



605TH MEETING OF SENATE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019
2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Agourram, Ms. Reéna Atanasiadis, Mr. Yotam Baum, Dr. Jim Benson, Ms. Aunika Braun, Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan, Ms. Norah Exume, Dr. Mark Gandey, Mr. Philippe Gravel, Dr. Corinne Haigh, Ms. Isabella Janušonis, Ms. Cassandra Johnson-Desnoyer, Ms. Melina Krallis, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Michael Teed, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Dr. David Webster, Dr. Brad Willms, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

Remotely: Dr. Kerry Hull

Regrets: Dr. Gregory Brophy, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Jessica Riddell

Secretary: Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 605th meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ITEM 605/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair requested that the Memoriam for W.G. Ross be added before the approval of the minutes. Dr. Kerry Hull notified Senate that there will be recommendations put forward for adjunct professorships on behalf of the Department of Computer Science. Adoption of the modified agenda was proposed.

Moved by: Jim Benson

Seconded by: Miles Turnbull

Motion carried.

ITEM 605/1.5 MEMORIAL MINUTE – W. G. ROSS

Dr. Norman Jones read a memorial minute in honour of Dr. W. G. (Gil) Ross, who passed away on October 7th 2019.

Gil Ross arrived at Bishop's University in 1961 not to join the Geography Department but to become its founder. For the next several years Gil was Geography at Bishop's, and for the thirty years he spent here the Department grew and prospered to eventually become the present Department of Environment and Geography.

Gil started his academic career at the Royal Military College in Kingston where he graduated with a degree in History in 1953. He then changed his academic focus to Geography, enrolling in the Honours B.A. degree program at McGill University. He went on to graduate from this program in 1957, then to complete an M.A. in Geography in 1960.

Although Gil's Master's thesis involved the study of Antigua in the Caribbean, he soon changed his research focus to the Arctic. In 1968, he was awarded a study leave to attend Cambridge University where he graduated with his Ph.D. in 1971. His doctoral dissertation, based on a study of whaling in the Canadian Arctic in the late nineteenth century, would eventually lead to an extremely successful career in the field of Arctic exploration. Between 1969 and 2019, Gil published over 40 academic articles and books. His recent book entitled 'Hunters on the Track: William Perry and the Search for Franklin', like much of his research, displayed the bringing together of his initial interest in history with his love of Arctic geography.

Gil was not only a very successful academic, but also an accomplished athlete. He was involved in a number of athletic endeavours both as a participant and as a coach. For several years he coached the Bishop's ski team and cross-country running team, then known as the harrier team. He also completed ten international cross-country ski races, earning him the World Loppet Gold Medal.

Gil loved all aspects of outdoor and indoor activities. One of my fondest memories is helping Gil tap maple trees and collect sap from his sugar bush. One of my less fond moments are times when he ran me ragged on the squash court.

Teaching was always a passion for Gill and while at Bishop's he taught over 20 different courses. Presently in the Environment and Geography Department he initiated, we still offer two of Gil's Arctic courses, and they continue to attract a significant number of students. Interestingly, the courses are now taught by Al Haller who is not only an alumnus of Bishop's but was one of Gil's students during the 1960s. According to Al, it was the courses he took from Gil that sparked his interest in the Geography of the Arctic and led to him change his academic focus from Chemistry and Mathematics to Geography, eventually leading to his completion of both his Master's and Doctoral degrees and fostering his love for the Arctic.

Throughout his career, Gil Ross made large and significant contributions to Bishop's and to the academic literature, plus his teaching had a powerful influence on the students who followed in his path. Gil will indeed be missed.

ITEM 605/2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 604TH MEETING OF SENATE

No corrections or modifications were requested. Approval of the minutes of the 604th meeting of Senate was proposed.

Moved by: Aunika Braun

Seconded by: Hafid Agourram

Motion carried.

ITEM 605/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal said that the Donald Lecture series is off to a good start. The first lecture was held on September 26th and featured Dr. Bruce Gilbert interviewing world-renowned philosopher Dr. Charles Taylor in front of a packed Centennial Theatre. The next lecture will be given by Mr. Tom Mulcair, former Leader of the New Democratic Party, on October 25th. Mr. Mulcair's talk opens the 'Up For Debate' Maple League weekend events, which include TedTalks, a Business Case Competition, and adjudicated debates with participants from all four of the Maple League universities.

On October 4th, Minister of Education and Higher Education Jean-François Roberge came to Bishop's to announce that the Government of Quebec will provide \$5.9M of the \$6.9M needed to renovate and re-equip Divinity House and transform it into an Indigenous Students Gathering Space and Resource Centre. The University Foundation has agreed to raise the remaining \$1M to complete the project.

