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602<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF SENATE  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

*Chair:* Principal Michael Goldbloom

*Present:* Mr. Cameron Banton, Mr. Yotam Baum, Dr. Jim Benson, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Dr. Jenn Cianca, Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan, Dr. Corinne Haigh, Dr. Michele Murray, Ms. Angie Petitclerc, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Mr. Ryan Small, Ms. Helen Tintpulver, Dr. Maxime Trempe, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Mr. Graham Williams, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

*Regrets:* Ms. Jessica Caputo, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Ms. Kassandra Johnson-Desnoyer, Dr. Robert Palmer, Dr. David Webster, Dr. Brad Willms

*Secretary:* Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Principal called the 602<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 602/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes were requested to the agenda. Dr. Jim Benson moved the approval of the agenda and Dr. Michele Murray seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

ITEM 602/2 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal welcomed Ms. Aunika Braun, the incoming 2019-20 SRC Vice-President Academic and invited her to introduce herself to Senate. Ms. Braun is a third year double-major English/Political Science student one of whose goals since entering Bishop's has been to support her fellow students by joining the SRC.

The Principal remarked that planning for Convocation 2019 is well underway and briefly presented the 2019 Honorands: Ms. Christiane Germain, co-founder and co-president of the Groupe Germain Hotels; Ms. Kim Thúy, writer; Mr. Claude Belleau, Director of Estrie-Aide; and Mr. Colm Feore, screen and stage actor.

There have been two Donald Lectures since the last Senate meeting: Sally Armstrong, O.C., journalist and human rights activist; and Harley Finkelstein, entrepreneur, lawyer, and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Shopify. These lectures highlighted two very different career paths but were equally interesting and inspiring.

The Principal noted that the Library Learning Commons project has been nominated for an award by the *Ordre des architectes du Québec*.

The 2019-20 provincial budget includes a provision of \$15M for enhanced funding of regional universities. The Principal is optimistic that the University will benefit from this funding.

ITEM 602/3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 600<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SENATE

No corrections or modifications were requested. Dr. Michele Murray moved the approval of the Minutes of the 600<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate. Dr. Gregory Brophy seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

ITEM 602/4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

At the 600<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate on February 11, 2019, Senate requested that the Secretary General and the Vice-Principal Academic propose a mechanism for approving new academic departments.

Dr. Trygve Ugland presented a Memo he prepared with the Vice-Principal Academic, Dr. Miles Turnbull. The Memo described the differing roles carried out by the Academic Structures Committee and Senate and recommended that the Senate Planning Committee (SPC) be tasked with determining criteria for the creation of and the disbanding of academic departments and programs. After discussion, Dr. Turnbull moved approval of the Memo's recommendations.

**Motion:** That new academic departments be approved like programs and courses through the regular procedure: approval by Division/School, Senate Planning Committee and Senate.

Furthermore, that criteria for approving new and disbanding existing academic departments and programs be proposed by the Senate Planning Committee to Senate before December 31, 2019.

Moved: Dr. Miles Turnbull

Seconded: Dr. Elisabeth Prusak

**Motion passed.**

#### 4.2 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At the 600<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate on February 11, 2019, a resolution to place a formal Abenaki land acknowledgement on the front page of the University website and in a prominent place on campus was passed. Dr. Bruce Gilbert and Principal Goldbloom were mandated to consult with the leaders of the Abenaki community concerning the wording of the land acknowledgement.

Dr. Gilbert and Principal Goldbloom discussed this issue with the Chief of the Abenaki Band Council of Odanak, Chief Richard O'Bomsawin, on March 23, 2019, and the following wording was proposed:

*"Bishop's University is proudly located on the traditional territory of the Abenaki people".*

This land acknowledgment will be presented in Abenaki, English and French.

#### ITEM 602/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

##### 5.1 REPORT OF THE LANGUAGE TASK FORCE

Dr. Miles Turnbull presented the report of the Language Task Force which was mandated by Senate to generate ideas on promoting the value of learning a second language across all programs.

The Registrar, Mr. Hans Rouleau, questioned whether additional language requirements would necessitate changes to the number of credits for majors or minors.

Dr. Francine Turmel explained that she was in favour of encouraging students to study an additional language but not of making it a mandatory requirement. Dr. Maxime Trempe said that he was not convinced that adding a language requirement was more important than adding any other potential requirement, for example a course in religion or business, and that there would be negative implications for department course allocations if they have to fund the additional language courses (as indicated in the Department of Modern Languages response to the SPARC report).

Dr. Turnbull noted that the Language Task Force was not recommending any changes at this time rather that it was hopeful the departments and divisions would see the benefit of learning additional languages and be able to propose creative initiatives within their programs. Dr. Turnbull explained that the Language Task Force met with several departments and divisions across the University and decided to proceed in this manner in order to find the best way forward. Following a vigorous debate, Dr. Turnbull proposed the following motions on behalf of the Language Task Force:

**Motion 1:** That Senate require all academic programs across the University to examine how they could include additional language requirements for students in their programs.

Moved: Dr. Miles Turnbull  
Seconded: Dr. Angie Petitchlerc  
Two votes opposed.  
**Motion carried.**

**Motion 2:** That the Divisions of Social Sciences and Natural Sciences and Math, as well as the Schools of Education and Business, identify ways to establish a divisional requirement for additional language education within one year.

Moved: Dr. Miles Turnbull  
Seconded: Dr. Jenn Cianca  
Two votes opposed.  
**Motion carried.**

## 5.2 REPORT OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Dr. Miles Turnbull spoke to the report that detailed the committee's analysis of the existing cluster model and proposed a new model that aims to better meet the needs of the University's Research community.

