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600<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SENATE  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

*Chair:* Principal Michael Goldbloom

*Present:* Dr. Hafid Agourram, Mr. Cameron Banton, Mr. Yotam Baum, Dr. Jim Benson, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Ms. Jessica Caputo, Dr. Jenn Cianca, Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Dr. Michele Murray, Dr. Robert Palmer, Ms. Angie Petitclerc, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Mr. Ryan Small, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Ms. Helen Tintpulver, Mr. Graham Williams, Dr. Brad Willms

*Remotely:* Dr. Corinne Haigh, Ms. Cassandra Johnson-Desnoyer, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

*Regrets:* Dr. Maxime Trempe

*Secretary:* Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Principal called the 600<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 600/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Miles Turnbull asked to table item 7.2 relating to Canada Research Chairs. The Principal noted that item 6.2 should be tabled as Maxime Trempe had sent his regrets. Jim Benson moved the approval of the agenda with the removal of items 6.2 and 7.2. Bruce Gilbert seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

ITEM 600/2 MEMORIAL MINUTE

***Memorial minute for Dr. William “Bill” Shearson***

Dr. Jamie Crooks read a memorial minute in honour of Dr. William “Bill” Shearson, who passed away on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

*William ‘Bill’ Shearson came to Bishop’s Department of Philosophy in 1965. He retired in 1998. Bill’s contributions to our community were substantial on all fronts. He was a revered teacher, winning the Evaluation Committee’s teaching award in 1996. His book *The Notion of Encounter* made a significant intervention in research on existential philosophy in Canada in the 1980’s. He served at different times both as President of the APBU and as Academic Vice-Principal.*

*In his younger years, Bill was a superb athlete. He was a knowledgeable fan of all sports and of the Football Gaiters in particular. When he lived on Prospect St. in the 1990’s he invariably had 3 or 4 student athletes as boarders. For a good while in those days, his living room consisted of 6 Lazy-boys in a semi-circle pointed at a giant T.V. set – the original ‘man cave’, a student/renter-sports fan’s dream.*

*Indeed, Bill’s genius for hospitality marked every aspect of his life and work. He welcomed generations of students into philosophy by finding ways of speaking their language. One of his early charges from the ‘60’s tells the story of his unpacking the Heideggerian concept of *Gelassenheit* or ‘serenity’ in terms of the Beatles’ song ‘Let it Be’. He explained Kant’s pure concepts of the understanding (the framework of all human experience) to football players in terms of the yard and boundary markers on a football field (when I took over Bill’s intro courses during his term as Vice-Principal there was palpable disappointment in the comparative mediocrity of my own metaphorical imagination).*

*From a selfish point of view, Bill’s greatest legacy – the one from which I’ve derived benefits I could never repay – is the little world of Bishop’s philosophy itself. With longtime colleague George Englebretsen, Bill built a department that rose above the petty conflicts between Anglo-American and European Continental thinking characteristic of so many larger departments in the later decades of the 20th century. He operated in a spirit of collegiality and intellectual openness that defines, now, the challenge of departmental stewardship for Bruce Gilbert, Don Dombowsky and me. There’s a scene in Dostoevsky’s *The Brothers Karamazov* where the youngest brother, the spiritually precocious Alyosha, argues that the blossom of a proper education is essentially twofold: it instills in us love of life and (respecting that love) a determination to bring the dead back to life.*

*Inasmuch as we in philosophy can follow Bill's example pursuing the first of these things we make him – and all of those, now departed, who have beaten a path for us here – the face of the second.*

ITEM 600/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal thanked Dr. Jamie Crooks for sharing his memories of Dr. Bill Shearson and extended his deepest sympathies to Dr. Shearson's partner and our colleague, Dr. Andrea Drumheller, and to his family.

The Principal welcomed to Senate Hafid Agourram, returning from sabbatical, and Elizabeth Prusak, the new Division of Natural Sciences representative.

The Principal mentioned the compelling Donald Lecture delivered by Sally Armstrong on February 8<sup>th</sup>, which set the tone for the "Up for Debate" weekend that included a debate competition among teams from the four Maple League schools (won by Mount Allison University), a business case competition (won by Bishop's), and seven TEDx by students and faculty.

The Principal gave an update on his meetings with government officials concerning the funding gap between Bishop's and the other small universities. Most recently, he and Pierre Cossette, recteur of the Université de Sherbrooke, held a teleconference meeting with the Sous-ministre de l'Éducation et de l'enseignement supérieur, Mrs. Sylvie Barcelo, and the Sous-ministre adjoint à l'enseignement supérieur, Mr. Simon Bergeron. Discussions are ongoing.

ITEM 600/4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corinne Haigh noted that Item 7.3 should read School of Education. Mary Ellen Donnan moved the approval of the Minutes of the 599<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate subject to the above correction. Jim Benson seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

ITEM 600/5 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the 599<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate.

ITEM 600/6 COMMITTEE ITEMS

6.1 *Report of the Senate Planning Committee*

Miles Turnbull presented the report of the Senate Planning Committee (SPC). He explained that the SPC had been meeting weekly since September and introduced the SPC members in

attendance. Dr. Turnbull presented the conclusions reached by the SPC for the 2019-20 academic priorities and funding of part-time courses. Several Senators asked for clarification about the process of evaluating proposals and allocating funds.

On behalf of the Senate Planning Committee, the four following resolutions were proposed.

