##### 5.2 ACADEMIC STANDING AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee, Registrar and Director of Admissions Hans Rouleau said that the Committee report contained updates on the Committee's discussions but no decision items for Senate.

##### 5.3 SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT - Tabled

##### 5.4 SENATE TIMETABLE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Senate Timetable Committee, Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull, reported that the Committee met to discuss the creation of a full-year timetable for next year.

**Motion 1:**

It is moved that undergraduate and graduate programming in the 2022-23 academic year be delivered as much as possible in-person, with up to 20% of courses delivered online or in a co-modal/hybrid modality, as decided at the departmental or program level, and approved by the relevant academic Dean. Departments and Programs that seek to deliver more than 20% of their courses online or in a co-modal/hybrid modality in any one semester must submit a request with a rationale to their Division and then to the Senate Planning Committee. The 20% limit does not apply to courses in the Spring and Summer sessions. Departments and Programs are not required to offer any courses online or in a co-modal/hybrid modality.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Alexandre Drouin

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Darren Bardati asked if allowances would be made for special situations, for example the micro-certificate in climate change which has been offered online for the past two years.

Dr. Turnbull said that the request should be presented to SPC for approval.

Registrar Hans Rouleau said that the University will need to review the Ministry of Higher Education definitions of co-modal, online, and hybrid. Registrar Rouleau said that the University must complete annual reports and declare the number of co-modal, hybrid and online courses being offered.

**Motion 2:**

It is moved that the Senate E-learning Committee be tasked with conducting wide consultation across the campus in order to recommend a policy that would outline the conditions in which online/hybrid courses may be part of Bishop's course offering for the 2023-24 academic year and beyond. The recommendation shall be made to Senate no later than the October 2022 Senate meeting.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Jessica Riddell

Dr. Gregory Brophy proposed a friendly amendment to Motion 2 (underlined in the text above). Dr. Turnbull and Dr. Jessica Riddell accepted the friendly amendment.

**Motion carried.**

Registrar Rouleau suggested that the Senate E-Learning Committee review its mandate and composition when it reconvenes.

**5.5 CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull, reported that the Committee met on November 3, 2021 to discuss its mandate

and membership and to receive an update on its activities from the Continuing Education Coordinator.

**Motion 1:**

That Senate approves the change of name from the Bishop's University Continuing Education Department to the Bishop's University Centre for Life-Long Learning.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Yanan Wang

**Motion carried.**

**Motion 2:**

On behalf of the Committee, I move Senate's approval of the Senate Life-Long Learning Committee with the revised Mandate and Membership as detailed in Document 641/5.5.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Students' Representative Council Vice-President Academic Affairs Sufia Langevin asked why the part-time student representative was not included in the revised membership.

Dr. Turnbull withdrew the motion and said that it would be brought back to Senate once the corrections were made.

**Motion withdrawn.**

Dr. Gregory Brophy asked about comments which seemed to imply separate hiring of contract faculty for specific Life-Long Learning contracts (called < smart partnering > in the executive summary of the consultant's review).

Dr. Turnbull said that the Committee had not discussed the consultant's suggestions, but that smart partnering was a trend in smaller universities which allows for more diverse Life-Long Learning course offerings.

**ITEM 641/6 OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT**

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull reported that early Fall 2022 applications and enrolment numbers are positive as compared to the Fall 2021 numbers at the same time last year. However, Dr. Turnbull said that the Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 overall enrolment decrease of 105 FTE students with respect to the targets represent an estimated MES grant and tuition revenue shortfall of \$1M. Following the cleaning of "ghost" students, the Vice-Principal Finance and Administration will analyze the financial impact of these projected FTE results within the

realities of the exceptional government funding for the 2021-22 academic year.

Dr. Turnbull said that the delivery mode for Winter 2022 courses was 86.7% in person only, 2.6% hybrid and 10.7% online only.

