590th Meeting of Senate

Monday, November 20th 2017, 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Chair: Dr. Miles Turnbull and Dr. Kerry Hull

Present: Ms. Alyson Loach, Dr. Layachi Bentabet, Dr. Marie-Josée Berger, Dr. Jenn Cianca, Dr. Sunny Lau, Mr. Gary McCormick, Dr. Hafid Agourram, Dr. Michele Murray, Ms. Mr. Matthew Mulkern, Ms. Angie Petitclerc, Ms. Erica Phillips, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Francine Turmel, Dr. Maxime Trempe, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Dr. Sylvain Turcotte, Dr. Adrianna Mendrek, Mr. Charles Rumsby.

Regrets: Mr. Michael Goldbloom, Dr. Bruce Gilbert, Mr. Anthony Martin, Dr. Robert Palmer, Dr. Stefan Bruda, Mr. Kevin-John Chaplin, Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan.

Guests: Sarah Théberge, Jean Levasseur, Amelie-Hélène Rheault

Secretary: Me Marie-Josée Dufour

The Chair, Dr. Miles Turnbull, called the meeting to order at 7:05

Item 1: Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as distributed.

The motion carried.
Item 2: Approval of Minutes
Jenn Cianca moved the approval of the Minutes of the 588th meeting of Senate as distributed, and Francine Turmel seconded the motion.

Subject to the modification proposed to move Mr. Kevin Chaplin from the Present list to the regrets list, Gary McCormick moved the approval of the Minutes of the 589th meeting of Senate, and Maxime Trempe seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 3: Communications from the Chair
Rotterdam International Case Competition Team
The Chair congratulated the four students representing Bishop’s at the international competition. The team made the finals and finished in 4th position.

Centraide
Bishop’s raised $14,500 for the Centraide Campaign. Dr. Turnbull acknowledged the efforts of Dean Turmel and Deb Langford.

Cross Country ski trail
The Chair spoke about this exciting project in association with the Club de Ski Mont Orford.

USport Award
Sarah-Kim Bergeron, a second year Master of Education student, has won the U Sports Community Service award in women’s soccer.

Item 4: Business Arising
There was no business arising

At this point, with the approval of the Senators, Dr. Miles Turnbull passed the Chair to Dr. Kerry Hull for section 5 and section 6.

Item 5: Committee Items
5.1 Report of the Senate Planning Committee

Senior Stream and Sessional Position
Dr. Turnbull presented the recommendation of the Senate Planning Committee for tenure-stream positions.
Motion 1:
The 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 19, 2016, recommends the following motion be adopted: That Senate recommend the following tenure stream positions, in order of priority, for approval by the Board of Governors for the 2018-19 budget:

1- Sports Studies
2- Psychology
3- Business
4- Politics
5- Education

Senators raised questions and concerns that not replacing departing faculty members would negatively impact the quality of education. The Chair explained that leaves do not automatically lead to replacement. A Senator inquired about whether spring and summer courses should be included in the RAM Score. It was noted that the position requested by Sociology had the wrong title.

The motion carried, one abstention, one against

Motion 2:
The following motion was made by Miles Turnbull and seconded by Angie Petitclerc:

Senate Planning Committee recommends that Senate establish an ad-hoc task force to bring creative solutions to the future of language programs at Bishop’s. This task force should be established as soon as possible and should report back to Senate by May, 2018. SPC recommends that this task force include the Vice-Principal Academic, the Dean of Arts and Science, one representative from each language group (French, ESL, Spanish, German, Japanese), selected by these members and one member at large.

Considerable discussion ensued, including an impassioned intervention from the Humanities student Senator. The Chair invited Jean Levasseur to share his concerns on behalf of the Étude françaises et québécoises department. Dr. Levasseur opined that Senate should reject the motion. The Senators questioned the task force’s composition and expressed concern that the provided document insinuated that the mandate of the task force involved considering the merger of Étude françaises et québécoises and Modern Languages.
After the mover and seconder accepted a friendly amendment to add a representative from the English department to the Task Force, the motion carried with three abstentions.

In order to reflect Senators' support for the work of the Department of Études françaises et québécoises, and at a request from the floor of Senate, Miles Turnbull made the following motion, seconded by Marie-Josée Berger.

Motion 3:
Be it moved that Senate recognizes the essential role of French language education at Bishop's University.

The motion carried

Item 5.2: Report of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee
Miles Turnbull presented the report of the Senate Program Academic Review Committee regarding the three departments that were under review in the winter-spring of 2017: Sports Studies, Chemistry and Mathematics. He then presented the reviewer's reports identified as document 590/5.2i, 590/5.2ii and 590/5.2iii.

