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583rd Meeting of Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH 2017, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Ms Lauren Audas, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Dr. Jenn Cianca,

Ms Morgan Gagnon, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Dr. François Huard, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms Natalie Lambert, Dr. Jean Manore, Mr. Gary McCormick, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Michele Murray, Dr. Robert Palmer, Mr. Tayler Ross, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms Stephanie Sisam, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr.

Yanan Wang,

Regrets: Dr. Stefan Bruda, Ms. Sara Kobari, Dr. Sunny Lau, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item 1: Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Dr. Claude Charpentier moved the approval of the Minutes of the 581st meeting of Senate with the following modifications, and Dr. Adriana Mendrek seconded the motion: Dr. Jean Manore should be removed from the list of those present and Dr. Jenn Cianca should be added.

The motion carried

Item 3: Communications from the Chair

Commemoration of the Bishop's community

The Principal expressed his sadness over the sudden death of two Bishop's students, Clinton Munkittrick and Tuan Luu. The University will consider planting trees with memorial plaques in their memory, and do the same for Dr. Gerry Coulter of the Department of Sociology, who died at the end of November 2016.

Infrastructure Investments

On January 27th, the governments of Quebec and Canada had announced investments of \$19.1M at Bishop's under the Strategic Infrastructure Fund for Post-Secondary Institutions. Together with \$1M from Bishop's students and \$3.8M from the Bishop's Foundation, over \$24M would be invested to transform the John Bassett Memorial Library into a Leaning Commons and to renovate and update laboratories in the Johnson Science Building.

The move of the library into temporary quarters over the holiday break had been a success.

Visit of the Prime Minister to campus

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had spent an hour with students on the Bishop's campus during his visit to Sherbrooke.

Hiring of tenure-stream faculty

The Principal reported that, at its February 3rd meeting, the Board of Governors had approved two tenure-stream positions in Sports Studies and Psychology for 2017-18, as well as a half-sessional position in History.

Senior Administration

The Principal informed the Senators that Dr. Jackie Bailey and Ms. France Gervais had decided to leave the University in the Spring. Search Committees had been struck, and recruitment processes would begin in order to have successors in place before they leave.

Item 4: Business Arising

There was no business arising form the minutes.

Item 5.1: Report of the Senate Planning Committee on Part-time Credits

Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull presented the recommendation of the Senate Planning Committee on the allocation of 235 part-time credits.

Dr. Kerry Hull asked Dr. Turnbull to distribute the chart on the shortfall/allocation of part-time credit by Division in future years in advance of the relevant Senate meeting.

The Vice-Principal then moved approval, and Jean Manore seconded, the allocation of part-time credits as below:

General Pool	35
Business	24
Education	20
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	31
Humanities	51
Social sciences	44
Spring and summer	30 (already approved)
Total	235

The motion carried

Dr. Turnbull then moved that Senate approve a special 10-month sessional appointment in the Sociology Department for the 2017-18 academic year, a short term measure to allow the Department to continue to maintain the integrity of course offerings following the untimely death of Dr. Gerry Coulter. Senate Planning Committee had recommended approval of this position on the understanding that it was subject to approval by the Board of Governors and that the part-time credit allocation to the Sociology Department would be adjusted if this special sessional appointment were approved.

Morgan Gagnon seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 5.2: Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee proposed guidelines for sessional dates

Registrar Hans Rouleau presented the proposed guidelines for the establishment of sessional dates, including the addition of a twelve-week Spring semester to accommodate some graduate programs. Tayler Ross moved that Senate approve the proposed guidelines and Lauren Audas seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 6: Other business:

Item 6.1: Academic Report

Dr. Turnbull presented the Academic Report including an update on Task Force recommendations over which the Senate has oversight. A correction should be made in Recommendation 1-Students Numbers-Last bullet should read 27 credits per year not courses.

Item 7: Recommendations for program and course changes

Item 7.1: Arts and Science

No recommendations

Item 7.2: School of Education

No recommendations

Item 7.3 Williams School of Business No recommendations

Item 7.3 Continuing Education No recommendations

*Item 8 Information items*There were no information items.

There being no further business, the 583rd meeting of Senate adjourned.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Marie-Josée Dufour, Secretary