

565TH MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH 2015
7:00 P.M.
TOMLINSON HALL, MCGREER 100

AGENDA

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Proposal for an allocation process - *Miles Turnbull*

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565TH MEETING OF THE SENATE
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

The 565th meeting of Senate took place on January 19th 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:55 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Aggouram, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Ms Kelly Brown, Dr. Gilbert Gagné, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Ms Tirza Harris, Dr. Sunny Lau, Dr. Jean Manore, Ms Chelsea McLennan, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Laurie Milner, Dr. Michele Murray, Dr. Michael Richardson, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Cranmer Rutihinda, Ms Ananya Srivastava, Ms Alessandra Tiano Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Marianne Vigneault

Regrets: Mr. Joel Semujanga

Secretary: Ms Victoria Meikle

The Principal called the 565th meeting of Senate to order at 7:05 p.m.

ITEM 565/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

ITEM 565/2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the 564th Meeting of Senate

The approval of the minutes of the 564th meeting of Senate was deferred to the 567th meeting of Senate.

ITEM 565/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Sports Center

The Grand Opening of the Sports Centre was scheduled for Friday, February 6th 2015.

One of the goals of the event was to introduce members of the Sherbrooke community to our new facility. There would be a free skate in the arena following the opening ceremony, and the Sports Centre would be open to the public for the weekend.

A work of art by Nicolas Baier, commissioned for the Sports Centre in accordance with Quebec government regulations for funding public art, would be unveiled.

Donald Lecture by Chris Hadfield

Colonel Chris Hadfield had been invited to give a Donald Lecture on Tuesday, January 27th. More than 1,300 people were expected to hear him speak, at two different events, including a special talk for school children.

John Donald, the Bishop's alumnus whose philanthropic gifts had made the Donald Lecture Series possible since 2008, would be in attendance, and his gift to the University would be announced.

Tuition for French students

Bishop's had argued for some time, along with the other charter universities, that French students should be charged at least the tuition charged to students from the rest of Canada, and it seemed that the Minister of Higher Education agreed. It remains to be seen whether the institutions will be allowed to keep the additional funds generated.

Recommendations of the Chantier on University funding.

Universities were asked to meet with Deputy Minister of Higher Education Lise Verreault in Quebec City to discuss the recommendations of the *Chantier* on the University funding policy chaired by H  l  ne P. Tremblay and Pierre Roy.

ITEM 565/4 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

ITEM 565/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 Senate Planning Committee Report on Part-time Credits - Miles Turnbull

The Vice-Principal Academic, Dr. Miles Turnbull, spoke to document 565/5.1, the *Report of Senate Planning Committee on the allocation of part-time credits*. He explained that, in light of budget constraints, the University administration would recommend hiring two or three tenure-stream faculty in order to meet the floor of 115 tenure-stream faculty required under the collective agreement.

Senate Planning Committee had recommended the following allocation of part-time credits across the various Divisions and Schools of the University:

General Pool	30
Business	22
Education	37
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	30
Humanities	98
Social sciences	50
Spring and summer	30
Total	297

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

The motion carried.

During the course of discussion, Senators raised the concern that reducing the number of course offerings would eventually affect recruitment and retention. It was suggested that income-generating possibilities be explored.

The Vice-Principal noted that the Department of Philosophy had made some programmatic changes in order to reduce costs, and that all academic units should begin to carry out similar exercises. Moreover there were questions about the number of small classes at Bishop's. As part of the academic analysis exercise, data will be collected on how many such classes there are, and whether they're taught *pro bono* or are counted as part of a faculty workload.

Dr. Turnbull also moved that academic departments and programs be required to make a formal request to Senate Planning Committee, on a yearly basis, for approval of conversion of seven part-time courses to a ten-month sessional position. Dr. Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Dr. Turnbull recognised that a sessional position was an asset for recruitment of strong faculty, stressing that the goal is to provide a rationale for the additional costs inherent in conversions to a sessional.

5.2 Senate Research Committee, Report on a Canada Research Chair Vacancy: Proposal for an allocation process - Miles Turnbull

The Vice-Principal Academic spoke to document 565/5.2, *Report relating to a Canada Research Chair Vacancy: Proposal for an allocation process.*

Dr. Cristian Berco, currently Canada Research Chair Social and Cultural Difference (Tier 2), had notified the University that he did not intend to seek renewal of his Chair when his term comes to an end on June 30th 2016. The University must submit an application for renewal in October 2015 in order to ensure that a new CRC is approved on time.

The Vice-Principal moved that the University undertake an allocation process like that used to recruit Dr. Berco in 2009, as set out in the document 565/5.2, *Senate Research Committee Report on a Canada Research Chair Vacancy: Proposal for an allocation process.* Dr. Hafid Aggouram seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 565/6 OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

ITEM 565/7 RECOMMENDATIONS

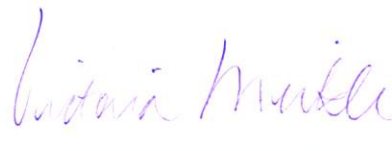
There were no recommendations.

ITEM 565/8 INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no other information items.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Michael Goldbloom, Chair


Victoria Meikle, Secretary