Item 5.3: Report of the Senate Research Committee
Miles Turnbull presented the revised Guidelines for Visiting Scholars. On behalf of the SRC, Miles Turnbull moved adoption of the attached draft of the Guidelines for visiting scholars. Matthew Mulkern seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 5.4: Report of the Senate Nominating Committee
Maxime Trempe moved the approval of the appointments or reappointments for a second term to Senate Committees as set out in document 590/5.4. Erica Phillips seconded the motion.

The motion carried

Item 6: Other business:
6.1 Academic Report
Miles spoke briefly about the academic report and gave an update on student retention results for fall 2017. Many initiatives have been implemented over the past two years to
increase retention and Bishop’s will continue its efforts. Senators requested that Spring and Summer data be included in the analysis.

6.1 Discussion on Study Days
On behalf of the Students’ Representative Council and in order to support mental health on campus and encourage academic success, Erica Phillips moved that Senate endorse in principle the concept of adding two fall study days in the 2018-2019 sessional dates, and that the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee return to Senate in December 2017 with a proposal of sessional dates including two study days. Matthew Mulkern seconded the motion.

The motion carried

At this point Miles Turnbull resumed as Chair.

Item 7: Recommendations for program and course changes

7.1.1 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – CURRICULUM DOCS

7.1.2.1 Department of Biological Sciences – New Course Proposal – BIO 319

Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the new course proposal in the Biological Sciences Department as set out under Item 7.1.2.1 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.1.2.1. Mary Ellen Donnan seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

7.1.2.2 Department of Chemistry – Program Removal M.Sc. in Chemistry

Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the removal of the M.Sc. in Chemistry in the Chemistry Department as set out under Item 7.1.2.1 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.1.2.1. Erica Phillips seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

7.1.2.3 Department of Computer Science – New Course Proposal – CS 565

Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the new course proposal in the Computer Science Department as set out under Item 7.1.2.3 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.1.2.3. Layachi Bentabet seconded the motion.

Motion carried.
7.1.2.4 Department of Physics – Course Modification – PHY 469

Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the course modification proposal in the Physics Department as set out under Item 7.1.2.4 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.1.2.4. Kerry Hull seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

7.1.2.5 Department of Physics – Course Modification – PHY 470

Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the course modification proposal in the Physics Department as set out under Item 7.1.2.5 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.1.2.5. Kerry Hull seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

7.1.2.6 Department of Physics – New Course Proposal – PHY 471

Dean Murray moved that Senate approve the new course proposal in the Physics Department as set out under Item 7.1.2.6 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.1.2.6. Sylvain Turcotte seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

7.2 School of Education- CURRICULUM DOCS
7.2.1 School of Education – Course Modification – EDU 401

Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the course modification proposal in the School of Education as set out under Item 7.2.1 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.2.1. Sunny Lau seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

7.2.2 School of Education – Program Modification – B.A. Double Major English and Secondary Education

Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the program modification proposal in the School of Education as set out under Item 7.2.2 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.2.2. Matthew Mulkern seconded the motion.
Motion carried.
7.2.3 School of Education – Program Modification – B.A. Double Major Social Studies and Secondary Education

Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the program modification proposal in the School of Education as set out under Item 7.2.3 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.2.3. Mary Ellen Donnan seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

7.2.4 School of Education – Program Modification – B.A. Major in Educational Studies

Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the program modification proposal in the School of Education as set out under Item 7.2.4 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.2.4. Alyson Loach seconded the motion.

A question was raised about the location of the course. The motions is withdrawn. Dean Berger will report back at the next meeting of Senate.

7.2.5 School of Education – Program Modification – Master of Education in Leadership, Societies and Languages; Master of Arts in Education: Leadership, Societies, and Languages

Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the program modification proposal in the School of Education as set out under Item 7.2.5 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.2.5. Erica Phillips seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

7.2.6 School of Education – Program Modification – Minor in Teaching of English Second Language

Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the program modification proposal in the School of Education as set out under Item 7.2.6 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.2.6. Kerry Hull seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

7.2.7 School of Education – Program Modification – Minor in Teaching of French as a Second Language / Mineure en enseignement du français, langue seconde
Dean Berger moved that Senate approve the program modification proposal in the School of Education as set out under Item 7.2.7 of the detailed agenda and in document 590/7.2.7. Francine Turmel seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Item 8 Information items

8.1 Update on renovations in Johnson and impact on academic programming, faculty, students and staff
Kerry Hull gave Senators an update on the renovations of the laboratories and greenhouse.

There being no further business, the 590th meeting of Senate adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Miles Turnbull, Chair
Kerry Hull, Chair
Marie-Josée Dufout, Secretary