

554TH MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013

7:00 P.M.

TOMLINSON HALL, MCGREER # 100

AGENDA

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- ♦ Minutes of 553rd Meeting of Senate

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- 4.1 Board of Governors principles in response to proposals for a *Charte des valeurs québécoises* – M. Goldbloom/V. Meikle

554/5 Committee Items

- 5.1 Report of Senate Nominating Committee – G. Gagné
- 5.2 Report of Senate Planning Committee – J. Crooks
- 5.3 Amendments to the Strategic Research Plan – J. Crooks
- 5.4 Report on external examiners for SPARC reviews – J. Crooks
- 5.5 Research Ethics Board 2013-2014 – Community Member – J. Crooks

554/6 Other Matters

- 6.1 Certificate of graduation and a fall meeting of Convocation – V. Meikle/H. Rouleau

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DOCUMENT 556/2.1

**554TH MEETING OF THE SENATE
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY**

MINUTES

The 554th meeting of Senate took place on October 21st, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Aggouram, Dr. Darren Bardati, Mr. Andrew-Philip Baronet, Mr. Trevor Blasky, Dr. Jamie Crooks, Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Dr. Trevor Gulliver, Dr. Kerry Hull, Dr. Jean Manore, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Laurie Milner, Ms Claire Murphy, Dr. Michele Murray, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda, Ms Cedar Swartz-Fisher, Ms Alessandra Tiano, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Calin Valsan, Ms Allison Verville, Dr. Marianne Vigneault

Regrets: Dr. Avril Aitken, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Michael Richardson

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

The Principal called the 554th meeting of Senate to order.

ITEM 554/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

ITEM 554/2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 553RD MEETING

Adrianna Mendrek moved approval of the minutes of the 553rd meeting and adoption and Darren Bardati seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 554/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal advised Senate that the new Dean of Education, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, will take up her position on July 1st, 2014. He noted that Dr. Berger has completed two terms as Dean of Education at the University of Ottawa in 2013, and will bring her extensive experience in academic administration and extraordinary energy to Bishop's.

ITEM 554/4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Principles, Charte des valeurs québécoises - M. Goldbloom/V.Meikle

The Principal had been asked to meet with Bernard Drainville, Quebec Minister of Democratic Institutions and Active Citizenship and Minister responsible for the proposed *Charte des valeurs québécoises*. The meeting took place with the heads of other institutions of higher education in Sherbrooke. In the absence of an institutional position on the Minister's proposals, the Principal had shared his personal views.

The Principal reported that he was working with public institutions in Sherbrooke to articulate a common response to the proposals for a *Charte des valeurs québécoises*.

At its October 4th meeting, the Board of Governors endorsed document 555/4.1, a statement of principle on religious neutrality and freedom of expression.

After some discussion of the principles, Michele Murray moved that Senate endorse them, and Trevor Gulliver seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Jean Manore moved that the motion tabled at the September 16th, 2013 meeting of Senate concerning the Quebec Charter of Values be withdrawn, and Jamie Crooks seconded the motion for withdrawal.

The motion carried.

Dr. Manore further moved that Senate supports the Principal in his consultation with other public institutions in order to develop a consensus position on the Charter of values. Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

It was noted that a General Assembly of the Students' Representative Council had endorsed the principles adopted by the Board of Governors, and that the S.R.C. would be seeking broader endorsement from the student body.

4.2 Academic Administrative Structures Committee

Vice-Principal Academic James Crooks reported that the recommendations of the Academic Administrative Structures Committee approved by Senate on September 16th, 2013, had been approved by the Board of Governors on October 4th, 2013.

4.3 Teaching Evaluation Proposal

Dr. Crooks also reported that the proposal brought to Senate on September 16th by Hafid Agourram, that the possibility of online course evaluations be explored, had been referred to the Teaching Evaluation Committee.

ITEM 554/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Report of Senate Nominating Committee - Gilbert Gagné

Gilbert Gagné moved appointments to the Continuing Education, Nominating, Planning and Teaching evaluation Committees and Trygve Ugland seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Senate Committees	Nominee	Nominated by	Term	End of Term
Continuing Education	Ms Sarah Heath	Library	1 st	
Nominating	Dr. Laurie Milner	Contract Faculty	1 st	
Planning	Dr. Trevor Gulliver	Education		
Teaching Evaluation	Dr. Lisa Schmidt	Contract Faculty	1 st	

5.2 Report of Senate Planning Committee/J. Crooks

Vice-Principal James Crooks introduced the Report of Senate Planning Committee, Document 554/5.2. The document sets out the guidelines for Committee decision-making, lists the submissions made by Departments and programs, and summarises the Committee's deliberations on the submissions.

