



557TH MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

7:00 P.M.

TOMLINSON HALL, MCGREER 100

AGENDA

557/1 Approval of Agenda

557/2 Approval of Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes of the 555th meeting of Senate (document attached)
- 2.2 Minutes of the 556th meeting of Senate (document to follow)

557/3 Communications from the Chair

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- 4.1 Bishop's University submission to the Commission des institutions

557/5 Committee Items

- 5.1 Senate Planning Committee Report on Part-time Credits

557/6 Other Matters

- 6.1 Draft Strategic Plan for Bishop's University

557/7 Recommendations

- 7.1 Williams School of Business

7.2 Arts and Science

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7.2.1.1 Senate Planning Committee Report on a name change for the Department of Modern Languages

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557TH MEETING OF THE SENATE
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

The 557th meeting of Senate took place on January 27th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Avril Aitken, Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Jamie Crooks, Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Dr. Trevor Gulliver, Dr. Kerry Hull, Dr. Jean Manore, Ms Claire Murphy, Dr. Michele Murray, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Michael Richardson, Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda, Ms Alessandra Tiano, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Calin Valsan, Ms Allison Verville, Dr. Marianne Vigneault

Regrets: Dr. Hafid Aggouram, Mr. Andrew-Philip Baronet, Mr. Trevor Blasky, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Laurie Milner, Ms Cedar Swartz-Fisher, Dr. Trygve Ugland

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

The Principal called the 557th meeting of Senate to order.

ITEM 557/1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

ITEM 557/2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the 555th meeting of Senate

Jean Manore asked that the reference to Senate Planning Committee in the second paragraph of Item 555/5.1 on page 3 be corrected to read Senate Research Committee.

Subject to that correction she moved approval of the minutes of the 555th meeting of Senate. Michele Murray seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

2.2 Minutes of the 556th meeting of Senate

Avril Aitken moved approval of the minutes of the 556th meeting of Senate as circulated; Darren Bardati seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 557/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR - M. Goldbloom

Vice-Principal Academic

The Principal welcomed Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull to Senate.

Dean, Williams School of Business

At its January 24th meeting, the Board of Governors approved the appointment of a new Dean of Business, Dr. Francine Turmel. Dr. Turmel had served as Dean of Business at the *Université de Sherbrooke*, and had held the positions of Assistant Vice-Rector Research and Vice-Dean for Research of the Faculty of Business.

The Board of Governors also approved the hiring of six faculty members to tenure-stream positions.

ITEM 557/4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Submission to the *Commission des institutions* – M. Goldbloom, V. Meikle

The Bishop's University submission to the *Commission des institutions* on Bill 60, *Charter affirming the values of State secularism and religious neutrality and of equality between women and men, and providing a framework for accommodation requests*, was distributed to Senators for information. As of the date of Senate, no date had been set for Bishop's appearance before the *Commission des institutions*.

ITEM 557/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Senate Planning Committee Report on Part-time Credits - J. Crooks

The Vice-Principal spoke to Document 557/5.1, the Report of Senate Planning Committee on Part-time credits. Dr. Crooks explained that, in light of budget constraints, the initial goal had been 241.5 part-time credits for Fall 2014 and Winter 2015. Senate Planning Committee had concluded, however, that it would not be possible to meet all departmental requirements with less than 263.5 credits. In order to make it possible to meet requirements within budget constraints, some courses were

'borrowed' from the spring term and some additional funds were provided by the Foundation.

Senate Planning Committee had recommended the following allocation of part-time credits:

General Pool	21.5
Business	30
Education	21
Humanities	93
Natural Sciences & Mathematics	41
Social Sciences	57
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Total	263.5

The Vice-Principal Academic moved approval of the allocation of part-time credits as recommended by Senate Planning Committee. Bruce Gilbert seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

During the course of discussion, Dr. Crooks indicated that the Dean of Arts and Science would make a proposal, in consultation with Chairs, for the allocation of credits to the Departments in the Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences.

ITEM 557/6 OTHER MATTERS

6.1 Draft Strategic Priorities for Bishop's - M. Goldbloom

The Principal noted that the priorities set out in the draft Strategic Plan circulated to Senators had been the subject of discussion within the Bishop's community for some years.

The Principal had presented the priorities to faculty, staff, the Executive of the Students' Representative Council and managers early in January. The document distributed to Senate included additional information on the means that will be used to measure progress against the objectives set out in the draft Plan.

Feedback during the presentations had been positive. The Secretary General would issue a request to the Bishop's community for additional feedback. Once any feedback received from Senate, the Board and the broader community had been integrated, the Strategic Plan would be brought back to the Board of Governors for approval.

The Principal asked Senators whether there was anything missing from the document, and whether they disagreed with any of the proposed priorities, goals, actions or measures.

There was a consensus that the draft Strategic Plan reflected the priorities of the University, and it was suggested the Departments might usefully develop their own plans.

In response to a question about Goal 4 under Priority 1, it was explained that the intention was to leave open a range of possibilities in relation to the academic administration of research at Bishop's.

It was suggested that the promotion of research on pedagogy be added to Goals 3 and 4 in Priority 1.

There was some discussion of the appropriate size of the University. The theoretical maximum of 2,800 full-time students would require optimising enrolment in every program. In light of the challenges this optimisation presents, 2,500 full-time students might be a more reasonable goal. In order to maintain the quality of the education we offer and limit the size of the University, we will have to do the best we can with what we have, and do what we do well even better.

ITEM 557/7 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*

7.2.1.1 *Senate Planning Committee Report on a name change for the Department of Modern languages - M. Murray*

The Dean of Arts and Science moved that the name of the Department of Modern Languages be changed to 'Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures', as recommended by Senate Planning Committee and set out in Document 557/7.2.1.1. Gilbert Gagné seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

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 Continuing Education.

ITEM 557/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

Donald Lecture and Up for Debate Weekend

The Principal reminded Senators that Dr. David Goldbloom would deliver a Donald Lecture entitled "Stigma and Mental Illness: Myth, Reality and Hope" on January 31st to close off Mental Health Week.

Faculty, students and staff from the other U4 universities would return for the second edition of the *Up for Debate* weekend on February 1st and 2nd.

Order of Canada

Cranmer Rutihinda congratulated the Principal on his appointment to the Order of Canada.

There being no further business, the 557th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Victoria Meikle, Secretary