Bishop's University faculty members were extensively consulted and the new proposed model received overwhelming support through an online consultation that took place in Winter 2019. Researchers were also invited to meet with the Senate Research Committee to share their thoughts and concerns on the new model on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Senate Research Committee took all feedback very seriously and the final version of the document includes responses to concerns expressed.

On behalf of the Senate Research Committee, Dr. Turnbull moved:

**Motion:** That the Senate approve the proposed changes to the Research Cluster Model as outlined in document 602/5.2.

Moved: Dr. Miles Turnbull  
Seconded: Dr. Dawn Wiseman

**Motion carried.**

5.3 REPORT OF THE SENATE PROGRAM ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Miles Turnbull spoke to the report. He briefly explained the SPARC review process and a timeline for reviews planned or in progress.

SPARC has received comments from the external reviewers for the Departments of History and Modern Languages, their respective departments have responded and SPARC has made recommendations.

While there were no major issues identified for the Department of History, the external reviewers made a strong recommendation that the Department of History embark on an in-depth curriculum mapping exercise to consolidate the programs around existing faculty resources/expertise.

The Department of Modern Languages' external reviewers felt that department's greatest challenge was the lack of adequate resources and offered recommendations on ways to increase offerings for students especially in upper year classes. Dr. Turnbull said that SPARC recommends the Department of Modern Languages increase its course offerings by exploring the potential of upper level courses offered through the Maple League teleconference classroom.

The next reviews are of the Departments of English and Psychology.

5.4 SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Maxime Trempe spoke to the Nominating Committee's report. He moved that Senate approve the committee's nominations.

**Motion:** That Senate approve the appointments or re-appointments on the Ad-hoc Committee on Reconciliation and Decolonization, the Ad-hoc committee on the review of the student teaching evaluation instrument and the Senate Nominating Committee as outlined in document 602/5.4.

Moved: Dr. Maxime Trempe

Seconded: Dr. Jenn Cianca

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan noted that the two student representatives on the Ad-hoc Committee on Reconciliation and Decolonization should graduate in June. Dr. Donnan noted that she has the name of a student who is willing to represent the Indigenous Cultural Alliance next year, which she will forward to the Nominating Committee.

## ITEM 602/6 OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

The Vice-Principal Academic, Dr. Miles Turnbull, presented the Academic Report. He noted that the Committee evaluating the Strategic Hires submissions had a difficult decision to determine which two positions would receive funding as the quality of submissions received was very high. The Committee retained positions for Sustainable Agriculture and Musical Theatre.

Dr. Turnbull presented an update of Fall 2019 enrolment and noted that the numbers are still trending positively. Fall 2019 applications are open until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Turnbull announced that the University will co-host, with the Université de Sherbrooke, the 2020 *Association francophone pour le savoir (Acfas)* conference. This event will attract more than 5000 scholars.

### 6.2 SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR CRC POSITIONS

The Vice-Principal Academic, Dr. Miles Turnbull, presented the report of the Selection Committee for CRC positions. The Selection Committee was impressed with the quality of all submissions and faced a difficult task to choose among the eight excellent submissions. Dr. Turnbull said that although the University only has two CRC positions available at this time a third position will be available in 2021. The Committee is recommending the approval of the following three positions in order to identify the best candidates and stagger the position start dates:

1. Indigenous Studies
2. Multi Messenger Astrophysics
3. Plurilingual Integrated Teaching and Learning in Global Communities

**Motion:** That Senate agrees that the Appointments Process shall, effective immediately, begin to recruit Canada Research Chairs in Indigenous Studies, Multi-Messenger Astrophysics and Plurilingual Integrated Teaching and Learning in Global Communities.

Moved: Dr. Miles Turnbull

Seconded: Dr. Corinne Haigh

**Motion carried.**

ITEM 602/7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Arts and Science

7.1.1 Division of Humanities

Dr. Michele Murray moved the approval of 7.1.1, for the creation of new English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, on the recommendation of the division of Humanities. Dr. Jim Benson seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

7.1.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.1.2.1 Division of Chemistry

Dr. Michele Murray moved the approval of 7.1.2.1, for the creation of four 400 level Brewing Science courses on the recommendation of the Division of Chemistry. Mr. Ryan Small seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

7.1.3 Division of Social Sciences

There were no recommendations from the Division of Social Sciences.

7.2 School of Education

Dr. Corinne Haigh moved the approval of 7.2, for the modification of five courses and the creation of two courses on the recommendation of the School of Education. Dr. Dawn Wiseman seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

7.3 Williams School of Business

There were no recommendations from the Williams School of Business.

7.4 Continuing Education

There were no recommendations from the Division of Continuing Education.

ITEM 602/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 2019-2020 SENATE MEETING DATES

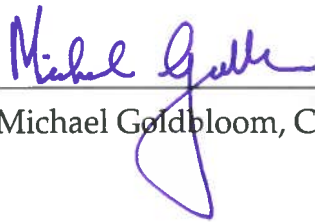
The Secretary General, Dr. Trygve Ugland, presented the 2019-2020 Senate meeting dates. No changes or modifications were requested.

ITEM 602/9 APPROVAL OF IN-CAMERA MINUTES – 601<sup>ST</sup> SENATE

Ms. Angie Petitclerc noted that she was present via teleconference for most of the meeting and asked to be counted as present. Dr. Elizabeth Prusak moved the approval of the Minutes of the 601<sup>st</sup> meeting of Senate with the modification as requested. Dr. Maxime Trempe seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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Michael Goldbloom, Chair



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Trygve Ugland, Secretary