Senate Planning Committee, having examined and discussed the submissions of the schools, departments and programs under the guidance of the criteria as amended in October 2009, recommended that 8.5 tenure-stream positions be approved, and set out the order of priority for those positions.

Adrianna Mendrek asked the Principal, as Chair of Senate, to recognise Dale Stout, Chair of the Psychology Department, and allow him to speak to the recommendation of Senate Planning Committee for a position in Psychology. The Principal agreed to recognise Dr. Stout.

Dr. Stout asked that the recommendation of Senate Planning Committee be modified to provide greater flexibility, so as to allow the recruitment of either an experimental or a clinical psychologist depending on the candidacies received.

The Vice-Principal was of the view that members of Senate Planning Committee would support the modification requested.

The Vice-Principal moved that Senate approve the tenure-stream appointments for 2014-15 in the order of priority recommended by Senate Planning Committee, with the proviso that the description of the position in Psychology be revised to read 'experimental or clinical', and that these positions be converted into sessional positions should the Board of Governors decline to approve them:

- 1) one position in Sports Studies;
- 2) one position in the Williams School of Business (accounting);
- 3) one position in Biology (lab instructor);
- 4) one position in Psychology (experimental or clinical);
- 5) one position in English (British literature);
- 6) one position shared 2/3 Politics and International Relations, 1/3 Philosophy (political philosophy);
- 7) one position in the Williams School of Business (marketing/human resources);
- 8) a half position in History (conversion of an existing half position into a full position);
- 9) one position in Sociology (criminology/law/social policy).

The Vice-Principal further moved that sessional appointments be approved in the Departments of Modern Languages (Italian) and Chemistry.

Adrianna Mendrek seconded both motions.

The motions carried.

During the course of discussion, Dr. Crooks indicated that, under current Senate Planning Committee practice, if a replacement position goes unfilled for more than a year, the position gets tagged as a new position.

There was some discussion about the appropriate balance between student/faculty ratios and the goal of providing resources across the Divisions. Fast-growing Departments were thought to face a particular challenge in growing faculty complement to keep up with increases in the number of students enrolled in their programs.

5.3 Amendments to the Strategic Research Plan - J. Crooks

The Vice-Principal introduced Document 554/5.3, Bishop's Strategic Research Plan 2013-2016, explaining that the Board of Governors had approved the Plan as the 'highest planning body' at the University.

During the course of the approval process, a section on the allocation of Canada Research Chairs had been added to the Plan, in order to ensure compliance with C.R.C. policy, and a few cosmetic changes had been made.

Vice-Principal James Crooks moved approval of the modifications to the Strategic Research Plan 2013-2016, and Trygve Ugland seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

5.4 Report on external examiners for SPARC reviews J. Crooks

Senate asked that this matter be brought back to the November meeting of Senate, at which point two external examiners and an alternate would have been identified for the Winter 2014 reviews of the Departments of Mathematics and of Religion.

5.5 Research Ethics Board 2013-2014 - Community Member J. Crooks

The Vice-Principal moved that Jonathan Tondreau-Lord, a Law student at the *Université de Sherbrooke*, be appointed to the Research Ethics Board as the Community representative. Cedar Swartz-Fisher seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 554/6 OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Certificate of graduation and a fall meeting of Convocation V. Meikle and H. Rouleau

The Secretary General indicated that this matter would be brought to a subsequent meeting of Senate.

ITEM 554/7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 *Williams School of Business*

There were no recommendations from the Williams School of Business.

7.2 *Arts and Science*

7.2.1 *Division of Humanities*

There were no recommendations from the Division of Humanities.

7.2.2 *Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

There were no recommendations from the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

7.2.3 *Division of Social Sciences*

There were no recommendations from the Division of Social Sciences.

7.3 *School of Education*

There were no recommendations from the School of Education.

7.4 *Continuing Education*

There were no recommendations from the Continuing Education.

ITEM 554/8 INFORMATION

There were no information items.

There being no further business, the 554th meeting of Senate adjourned at xxxp.m.


Michael Goldbloom, Chair


Victoria Meikle, Secretary