Dr. Turnbull moved that Senate approve the allocation of part time credits, as specified in Document 6.1. Jim Benson seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Turnbull moved that Senate grant approval of 10-month sessional positions to replace the three academic Deans, the Vice-Principal Academic, the Dean of Student Affairs, and the Secretary General and Vice-Principal Government Relations and Planning. Hafid Agourram seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Turnbull moved that academic departments and programs be required to make a formal request to SPC for approval of conversion of seven part-time courses from this allotment to a 10-month sessional position on a yearly basis. Should departments or programs request a 12-month sessional, the academic unit would be required to cash in the actual cost of a 12-month sessional. Jenn Cianca seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Turnbull moved that academic units automatically re-advertise an earned tenure-stream position in the event of a failed faculty hiring process. After two failed searches, the academic unit must explain why the searches have failed and explain its strategies to address the problem. In this circumstance, the SPC has the right to recommend to Senate that the position be withdrawn. Francine Turmel seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

## ITEM 600/7 OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 *Academic Report*

The Vice-Principal Academic, Miles Turnbull, presented the Academic Report. He highlighted the quality of submissions received for the Strategic Hires initiative.

Dr. Turnbull remarked that the Foreman Art Gallery is one of the best university art galleries in Canada and encouraged everyone to view the current exhibit called "Dataesthetics".

Dan Seneker was invited to present the Fall 2018 and Winter 2019 enrolment numbers and where we stand with regards to the targets set in 2017. He explained that Fall 2019 application quality and quantity are trending positively compared with figures from the same time last year.

Senators asked questions about specific programs and recruiting strategies. Jim Benson asked if the recruiting team would consider promoting more joint-majors like Art Therapy and Psychology or Music and Business.

### 7.3 *Indigenous Land Acknowledgement*

Bruce Gilbert spoke of the need to recognize formally the contribution of Indigenous peoples.

Dr. Gilbert moved that Bishop's University place formal Abenaki land acknowledgements on the University website and on campus. Following a brief discussion about possible locations for the physical sign on campus, the resolution was modified to "in a prominent place".

Dr. Gilbert and the Principal will discuss the wording with the leaders of the Abenaki community at Odanak and report back to Senate and the Board.

#### RESOLUTION FOR THE FORMAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORIES

Pursuant to:

- (a) The Calls to Action of the 2015 Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Universities Canada's Principles of Indigenous Education, which asks universities to address the systematic and grave injustices done to Indigenous peoples;
- (b) The response to this mandate articulated in Senate's approval of the "Research and Recommendations for Reconciliation and Decolonization" document submitted by Drs. Aitken, Donnan and Manore at the 597th Meeting of Senate;
- (c) The formation at the same Senate meeting of an Ad Hoc Committee of Senate to "work with the research findings and recommendations...and...pursue ways of: developing opportunities for Indigenous students; improving the culture at Bishop's for these students; and fostering cross-cultural learning opportunities."

BE IT RESOLVED that Bishop's University place formal land acknowledgements on the front page of its website and in a prominent place on the university campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the wording for the land acknowledgement be determined in consultation with the Abenaki community at Odanak and be presented to the Principal.

Moved by: Dr. Bruce Gilbert

Seconded by: Mary Ellen Donnan

**Motion carried.**

## ITEM 600/8 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 8.1 Williams School of Business

The Dean of the Williams School of Business, Francine Turmel, moved approval of 8.1.1 for the modification of the major in Management. The motion was seconded by Hafid Agourram.

**Motion carried.**

### 8.2 Arts and Science

#### 8.2.1 Division of Humanities

#### 8.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

#### 8.2.3 Division of Social Sciences

##### 8.2.3.1 MSc in Knowledge Production and Mobilization

Michele Murray invited Heather Lawford to present the new program and to answer any questions Senators might have. Miles Turnbull reported that the SPC vetted and approved the creation of the new program.

Dr. Murray moved approval of 8.2.3.1, for the creation of a new Master of Science in Knowledge Production and Mobilization, on the recommendation of the Division of Social Sciences. Jenn Cianca seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

### 8.2.3.2 Sports Studies Department

Dr. Murray moved approval of 8.2.3.2., changing the Sports Studies Program to the Sports Studies Department. Gregory Brophy seconded the motion.

Miles Turnbull noted that the SPC voted in support of this motion. Gregory Brophy asked what characteristics constitute the demarcation between Program and Department. Jim Benson noted that the Academic Structures Committee would seem to be the appropriate body to provide clarity on this issue, however the last time the committee met was in 2012.

Brad Willms noted that the wording of the Collective Agreement requires faculty to be allocated to disciplines and departments, not programs. Miles Turnbull noted that the Secretary General and the Vice-Principal Academic have been asked to look into the difference between Program and Department and report back to Senate.

**Motion carried.**

### 8.3 School of Education

There were no recommendations from the School of Education

### 8.4 Continuing Education

There were no recommendations from the Division of Continuing Education

## ITEM 600/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

### 9.1 *MUS 374 Individual Practical Study*

Michele Murray noted that the 598<sup>th</sup> Senate approved the creation of MUS 380 - Individual Practical Study: Special Project. However, course number MUS 380 had already been attributed to a choir course. In accordance with the Registrar's office, the correct course number should be MUS 374 - Individual Practical Study: Special Project.

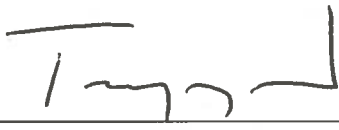
ITEM 600/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Graham Williams asked for an update on the review of the Vice-Principal Academic. The Principal reported that the *Committee for the Review of the Vice-Principal Academic* has made a recommendation to him, and that he has had a preliminary discussion with the Board. The next step is a consultation with Senate, which should occur within the coming weeks.

The Dean of the Williams School of Business, Francine Turmel, shared that Maude Archambault, a B.B.A. Accounting and Finance student, has been selected to receive the "*Prix Relève de l'Association des femmes en finance du Quebec (AFFQ)*". The Principal asked the Dean to congratulate Ms. Archambault on behalf of Senate.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Michael Goldbloom, Chair

  
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Trygve Ugland, Secretary