A path will be built to link the University's main campus with the Campus Farm. The University has negotiated an agreement with the highway project contractor to accept a large quantity of backfill on its land -- about 546,000 tons or the equivalent of 25,000 truckloads, which are being moved due to the Highway 410 extension. In exchange for the University accepting this backfill, the contractor will construct a 1.5 km path from campus to the future site of the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems program farm, near Glenday Road. This will effectively make a five kilometre loop for walking, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing.

The Principal thanked Dr. Kerry Hull and Ms. Denise Lauzière for their efforts in organizing the United Way (Centraide) fundraising activities. He reminded Senators that funds raised by the United Way support local organizations such as the Lennoxville Youth Centre and the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre and that five percent of the funds raised will be directed to Student Services to help students with urgent needs.

ITEM 605/4 BUSINESS ARISING

Dr. Dawn Wiseman, Interim Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee presented an updated list of committee memberships. Dr. Wiseman proposed approval of the appointments or reappointments to Senate Committees as indicated in Document 605/4.1.

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Mary Ellen Donnan

Motion carried.

ITEM 605/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 REPORT OF THE SENATE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Miles Turnbull presented the report of the Senate Planning Committee (SPC). He explained the exacting and careful work undertaken by the SPC to ensure that each request for a tenure stream position receives careful and equal consideration and thanked the committee members.

Mr. Yotam Baum, Contract Faculty representative and member of the Music department, said that the SPC report did not mention the importance of contract faculty in the Music department and expressed concern there had not been sufficient consultation as to the profile of the tenure-position proposed for the department. Dr. Turnbull said that the contributions of contract faculty in the Department of Music are considerable.

Dr. Marianne Vigneault said that the RAM score is not useful for ranking the Arts Administration program's request as its courses are entirely given by contract faculty. Dr. Turnbull agreed that the RAM score does not work as well when 100% of the professors are contract faculty.

Dr. David Webster raised the concern that focussing on RAM scores has led to departments concentrating more on keeping students within their respective departments, rather than encouraging them to explore other departments' course offerings. He worried this could penalize smaller departments who rely on providing electives for students pursuing degrees in other programs.

The Senate Planning Committee, having examined and discussed the submissions of the various schools, departments and programs under the guidance of the revised resource allocation policy approved by Senate on September 17, 2018, recommends the following motions be adopted:

Motion 1: That Senate recommends the modification of Dr. Darren Millington's tenure-stream position to become 100% in Fine Arts for approval by the Board of Governors for the 2020-21 budget.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Jim Benson

Motion carried.

Dr. Corinne Haigh thanked Dr. Darren Millington for his contributions to the School of Education and said that the department would be continuing to collaborate with him in the future. Dr. Jim Benson thanked the School of Education for agreeing to Dr. Millington's transfer to the Department of Fine Arts.

Motion 2: That Senate recommends the following tenure stream positions, in order of priority, for approval by the Board of Governors for the 2020-21 budget.

1. Department of Computer Science (position 1)

2. Williams School of Business (position 1)
3. School of Education (position 1)
4. Department of Fine Arts
5. Department of Sociology
6. Department of Music
7. Department of Biology
8. Williams School of Business (position 2)
9. Department of Computer Science (position 2)
10. Department of Sports Studies
11. Department of English
12. School of Education (position 2)
13. Department of Environment & Geography
14. Department of Political & International Studies

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Reena Atanasiadis

One vote opposed.

Motion carried.

ITEM 605/6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Dr. Miles Turnbull presented the Academic Report and said that once the Registrar's Office has had the time to validate the Fall 2019 enrolment statistics, these findings will be shared with Senate.

Dr. Turnbull informed faculty that the *Association francophone pour le savoir* (Acfas) was still accepting submissions and encouraged faculty and students to submit topics for presentation. The photo contest held in conjunction with the Acfas conference, *Un image vaut 1000 mots* (A picture is worth a thousand words), is open until the end of November.

ITEM 605/7 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

On recommendation of the Department of Computer Science, Interim Dean of Arts and Science, Dr. Kerry Hull, presented the *curriculum vitae* of two professors for consideration for Adjunct Professor Status.

Dr. Hull proposed that Senate approve Adjunct status for a six-year period (starting September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2025) for Dr. Tomasz Kaczynski, on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science.

Moved by: Kerry Hull

Seconded by: Brad Willms
Motion carried.

Dr. Hull proposed that Senate approve Adjunct status for a six-year period (starting September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2025) for Dr. Yasir Malik on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science.

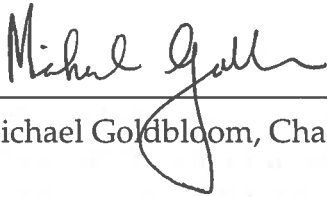
Moved by: Kerry Hull
Seconded by: Brad Willms
Motion carried.

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences – no recommendations


7.3 School of Education – no recommendations

7.4 Continuing Education – no recommendations

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary General