

645<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

#### Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

- Present: Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Mr. Julien Collin, Mr. Jay Dasani, Dr. Julie Desjardins, Dr. Alexandre Drouin, Ms. Tiffany Farouse, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Ms. Genny LeClair, 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, Dr. Yanan Wang, Mr. Nick Veestra, Dr. Dawn Wiseman
- *Regrets:* Dr. Hafid Agourram, Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Mr. Bruno Courtemanche, Dr. Julie Desjardins, Mr. Gaby Loupiac, Dr. Brad Willms

Secretary: Ms. Denise Lauzière, LL.B.

The Chair called the 645<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

ITEM 645/1 AGENDA The agenda was unanimously approved as presented. **Motion carried.** 

#### ITEM 645/1.5 MEMORIAL MINUTE

In honour of Professor Peter Elliott Wilson, Dean Kerry Hull read a memorial minute that was submitted by his former colleague Professor Emeritus of Computer Science - C. R. Carman.

I first met Peter, almost 50 years ago, when he attended a class in the computer programming language FORTRAN that I was teaching at Acadia university. A short time later, in 1974, we became colleagues, here at Bishop's, in the Department of Applied Mathematics. My family and I have been sharing life experiences with Peter and his wife Gladys ever since.

Prof. Wilson, as all students addressed him, devoted his time and teaching abilities to Bishop's students for twenty-two years. He also supported them in their extracurricular efforts. He coached the women's soccer team for many years, he attended all the Gaiter's games of football, basketball, hockey and soccer cheering and clapping from the stands "Go Bish Go!". He was the University Marshall at convocation for many years, a job requiring many hours to ensure that this day would be memorable for all the graduating students and their families.

Sandra Bennett Gallichon, one of Peter's students, wrote the following.

Prof. Peter Wilson was my favourite professor at Bishop's University. If you got distracted during class, he would say "There is always someone going over London Bridge". He described "infinity" as somewhere past Waterville. Later when I worked in the Computer Centre at Bishop's, my office was across the hall from his. I would hear him coming down the hall after morning chapel, humming a hymn tune. He will be missed.

Peter was one of the last professors at Bishop's to wear a gown to class. He respected tradition and was always a gentleman. His students knew that if the classroom door was closed, they were late! They were not allowed to enter and disturb the other students who had made the class on time. However, the students also knew that he would give them a private tutorial covering the material of that class during office hours in order that they were not left behind.

On a professional level Peter was most proud of being appointed a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, the UK's chartered professional body for mathematicians and one of the UK's learned societies for mathematics. Peter also loved music. As Sandra mentioned he was always humming hymns. He was a member of the St. Mark's chapel and St George's Anglican church choirs during his time at Bishop's. After retirement, he joined a number of professional choirs in Ottawa as well as the St John's Anglican church choir.

During my time at Bishop's I aspired to be a teacher as respected by my students as he was.

My most recent contact with Peter was a phone call to him this past June. On hearing the familiar "Wilson" on the other end of the phone I knew that it would be another conversation including positive thoughts, laughter and maybe a new joke. He missed his 100th birthday party by twenty-six days but left us with many fond memories of a life well lived.

Professor C. R. Carman, Professor Emeritus, Department of Computer Science

### ITEM 645/2 - MINUTES

The Minutes of the 643<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup>,2022 were unanimously approved as presented.

### Motion carried.

The Minutes of the 644<sup>th</sup> Senate e-vote held on August 19<sup>th</sup>,2022 were unanimously approved as presented.

# Motion carried.

### ITEM 645/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal Michael Goldbloom welcomed Vice-Principal Academic and Research Andrew Webster to his first Senate meeting at Bishop's.

The 2022 Bishop's Forum led by Yolande James was held for a sixth time from Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The central concept of this initiative is to empower the next generation of young English-speaking leaders to build a smarter, richer, greener and more inclusive Quebec. The 65 young English-speaking Quebecers, aged 18 through 26, coming from all parts of Quebec heard from and exchanged with alumni :

- Christina Smith '97 (Mayor of Westmount) Women in Leadership Panel
- Sonja Solomun '09 (Research Fellow at the Max Bell School of Public Policy) Case Study on Misinformation and Disinformation
- Bill Floch '78 (Assistant Secretary for Relations with English-speaking Quebecers and Parliamentary Commissioner) Mock Parliamentary Commission

Other Bishop's Forum sessions included:

- Discussion on Cause-Oriented professions in Quebec featuring:
  - o James Hughes, President of the Old Brewery Mission
  - o Lili-Anna Pereša, President of the McConnell Foundation
  - Stéphane Vaillancourt, President of the YMCAs of Quebec
- Quebec Provincial Election Panel with representation from each of the parties
- Presentations on:
  - Human Rights' Charters, Michael Bergman Lecturer in Constitutional Law and Language Rights in Canada at the Faculty of Law, McGill University
  - o Civic Engagement, Jean Charest, lawyer and former Quebec premier
  - Radical Empathy, Terri Givens Academic Lead, Anti-Black Racism at McGill University and a Donald Lecturer.

