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626TH MEETING OF SENATE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23, 2020

2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Jim Benson, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Mr. Samy Cauvet, Ms. Maria Clavelli, Mr. Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon, Mr. Mark Gandey, Mr. Eric Gendron, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Corinne Haigh, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Dr. Michele Murray, Mr. David Piperno, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Dr. Jessica Riddell, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms. Hannah Sommerville, Ms. Emma Story, Dr. Michael Teed, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Dr. Yanan Wang, Dr. David Webster, Dr. Brad Willms, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

Regrets: Mr. Yotam Baum

Secretary: Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 626th meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ITEM 626/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. David Webster requested two additions to the agenda under Other Business: Online Proctoring and a request from the Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for an additional member. Approval of the revised agenda was unanimous.

ITEM 626/2 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal Michael Goldbloom welcomed the new Students' Representative Council Humanities representative Ms. María Clavelli.

From October 17th to October 19th, the Recruitment Office hosted a virtual Open House event with a variety of live and pre-recorded programming with close to 600 prospective students registered from 60 countries.

The Maclean's magazine 2020 university report ranked Bishop's University #1 for both student satisfaction and faculty awards in the 'Primarily Undergraduate' category.

The Principal said that as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic this remains an extremely challenging time for students, faculty and staff. He said that it is important to acknowledge the stress everyone is living with and to provide support to the different members of the Bishop's community and to each other.

ITEM 626/3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the 619th meeting of Senate

The minutes of the 619th meeting of Senate held on May 22, 2020 were approved as presented.

Moved by: David Webster

Seconded by: Reena Atanasiadis

Motion carried.

3.2 Minutes of the 620th meeting of Senate

The minutes of the 620th meeting of Senate held on May 27, 2020 were approved as presented.

Moved by: Eric Gendron

Seconded by: Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon

Motion carried.

3.3 Minutes of the 621st meeting of Senate

The minutes of the 621st meeting of Senate held on June 22, 2020 were approved as presented.

Moved by: Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon

Seconded by: David Piperno

Motion carried.

3.4 Minutes of the 622nd meeting of Senate

The minutes of the 622nd meeting of Senate held on July 10, 2020 were approved as presented.

Moved by: Jim Benson

Seconded by: Hannah Sommerville

Motion carried.

3.5 Minutes of the 623rd meeting of Senate

The minutes of the 623rd meeting of Senate held on August 27, 2020 were approved as presented.

Moved by: Emma Story

Seconded by: Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon

Motion carried.

ITEM 626/4 BUSINESS ARISING

Students' Representative Council Vice-President Academic Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon presented a series of motions intended to support students during the Fall 2020 Semester. He said that the results of the SRC Fall 2020 Check-in survey demonstrated that students are struggling, and he hoped the proposed motions would alleviate some of their stress.

Motion 1: The University will extend the availability of the Pass/Fail (P/F) option for all courses for the Fall 2020 semester, in a manner akin to the Spring 2020 semester.

Moved by: Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon

Seconded by: Emma Story

Discussion ensued and many Senators said they were deeply moved by the student comments in the surveys. Concerns were raised about the effect of Pass/Fail on the class average and on how this could affect a student wishing to apply for scholarships or graduate studies.

The Principal asked if the SRC Vice-President Academic would consider tabling the motion to give the University time to advise other Maple League and Quebec universities of the direction Senate was likely to take with regard to measures to alleviate student stress, including the Pass/Fail option for Fall 2020. SRC Vice-President Academic Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon agreed to table the motion if an additional Senate meeting could be scheduled before November 1st 2020. Friday, October 30th at 2:30 p.m. was proposed as the date and time for the next Senate meeting and Mr. Gadoury-Sansfaçon tabled the motion.

Motion tabled.

ITEM 626/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair of the Nominating Committee Dawn Wiseman presented the revised Senate Committee memberships for approval.

Motion:

That Senate approve committee changes as brought forward by the Senate Nominating Committee Report on October 23, 2020 (*Document 626/5.1i*).

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Eric Gendron

Motion carried.

5.2 SENATE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Senate Planning Committee (SPC), Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull, said that ranking and recommending tenure-stream positions is one of the committee's most challenging responsibilities.

Dr. David Webster said he was concerned that Humanities is ranked very low in the tenure-stream position ranking, despite the University's Strategic Framework priority of revitalizing the Humanities. He also asked why the SPC had ranked Politics & International Studies so low given that the SPC considered that a specialist in Canadian Politics was a necessity.

Dr. Miles Turnbull said that the process of ranking positions is very challenging and that determining an order of priority was difficult but necessary.

Dr. Turnbull, on behalf of the Senate Planning Committee which 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, recommended the following motion be adopted:

Motion:

That Senate recommends the following tenure-stream positions, in order of priority, for approval by the Board of Governors for the 2021-22 budget.

1. Sports Studies
2. Chemistry (Organic position)
3. Biology
4. Environment & Geography
5. Education
6. Business
7. Politics & International Studies (Canadian position)
8. English
9. Drama
10. Classical Studies

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

5.3 SENATE PLANNING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Senate Planning Academic Review Committee (SPARC), Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull, reported that the Committee has unanimously recommended the postponement of the 2020-21 SPARC review process for one year or until external assessors can safely come to campus to perform their evaluations.

Motion:

That Senate approve that academic units scheduled to complete a SPARC review during the 2020-21 academic year will be delayed until the 2021-22 academic year.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Jessica Riddell

Motion carried.

5.4 DEAN OF ARTS' REPORT ON SPARC RECOMMENDATIONS (DRAMA, FINE ARTS AND RELIGION)

Dean of Arts Michele Murray submitted her report to Senate.

5.5 ACADEMIC STANDING AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee, Registrar Hans Rouleau, reported on the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee's proposal to revise the Winter 2021 sessional dates.

Motion 1:

That Senate approve the revised Winter 2021 Sessional dates as detailed in Annex 2 of Document 626/5.5.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Jim Benson

Following a discussion about amending the proposed sessional dates, Dr. Miles Turnbull tabled his motion and Registrar Hans Rouleau said he would bring a revised proposal to the next Senate meeting.

Motion tabled.

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull submitted his report to Senate.

6.2 ONLINE PROCTORING

Dr. David Webster presented two proposals pertaining to online proctoring and said he would bring them to the next Senate meeting to allow time for Senators to reflect.

6.3 JOINT BOARD AND SENATE TASK FORCE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Dr. David Webster presented a request from the Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity Diversity and Inclusion for the amendment of its membership to include an additional Indigenous student representative.

Motion:

That Senate supports the revision of the composition of the Joint Board and Senate Task Force

on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity to include an additional Indigenous student representative.

Moved by: David Webster

Seconded by: Jessica Riddell

Motion carried.

ITEM 626/7 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 - no recommendations

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences - no recommendations

7.3 School of Education - no recommendations

ITEM 626/8 OTHER BUSINESS

SRC Vice-President Academic Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon asked if the Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Sustainability was active. The Principal said that Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability and Responsible Investment was created by the Board of Governors at its March 27, 2020, meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the committee had not been formally populated and had yet to meet. The Principal said he would report back to Senate with any updates from this committee.

Mr. Gadoury-Sansfaçon said that some students had told him that they were still waiting to receive their scholarships. Registrar Hans Rouleau said that the scholarships had been distributed during the week of October 23, 2020.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary General