580TH MEETING OF SENATE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 2016
7:00 P.M.
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AGENDA

580/1 Approval of Agenda

580/2 Approval of Minutes
   Minutes of the 579th meeting of Senate - Document 580/2, attached – M. Goldbloom

580/3 Communications from the Chair

580/4 Business Arising
   4.1 U4-Maple League cross-teaching – M. Turnbull
   4.2 SPARC process, Departments of Philosophy and Politics and International Relations – M. Murray

580/5 Committee Items
   5.1 Report of the E-Learning Sub-Committee – Documents 580/5.1, 5.1i, attached – M-J. Berger
   5.3 Report of Senate Planning Committee on tenure-stream hiring for Fall 2017 - Document 580/5.3, attached - M. Turnbull
   5.4 Report of Senate Research Committee, Document 580/5.4, attached – M. Turnbull
579/6 Other business:

579/7 Recommendations
   7.1 Williams School of Business
   7.2 Arts and Science
       7.2.1 Division of Humanities
       7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
       7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences
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579/8 Information items
580th Meeting of Senate
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24th 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Dr. Stefan Bruda, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Ms Morgan Gagnon, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Dr. François Huard, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms Sara Kobari, Ms Natalie Lambert, Dr. Jean Manore, Mr. Gary McCormick, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Michele Murray, Mr. Tayler Ross, Ms Stephanie Sisam, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Trygve Ugland

Regrets: Ms Lauren Audas, Dr. Sunny Lau, Dr. Robert Palmer, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Yanan Wang

The Principal called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Item 1 Approval of Agenda
Adrianna Mendrek moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Claude Charpentier.

The motion carried.

Item 2 Approval of Minutes
Dr. Mendrek asked that the minute of Item 4.2 be modified to better reflect the fact that there had been additional changes to the Policy for the Prevention of Harassment requested by the APBU. The Secretary General undertook to propose revisions to the minute.

Dr. Charpentier asked that the Membership of the Research Ethics Board and the Review Committee for student Research be corrected to reflect membership for the current year.

Subject to these changes, Jean Manore moved approval and Trygve Ugland seconded the motion.

The motion carried.
Item 3  Communications from the Chair
The Principal welcomed Jenn Cianca to her first meeting as a Senator.

Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education on October 14th
Bishop's has made progress in discussions with the Ministry on our Financial Recovery Plan, but we have not yet reached an agreement. The Principal reported that the Deputy recognises the seriousness of our proposal, is respectful of the commitments we have made, and expects we will deliver on these commitments.

Item 4.1  Maple League cross-teaching
A request was made at the 579th meeting of Senate that procedures for the approval of courses taught to Bishop's students by faculty at other Maple League universities and for those taught to students at other Maple League universities by Bishop's faculty be clarified. The Vice-Principal Academic suggested that members of the administrations of the four institutions would complete the pilot project currently under way and with that experience determine how to deal with courses taught at other universities in future.

Item 4.2  Senate Program Academic Review Committee process, Departments of Philosophy and Politics and International Relations
Dean of Arts and Science Michele Murray undertook to produce a Dean's report on the SPARC reviews of the Departments of Philosophy and of Politics and International Studies at the next meeting of Senate.

Item 5.1  Report of the E-Learning Sub-Committee
On November 2, 2015, Senate approved a pilot for the delivery of up to five existing courses online during the 2016 Spring semester. Stephen Woodward, Eva Bures and Terry Eyland presented the courses they had run as part of the pilot project.

The Chair of the e-Learning sub-committee, Marie Josée Berger, reported that eventual recommendations of the E-Learning Sub-Committee will address issues relating to resources, professional development, quality control as well as subjects that require discussion by the Joint Committee of the University and APBU.

Dr. Berger then moved that Senate approve the continuation of the e-learning pilot project for one full academic year (Winter, Spring/Summer and Fall semesters). Kerry Hull seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 5.2  Report of the Continuing Education Committee
Assistant Vice-Principal Continuing Education Marie-Josée Berger summarised the work of the Continuing Education Committee, described in Document 580/5.2.

