



SENATE

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576TH MEETING OF SENATE

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH 2016

7:00 P.M.

TOMLINSON HALL, MCGREER 100

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5.2 Report of the Senate Planning Committee on part-time credits, *Miles Turnbull, document to follow*

5.3 Spring school ad hoc report, *Chelsea McLellan, document attached*

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7.2 Arts and Science, *Michele Murray, for approval*

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7.2.1.1 Drama department requesting a change to Production course credits
(*document to follow*)

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576TH MEETING OF SENATE

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH 2016

MINUTES

The 576th meeting of Senate took place on March 14th, 2016, at 7:04 p.m., in McGreer 100.

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Agourram, Mr. Jean-Philippe Allen, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Ms Kelly Brown, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Ms Kristen Dobler, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Mr. Bruno Gnassi, Ms Tirza Harris, Dr. François Huard, Dr. Kerry Hull, Dr. Sunny Lau, Ms Chelsea McLellan, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Laurie Milner, Dr. Michele Murray, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Dr. Yanan Wang.

By phone: Ms Victoria Meikle

Regrets: Dr. Stefan Bruda, Dr. Jean Manore, Ms Ananya Srivastava

Secretary: Ms Denise Lauzière

The Principal called the 576th meeting of Senate to order at 7:04 p.m.

576/1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the 576th meeting was adopted as circulated.

576/2 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the 575th meeting of Senate, January 18th 2015.

Claude Charpentier moved and Francine Turmel seconded the adoption of the Minutes of the 575th meeting of Senate with a correction to the course list in Item 5.2. The Williams School of Business course should read BMG 214 rather than BMK 214.

Motion carried.

576/3 Communications from the Chair

The Principal welcomed back Dr. Adriana Mendrek who had been on sabbatical and acknowledged the contributions of Dr. Brad Willms who had replaced her during the fall semester.

The Principal provided an overview of various events that had taken place on campus since the last Senate meeting: the last Donald Lecturer of the season, Naomi Klein, the Up for Debate weekend which included the new WSB Case competition, the 2nd annual Bishop's University Film Festival (BUFF), the performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, the selection of the 2016 B.E.S.T. fund recipients, the WSB Gala and he congratulated Senator Jean Philippe Allen, who received an award at the Gala.

The Principal reminded Senators of some of the upcoming events taking place on campus. On March 16th, a meeting of Champlain students, faculty and staff was held to discuss the Universities Canada Principles on Indigenous Education report. Heather Thompson, Avril Aitken and Royal Orr have taken the lead on this initiative.

On this same day, the representatives of 16 universities and 19 university student associations representing close to 185,000 students, launched a provincial campaign '*Sans oui, c'est non*' aimed at student awareness about sexual harassment, violence and consent.

On Monday, March 21, the documentary *The Girls' Night Out*, which first aired on CBC on February 25th, was screened in Centennial Theatre. Bishop's University was one of six universities to participate in an innovative national health initiative and cross-platform campaign to encourage conversations on the hazardous relationship between young women and binge drinking.

Graduation receptions at the Principal's residence were held on Sunday, March 24 as well as on the Monday and Tuesday of that week for the Williams School of Business and Sciences and Humanities students. The Education students' reception will take place mid-April.

The Principal briefed Senators on the recent meeting with H el ene Tremblay, a retired Assistant Deputy Minister appointed by the Minister of Education to assist us in reviewing our recovery plan. Madame Tremblay indicated that there may be funds available in current funding envelopes for which Bishop's might be eligible. She commented that she did not believe that Bishop's had a spending problem. She said that the University was well-managed and that its public funds were being used in a responsible way.

The Principal completed his report by mentioning that the Task Force to develop a long-term sustainability model for Bishop's University was continuing its work and that the Chair Trygve Ugland expected that the April 1 deadline would be met.

576/4 *Business Arising*

There was no business arising.

576/5 *Committee Items*

5.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies

Vice Principal Academic Miles Turnbull reported that the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies had met three times in the recent past. It will bring forward recommendations as they are ready.

The first recommendation presented was on the definition of a full-time student at the graduate level. Our current regulations stipulate that 12 credits are required to be considered a full-time student. To qualify for financial assistance, the University's definition of a full-time status is crucial. This means that graduate students must register in 12 credit hours to qualify for financial assistance. However students in the graduate level micro-program in climate control are disadvantaged by our current definition because the program offers nine credits in one semester. Therefore, our current policy is problematic for students needing financial assistance, and we have trouble recruiting students to this and other similar programs. Moreover, the Committee benchmarked practices in other Quebec universities and the majority define a full-time graduate student as one who registers for nine credits.