Dr. Turnbull invited Senators to participate in Research Week 2022 which will be held from March 28 to April 1, 2022.

## 6.2 SENATE REPRESENTATION FOR THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Dr. Dawn Wiseman said that the School of Education was seeking Senate's endorsement for amendments to the Statutes of Bishop's University, specifically Section 5.1 which addresses the composition of Senate.

Dr. Wiseman said that School of Education is the only Division with only one faculty representative on Senate and that this puts the School of Education at a disadvantage in relation to other divisions, who each have two faculty votes. Dr. Wiseman said this also places an undue burden on the single Senator from the School of Education to represent their colleagues and the position of the School of Education on academic matters to Senate.

### Motion:

That Senate endorses the proposal to add a second faculty member from the School of Education under Section 5.1.5.3 of the Statutes of Bishop's University.

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Anthony Di Mascio

**Motion carried.**

Secretary General Trygve Ugland said that he would share the recommendation to amend section 5.1.5.3 of the Statutes with the Association of Professors of Bishop's University and with the Governance and Ethics Committee of the Board of Governors.

## ITEM 641/7 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair of the Senate Planning Committee, Dr. Miles Turnbull, said that all recommendations had been thoroughly vetted by the Committee before being brought to Senate.

## 7.1 Williams School of Business

Dean of the Williams School of Business Reena Atanasiadis moved the approval of course modifications 7.1.1, 7.1.4 and 7.1.5.

Moved by: Reena Atanasiadis

Seconded by: Yanan Wang

**Motion carried.**



Dean of the Williams School of Business Reena Atanasiadis moved the approval of a new course 7.1.2.

Moved by: Reena Atanasiadis

Seconded by: Sydney Marteniuk

**Motion carried.**

Dean of the Williams School of Business Reena Atanasiadis moved the approval of program modification 7.1.3.

Moved by: Reena Atanasiadis

Seconded by: Michael Teed

**Motion carried.**

## 7.2 Arts and Science

7.2.1 Division of Humanities – no recommendations

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dean of Science Kerry Hull reported that Jennifer Downey, Academic Programs Project Coordinator, has determined that the University can offer individualized graduate programs which do not require prior approval by the Ministry of Higher Education. These graduate programs will require a rigorous internal approval process and will only be applicable for a student who wants to study two majors or for a maximum of five students per graduate program.

### Motion:

That Senate approves program modification 7.2.2.1. for an individualized Master of Science.

Moved by: Alexandre Drouin

Seconded by: Brandon Bonham

**Motion carried.**

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences

Dean of Science Kerry Hull requested that Senate approve curriculum changes on behalf of the Department of Psychology.

### Motion:

That Senate approves curriculum changes 7.2.3.1 to 7.2.3.9 on behalf of the Department of Psychology.

Moved by: Jessica Riddell

Seconded by: Victoria Perak

**Motion carried.**

Dean of Science Kerry Hull said that the Department of Psychology proposed program modifications some of which support the inclusion of Humanities courses into programs.

Dr. Hull requested that Senate approve program changes on behalf of the Department of Psychology.

Motion:

That Senate approves curriculum changes 7.2.3.10 on behalf of the Department of Psychology.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Jordan Tronsgard

**Motion carried.**

Dean of Arts Michele Murray expressed her appreciation for the work carried out by the Department of Psychology and for the many years of consultations which culminated in the program modifications.

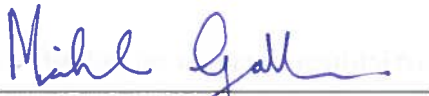
7.3 School of Education - no recommendations

7.4 Life-Long Learning - no recommendations

ITEM 641/8 OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary General Trygve Ugland and Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull introduced Shannon Bell the new Administrative Assistant to the Vice-Principal Academic and Research and to the Associate Vice-Principal Academic.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

  
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Michael Goldbloom, Chair

  
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Trygve Ugland, Secretary General