



585TH MEETING OF SENATE

MONDAY, APRIL 10TH 2017, 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Dr. Kerry Hull

Present: Ms Lauren Audas, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Dr. Claude Charpentier, Dr. Jenn Cianca, Ms Morgan Gagnon, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Dr. François Huard, Ms. Sara Kobari, Ms Natalie Lambert, Dr. Sunny Lau, Dr. Jean Manore, Mr. Gary McCormick, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Dr. Michele Murray, Mr. Tayler Ross, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms Stephanie Sisam, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Trygve Ugland, Dr. Yanan Wang

Regrets: Principal Michael Goldbloom, Dr. Stefan Bruda, Dr. Robert Palmer

Secretary: Ms Marie-Josée Dufour

The Vice-Principal Academic called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

In accordance with Senate practices, Dr. Turnbull appointed Kerry Hull as Chair to allow him to participate more fully in the meeting's agenda.

Item 1: Approval of Agenda

Dr. Turnbull proposed to modify the agenda as follows:

- Item 6.1 moved after 585/4 Business Arising.
- Add item 5.3 Prizes Committee

The agenda was approved, with the proposed modifications, by Lauren Audas and Stephanie Sisam seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Dr. Turnbull offered a warm thank you to Morgan Gagnon, Taylor Ross, Stephanie Sisam and Lauren Audas for their significant contribution to the Senate as it is, for most of them, their last Senate meeting.

Morgan Gagnon introduced Erika Phillips, student in Biochemistry, who is the incoming SRC VP Academic and will sit on Senate during the 2017-18 academic year.

Taylor Ross and Stephanie Sisam will be present at the May Senate meeting as their positions on the Students' Representative Council have not been filled. New elections will be held in the fall.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jean Manore mentioned a repetition of "in which" in the last paragraph of page 3 and suggested removing the second "in which". She also requested a clarification about Dr. Marie Josée Berger's title and Dr. Miles Turnbull proposed to add "Associate Vice-Principal of Continuing Education" for greater clarity.

Taylor Ross moved the approval of the Minutes of the 584th meeting of Senate with the modifications proposed, and Morgan Gagnon seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 3: Communications from the Chair

There was no communication from the Chair.

Item 4: Business Arising

There was no business arising.

Item 5: Academic Report

Dr. Turnbull presented the Academic Report which included an update on admissions data as of March 31, 2017, foundation courses, and the Maple League course proposal.

Admission:

Dr. Turnbull presented the Fall 2017 Admission Report as of March 31, 2017.

Foundation courses:

The Committee hopes to have a proposal in May. It is suggested that the Committee consults with the Senate Planning Committee so that everyone work in the same direction. Dr. Turnbull pointed out that the goal is not to add additional courses but to

streamline course offerings as recommended by the Task Force on the Sustainability report.

Maple League:

Dr. Turnbull reported that the University is in the process of formalizing choice of courses and professors. Dr. Turnbull moved that Senate approve that courses offered by other Maple League universities be approved as outlined in the Vice-Principal's Academic Report of April 10, 2017. Michele Murray seconded the motion.

Michele Murray spoke about the challenges of the Greek course offered in Fall and Winter semesters. It was concluded that language courses are not the ideal courses to be held in a Cisco classroom.

Dr. Jessica Riddell, Bishop's University representative on the Maple League Academic Committee, was invited to explain the findings of the pilot project and how to address the concerns and improve the project moving forward. She also explained the current approval process for courses by the Academic Committee.

One concern was raised about the proposed approval process that Senate should retain responsibility for approving those courses.

The recommendation is that the Chair of the relevant Division will be consulted for the course to be offered on Bishop's timetable. The Academic Committee of the Maple Leagues will review all proposals and make recommendations to the Academic Vice-Principals about courses to offer. The Academic Vice-Principals will then make the final decision.

The Chair called a vote: all in favour except one Senator.

The motion carried

Item 6.1: report of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies

Dr. Turnbull moved that Senate approves the appointment of Giovanni Venditti on the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies for 2017-2018 academic year. Motion seconded by Stephanie Sisam. Dr. Ugland expressed concern that the Senate Nominating Committee does not currently have a Chair.

The motion carried

Item 6.2: Report of Senate Planning Committee on Maple League courses

Dr. Turnbull moved the approval of four university-wide courses within any discipline offered at Bishop's as proposed by the Senate Planning Committee. Morgan Gagnon seconded the motion.

The motion carried

During the course of the discussion, Morgan Gagnon raised concerns about seniority points. Dr. Turnbull confirmed that, unless the courses change significantly, seniority points will transfer as outlined in the Contract Faculty Collective Agreement.

Item 6.3: Prizes Committee

Dr. Turnbull moved to reappoint Lorne Nelson and Heather McKee-Edwards to the Prizes Committee assuming they accept. Lauren Audas seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 6: Other business:

There was no other business.

Item 7: Recommendations for program and course changes

Item 7.1: Arts and Science

7.1.1 Division of Natural Sciences – Course Change Proposal – MAT 196, Doc 585/7.1.1

Dr. Michele Murray moved to approve the course change as proposed in the document 585/7.1.1. Dr. Jenn Cianca seconded the motion.

Motion approved

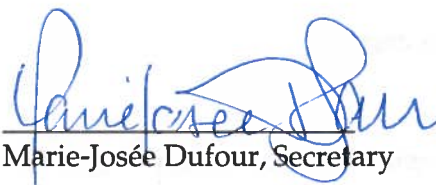
Item 8 Information items

Dr. Jean Manore reminded Senators of the presentation: *Whatever happened to Sherman Peabody*, on April 11, 2017 at 2:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the 585th meeting of Senate adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Kerry Hull, Chair



Marie-Josée Dufour, Secretary