Two projects are under way thanks to government grants:
• the Senior Academy for Life-long Learning;
• the e-portfolio project to support student retention; and

The Summer Institute for principals in Haiti had been delayed, and would take place in November.

**Item 5.3 Report of Senate Planning Committee on tenure-stream hiring for Fall 2017**

Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull spoke to the Report of the Committee, noting that Motion 2, in relation to a sessional position for the School of Education, would not be brought forward at the 580th meeting.

**Motion 1, tenure-stream positions for 2017-18**

Senate Planning Committee, having examined and discussed the submissions of the various schools, departments and programs under the guidance of the resource allocation policy approved by Senate on September 19th 2016, recommended to Senate that the following tenure-stream positions be approved for 2017-18, in order of priority:

1. Sports Studies
2. Psychology

Dr. Turnbull moved that Senate recommend these two tenure-stream positions, in order of priority, for approval by the Board of Governors for 2017-18. Adrianna Mendrek seconded the motion.

The motion carried, none opposed, no abstentions.

**Motion 3, position in the Department of History for Dr. Gordon Barker**

Given the exceptional circumstances surrounding the appointment of Dr. Gordon Barker to a half-time tenured position in the Department of History, Senate Planning Committee recommended to Senate and to the Principal that Dr. Barker’s position be regularized as a full-time tenure-stream appointment and that this decision be considered independently of the Board process for considering other tenure-stream requests. Furthermore, in the event that the Board of Governors did not approve the regularization of this position, Senate Planning Committee recommended the continuation of a 50% sessional position for Dr. Barker.

Dr. Turnbull moved that a recommendation be made to the Board of Governors to modify Dr. Gordon Barker’s position to a full-time tenured position. He further moved that, in the event that the Board of Governors did not approve regularization of this position, a 50% sessional position for Dr. Barker should be continued. Morgan Gagnon seconded the motions.

The motion carried, 11 for, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions.

During the course of discussion, it was noted that two members of the History Department would soon be retiring, which would have a negative impact on the Department’s ability to deliver its programs.
Motion 4, Études françaises et québécoises
Dr. Turnbull moved that admissions to the major and honours programs in Études françaises et québécoises be suspended until Senate approves a solution that clarifies the future of French second-language program and course delivery. Natalie Lambert seconded the motion.

The motion carried, none opposed, 4 abstentions.

During the course of discussion, it was noted that courses in French as a second language would be offered.

Item 5.4 Report of Senate Research Committee
The Vice-Principal spoke to Document 580/5.4, which sets out the process for the review of Bishop’s Strategic Research Plan.

- Town hall meetings had been scheduled for October 21 and November 17 to discuss the Plan with the University community.
- Members of the Bishop’s community would be invited to submit written proposals by November 25.

The following points, among others, will be discussed:

i. To what degree have we achieved the goals outlined in the 2013-2016 Strategic Research Plan?

ii. Ways to support and promote undergraduate research training and knowledge mobilization.

iii. To what degree has the cluster strategy that is the basis of the current Strategic Research Plan worked? Should we maintain it?

iv. Suggestions for enhancing research and creative activities at Bishop’s.

Members of Senate Research Committee will meet with each cluster individually on the following dates:

- Psychological Health and Well-being Cluster: November 15
- Climate and Environmental Change Cluster: November 22
- Crossing Borders Cluster: November 24
- Stellar Astrophysics and Relativity Cluster: November 29

The revised Strategic Research Plan should be ready for review by the Senate Research Committee by the end of January, 2017. The current plan is to circulate it to the academic community for comments in February and to bring it to Senate in March, 2017.

Item 6 Other business:
6.1 Academic Report
Senators expressed interest in the analysis of student enrolment numbers provided by the Vice-Principal Academic.
Item 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 Continuing Education.

Item 8 Information items
There were no information items.

There being no further business, the 580th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair
Victoria Meikle, Secretary