589th Meeting of Senate
Monday, October 23rd 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Agourram, Dr. Layachi Bentabet, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Dr. Stefan Bruda, Dr. Jenn Giancana, Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Dr. Kerry Hull, Dr. Sunny Lau, Ms. Alyson Loach, Mr. Anthony Martin, Mr. Gary McCormick, Mr. Matthew Mulkern, Dr. Michele Murray, Dr. Robert Palmer, Ms. Angie Petitclerc, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Mr. Charles Rumsby, Dr. Maxime Trempe, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Ms. Erica Phillips.

Regrets: Dr. Gregory Brophy, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Mr. Kevin-John Chaplin

Secretary: Me Marie-Josée Dufour

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

Item 1: Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved with the following modification proposed by Miles Turnbull, Vice-President Academic, to move item 6.1 after item 4.1.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes
Approval of the Minutes of the 588th meeting of Senate was postponed to the next meeting.

Item 3: Communications from the Chair
The Chair first spoke to the success of the Capital Campaign which raised $40.5 million representing 30% over its objective. The Chair also spoke to the success of enrollment in the Fall of 2017 and the results of the annual MacLeans' universities survey.

3.1 Task Force on Academic Reputation
The Chair presented the Principal's Task Force on Bishop's Academic Reputation. The goal of the Task Force is to understand the factors that influence the University's academic reputation and to identify
strategies and actions aimed at enhancing the reputation through consultation with relevant Bishop’s stakeholders. The Task Force will present its report to Senate in May 2018 and to the Board of Governors in June 2018.

Item 4: Business Arising

4.1 Research Ethics Board Membership

Miles Turnbull, Vice-President Academic, presented a revised version of the Research Ethics Board Membership document, which was first presented at the 588th Meeting of Senate.

Dr. Turnbull moved that Senate approve the membership of the Research Ethics Board (REB) and the Ethics Review Committee for Student Research (ERCSR) for the 2017-2018 academic year. Dr. Bruce Gilbert seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Dr. Turnbull will bring the Bishop’s Research Ethics Policy for review to the Senate Research Committee and the Research Ethics Board and will report back at a future Senate meeting.

Item 5: Other Business:

5.1 Academic Report

The Vice-President Academic, Miles Turnbull, spoke briefly about the academic report and provided updates on the Academic Task Force Recommendations.

Dan Seneker followed with a presentation of enrollment results outlining that Bishop’s students’ enrollment is over target.

Item 6: Committee Items

6.1 Senate Research Committee

6.1.1 Retrospective on research successes and challenges – Strategic Research Plan 2017-2022

- Motion to approve

Miles Turnbull briefly spoke to the revisions of the Strategic Research Plan following the feedback received at the 588th Meeting of Senate and from an additional call for feedback to Faculty researchers.

On behalf of the SRC, Miles Turnbull moved adoption of the Research Strategic Plan 2017-2022. Dr. Michele Murray seconded the motion. All in favor with an abstention by Matthew Mulkern.

The motion carried

6.1.2 Guidelines for Visiting Scholars, Motion

The Vice-President Academic, Miles Turnbull spoke about the proposed guidelines that aim to provide a clear process for designating Visiting Scholars.
On behalf of the SRC, Dr. Miles Turnbull moved adoption of the Guidelines for visiting scholars. Anthony Martin seconded the motion.

Senators identified a few sections that would require clarifications. Dr. Turnbull will modify the language and bring it back to the next meeting of Senate.

The motion was withdrawn

6.1.3 Revised Senate Research Committee Composition, Motion

Miles Turnbull briefly spoke about the revision of the composition and mandate of the Senate Research Committee and the role of the VP Academic.

On behalf of the SRC, Dr. Miles Turnbull moved adoption of the revised mandate and composition of the SRC. Dr. Hafid Agourram seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 6.2: Report of the Nominating Committee
Dr. Maxime Trempe presented the Report of the Senate Nominating Committee.

On behalf of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr. Trempe moved adoption of the report, with a few minor corrections and typos. Erica Phillips seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 6.3: Ad Hoc Committee on Foundation Courses

6.3.1 Motion to modify the mandate and functions of Committee
The Vice-President Academic, Miles Turnbull, spoke to the process and rationale behind the modifications of the mandate and functions of the Ad Hoc Committee on Foundation Courses.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee of Senate on Foundation Courses, Dr. Turnbull moved the following revision to this committee’s mandate and functions, originally approved by Senate at the 577th Senate Meeting, on April 18, 2016. Dr. Jenn Cianca seconded the motion. All in favor with an abstention by Dr. Layachi Bentabet:

- To debate component 1 and component 2 of recommendation number 2 of the Task Force on Foundation courses Sustainability,
- To encourage and receive recommendations and ideas from the Divisions, Faculty Council and other members of the Bishop’s community, and
To report back to Senate in time for the Fall cycle of new course and program approvals.

Miles Turnbull clarified that in future, Divisions will be consulted as part of the development process for foundations courses and a curriculum distribution requirement.

The motion carried

6.3.2 Feedback Session on a Draft Proposal for the Foundations Courses as Degree Requirement at Bishop’s University and a Draft Proposal for a Curriculum Distribution Requirement for all Degree Students at Bishop’s University.

Senators broke into small groups to provide feedback on the Draft Proposal.

**Item 7: Recommendations from the Divisions**

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 the Continuing Education

**Item 8 Information items**

There being no further business, the 589th meeting of Senate adjourned at 9 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Marie-Josée Dufour, Secretary