Miles Turnbull moved that students in graduate programs, registered in nine credits per semester qualify as full-time students. Laurie Milner seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

5.2 Report of the Senate Planning Committee on part-time credits

Vice-Principal Academic Turnbull outlined the Senate Planning Committee's deliberations on the part-time credit allocations for the 2016-17 academic year. The Committee reviewed submissions from departments, and given many factors including the financial situation and the agreement of the suspension of the faculty complement floor, the SPC put forth the following recommendation:

Miles Turnbull moved that:

Given the budget reality, and after considerable deliberation and analysis of departmental and program submissions, SPC recommends the following allocation of part-time credits across the various divisions and schools of the University:

General Pool	30
Business	32
Education	30
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	27
Humanities	74
Social sciences	58
Spring and summer	30 (already approved)
Total	281

Bruce Gilbert seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

On behalf of the Senate Planning Committee, Miles Turnbull also moved that academic departments and programs be required to make a formal request to SPC for approval of the conversion of seven part-time courses from this allotment to a ten-month sessional position on a yearly basis.

SPC will only approve ten-month positions unless if, after advertising and following an appointment process, the selected candidate is on his or her third consecutive sessional contract, and therefore requires a 12-month contract as per article 6.01C in the Collective Agreement. In this case, departments will be asked to convert the number of part-time credits that correspond to the actual salary and benefits costs of the 12-month sessional position.

The motion was seconded by Bruce Gilbert.

Motion carried.

5.3 Spring School ad Hoc report

Senator Chelsea McLellan reviewed the Ad Hoc Committee's report on a Spring School. The student response rate was positive.

The report touched on:

- The timing of the timetable being made available and ensuring that students have more time to plan for the possibility of registering for courses in the spring and the impact on searching for a summer job.
- The characteristics of courses that should be selected for spring school as well as that courses could be offered at a higher intensity, in other words, half-day courses over three weeks.
- How spring school could impact a student being able to graduate at the same year's Convocation, and
- How and when students should be advised about spring school and about how it should be advertised.

The Principal thanked the Committee for this report. It was agreed that Senate would receive the report and that it would be circulated to Departmental Chairs. Chelsea added that it will be brought forward to the Senate Planning Committee (SPC) for its consideration.

576/6 *Other business*

576/7 *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 Drama department requesting a change to Production course credits

Dr. Murray spoke to the Course change proposal submitted by the Drama Department to increase the current three credits allotted to four credits. It was noted that the SPC approved this proposal at their March 9th, 2016 meeting.

Dr. Murray moved that course credits for drama production courses, DRA 234, DRA331, DRA341, DRA332 and DRA342 be raised from three credits to four credits. Tirza Harris seconded the motion. The discussion which followed focussed on the fact that drama productions are time-intensive and demand a great deal of time from the students. There were concerns expressed about the university-wide implications of this change.

Following discussion, Dr. Murray asked to withdraw the motion.

Bruce Gilbert moved that SPC be asked to review this course proposal for the university-wide implications of this course change and that the discussion and revised motion be brought forward at the next Senate meeting.

Adriana Mendrek seconded the motion

Motion carried.

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

7.2.2.1 Graduate Certificate in Brewing Science

Dean Murray presented the new program proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Brewing Science which is a two-semester graduate certificate designed to meet the growing need for well-trained, scientifically educated brewers and/or brewing analysts in the craft and industrial brewing sectors. To qualify for enrolment in the Graduate Certification in Brewing Science program, students must hold a B.Sc. in Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry or Biological Engineering and a minimum graduating average of 60% (C+).

Michele Murray moved that the Graduate Certificate in Brewing, which is made up of the courses listed in the table be accepted. Kerry Hull seconded the motion

Fall Semester	Winter Semester
BRS501a - Brewing Water (3 credits)	BRS504b - Yeast and Bacteria (3 credits)
BRS502a - Malt and Malting (3 credits)	BRS505b - Chemical Analysis of Beer and its Ingredients (3 credits)
BRS503a - Hops (3 credits)	BRS506b - The Business of Brewing (3 credits)
BRS599a - Brewing Practicum (3 credits)	BRS599b - Brewing Practicum (3 credits)

Motion carried.

7.2.2.2 Course-based Masters Programme in Computer Science

Dr. Murray presented the proposal to modify the Masters' degree in Computer Science to introduce a course-based stream. There is a lot of interest from potential international students for a course-based program rather than a thesis-based program. All new courses to be offered under this program will be submitted in the fall to SPC for approval.

Michele Murray moved that the Course-based Masters Programme in Computer Science be approved. Jean Philippe Allen seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences

There were no recommendations from the Social Sciences.

7.3 School of Education

There were no recommendations from the School of Education.

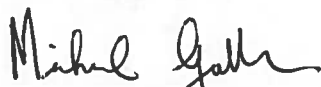
7.4 Continuing Education

There were no recommendations from Continuing Education.

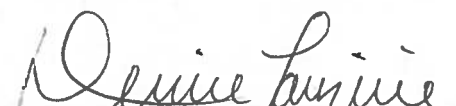
576/8 *Information items*

The Principal congratulated incoming SRC president Chelsea McLellan on her new role.

There being no further business, the 576th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, C.M. Chair


Denise Lauzière, Secretary