The Principal said that he had received positive feedback from students and parents about Move-In weekend that took place from Saturday, September 3 through Monday, September 5, 2022. He extended his thanks to the Students' Representative Council for their work in organizing Move-In weekend and to faculty who attended the Parents' Welcome Session and the Reception on the Saturday.

The first Donald Lecture of 2022-23 will be given on October 5<sup>th</sup> by Elisapie. Principal Goldbloom encouraged Senators to bring their friends and colleagues to attend the lecture.

# ITEM 645/4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 DISCUSSION – STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Dr. Michael Teed said that when he brought the topic to Senate for discussion in May 2022, he had been concerned about student engagement. He said that some faculty told him that Winter 2022 was particularly difficult for students after more than two years of COVID-19.

Dr. Teed said that since the beginning of Fall 2022, he and faculty he had spoken with felt that students' energy and enthusiasm for learning were markedly higher than in Winter 2022. He proposed that the discussion be tabled.

# 4.2 ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR WINTER 2022 GRADUATION

Registrar Hans Rouleau reported that in accordance with the motion passed at the 643<sup>rd</sup> Senate, seven students were added to the Winter 2022 graduation list.

# ITEM 645/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee of Senate, Dr. Dawn Wiseman, presented the 2022-23 memberships of the Senate Committees.

Dr. Wiseman reported that graduate student Julien Houle was nominated to the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies and requested that the revised membership be included in the motion to approve the 2022-23 committee memberships.

Students' Representative Council (SRC) Vice-President Academic Affairs Victoria Perak reported that SRC Humanities representative Emily Demers had stepped down. Ms. Perak said that the position would be filled as soon as possible.

Dr. Wiseman expressed her gratitude to the Nominating Committee members for their support in filling the positions and to the individuals who agreed to serve on the committees.

That Senate approves committee changes as brought forward by the Senate Nominating Committee Report on September 16, 2022 (*Document 645/5.1i*).

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman Seconded by: Victoria Perak Motion carried. 5.2 RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD AND THE ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT RESEARCH Vice-Principal Academic and Research Andrew Webster presented the 2022-23 memberships of the Research Ethics Board and of the Ethics Review Committee for Student Research.

That Senate approves the membership of the Research Ethics Board and Ethics Review Committee for Student Research for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Moved by: Andrew Webster Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman Motion carried.

5.3 ACADEMIC STANDING AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee, Registrar and Director of Admissions Hans Rouleau reported that the Committee met to discuss a Fall 2022 make-up day for courses impacted by the government-mandated suspension of academic activities due to the Quebec provincial election on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Andrew Webster moved that Senate approves the following approach to make-up academic activities due to the provincial election.

In order to accommodate obligations under the Election Act alongside maintaining the academic integrity of courses on offer during the Fall 2022 semester, Faculty in classes impacted by the provincial election on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 will adopt one of the following two options:

# Option 1:

In consultation with their Departmental Chairperson, and with their students, Faculty may organize a make-up class: in-person, online synchronous or asynchronous, etc., to be held before December 8<sup>th</sup>.

OR

# Option 2:

Faculty may use Friday, December 9, 2022, as a make-up day.

The following provisions for the scheduling of Fall 2022 final exams must be respected regardless of the option chosen:

Monday only (M), Monday & Wednesday (MW), and Monday, Wednesday & Friday (MWF) classes will not have a final examination scheduled before December 12<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Monday only (M), Monday & Wednesday (MW), and Monday, Wednesday & Friday (MWF) Science courses will not have a final examination scheduled before December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Faculty will provide a revised course outline to their students not later than September 29, 2022 that clearly outlines the details of the agreed upon option.

Seconded by: Michele Murray Motion carried.

That in future provincial election years the sessional dates will include a make-up day.Moved by:Michele MurraySeconded by:Victoria PerakMotion carried.

#### ITEM 645/6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Andrew Webster said that he was happy to be at Bishop's and was pleased to meet everyone in person.

He thanked Professors, Chairs, Deans, Librarians and Staff who participated in this year's academic tours and orientation activities. He also extended congratulations to the Students' Representative Council for organizing a successful in-person orientation week.

#### Enrollment Update

Dr. Webster presented the preliminary enrollment figures for Fall 2022 and compared them to enrollment targets as well as last year's enrollment at the same time in the semester.

Fall 2022 had the highest number of applications in the past five years and the rate of offers to applications is consistent with pre-pandemic levels. Overall registrations for undergraduate, graduate and incoming exchange students are all on target or over target.

Dr. Webster said that study permit delays may impact the number of international students included in the Fall 2022 registered students. Due to the difference in fees for international students, a shortfall in that cohort could have a disproportionate impact on the budget.

#### Research Update

Dr. Webster reported that the Research Office registered a high rate of applications for research funding. Webinars offered by the Grants' Officer offered during July and August 2022 were well attended.

Dr. Webster thanked Dr. Kerry Hull, Acting Director of Research and Graduate Studies, and Dr. Samia Mihoub, Grant Finance Officer, for their work in ensuring continuity in the Research Office department while key vacancies are being filled.

#### 6.2 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ARTS

Dean of Arts Michele Murray presented the Strategic Plan for the Arts.

In Fall 2020, a small council of faculty members representing various departments in the Arts

was tasked with developing a Strategic Plan for the Arts. This Strategic Plan would respond to the strategic priorities and connected objectives relative to the Arts laid out in the 2019-2024 Strategic Framework for Bishop's University.

For each objective, strategic initiatives were developed. For every initiative, a timeline with specific milestones was identified in order to track progress for the initiative, and measurable success metrics or outcomes were provided.

Dr. Murray said that the Division of Arts adopted the Strategic Plan for the Arts in January 2022.

That Senate endorses the Strategic Plan for the Arts as presented in Document 645/6.2.Moved by:Michele MurraySeconded by:Andrew WebsterMotion carried.

Dr. Murray said the University's first Humanities Week will be held Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Events will include a Donald Lecture by Elisapie and an evening of presentations from alumni who did not major in humanities on the impact of their humanities courses on their professional and personal lives.

During Humanities Week, several humanities courses will be open to anyone interested in sitting in for a class.

# 6.3 APPROVAL OF DEGREES

Registrar Hans Rouleau presented the names of 136 students who were eligible for degrees, diplomas and certificates in Summer 2022. If approved, the students' transcripts will read: Graduated on (date of Senate) and an attestation of completed studies will be sent to them. Their diplomas (parchments) will be distributed at Convocation on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

It is moved by Michele Murray that the University Senate approves the list of candidates for the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, and Bachelor of Science as presented by the university Registrar. Seconded by: Victoria Perak Motion carried.

It is moved by Andrew Webster that the University Senate approves 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.

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman Motion carried.

It is moved by Michael Teed that the University Senate approves the list of candidates for an Undergraduate Certificate as presented by the University Registrar.

Seconded by: Jordan Tronsgard **Motion carried.** 

It is moved by Dawn Wiseman that the Vice-Principal Academic and Research, the Academic Deans and the Registrar be authorized by the University Senate to add the names of students to the Summer 2022 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. Seconded by: Gregory Brophy Motion carried.

#### 6.4 SENATE HANDBOOK

Interim Secretary General Denise Lauzière presented the updated 2022-23 Senate Handbook. The Handbook includes the list of current Senators, the dates of Senate meetings, the Senate Committees, their composition and mandates.

ITEM 645/7 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Williams School of Business no recommendations
- 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 presented five candidates for adjunct professorships.

Dr. Kerry presented the following motions:

That Senate approves, on the recommendation of the Division of Arts & Science, the Adjunct Professor Status for a period of six years, starting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028, for Dr. Andrea Giusti from the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Moved by: Michele Murray Seconded by: Victoria Perak **Motion carried.** 

That Senate approves, on the recommendation of the Division of Arts & Science, the Adjunct Professor Status for a period of six years, starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028, for:

- Dr. Anca Nedelcescu from the Department of Physics and Astronomy; and
- Dr. Martin Aubé from the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Moved by:	Michele Murray
Seconded by:	Victoria Perak
Motion carried.	

That Senate approves, on the recommendation of the Division of Arts & Science, the Adjunct<br/>Professor Status for a period of six years, effective retroactively to March 1st, 2020, and ending<br/>February 28th, 2026, for Dr. Fayçal Hammad from the Department of Physics and Astronomy.<br/>Moved by:Moved by:Michele Murray<br/>Victoria PerakMotion carried.

That Senate approves, on the recommendation of the Division of Arts & Science, the Adjunct Professor Status for a period of six years, effective retroactively to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027, for Dr. Benoit Guillemette from the Department of Chemistry and Brewing Science.

Moved by:Michele MurraySeconded by:Victoria PerakMotion carried.Victoria Perak

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences - no recommendations

7.3 School of Education – no recommendations

ITEM 645/8 INFORMATION ITEMS There were no information items.

Dr. Andrew Webster left the meeting.

ITEM 645/9 IN-CAMERA SESSION MINUTES The Minutes of the 643<sup>rd</sup> Senate in-camera meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup>,2022 were unanimously approved as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Denise Lauzière, LL.B. Secretary General (Interim)

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