

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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NOVEMBER 27TH 2015 MEETING

MCGREER 100, 4:45 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Robert Hall

Present: Jane Brydges, Michael Goldbloom, Claire Grogan, Deborah Langford, Brian Levitt, Michel Marleau, Nadia Martel, Matthew Robinson, Ross Osmun, Luce Samoisette, Tova White

By telephone: Kerry Hull, Cathy McLean

Regrets: James Sweeney

Senior Administration: Nick Andrews, Jackie Bailey, Marie-Josée Berger, France Gervais, Isabelle Goyette, Matt McBrine, Michele Murray, Francine Turmel, Miles Turnbull

Secretary: Victoria Meikle

ITEM 1: CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

The Principal asked that the following homage to Chancellor Emeritus William Turner, composed by former Principal Dr. Hugh Scott, be incorporated into the Minutes of the meeting:

Honouring William I.M. Turner Jr., Chancellor Emeritus of Bishop's University

In the early months of 1987 the then Chancellor Robert Bandeen informed me that it was time to seek a new Chancellor.

When I demurred he said "I am a friend of Bishop's and will always be. If you get a new Chancellor you will add another friend. I urge you to approach Bill Turner."

What a prophetic statement and insightful suggestion that was.

So it was that William I. M. Turner Jr. was installed as Bishop's 16th Chancellor in October of 1987. I was honoured to serve as his vice-Chancellor throughout his term to 1995.

Bill Turner was a force of nature. Prior to becoming Chancellor he had no real contact with Bishop's. But he was a perfect fit. He believed fervently in what Bishop's stands for; once ensconced he rapidly became its greatest booster and supporter – and that loyalty remained to the end of his life. He appeared tireless and was an endless source of suggestions as to how we could do better and be greater. If a lack of resources was the problem he would pitch in and make it happen. – witness for example the Teaching Award, the Turner Studio Theatre and the Chair in Christianity.

He was a very generous man who enjoyed fundraising. He was competitive and saw it as a sport when he had a great cause like Bishop's to sell. He delighted in the Gaiters – any Gaiters.

Although rightly so much is made of his business career, his interests went well beyond the corporate world.

He liked people and found them fascinating.

Theatre was important to him and, as he said, Convocation is a Medieval Pageant - and he revelled in the role of King!

He was so proud of Bishop's that he couldn't resist inviting representatives from his vast worldwide network as Honorands to share the stage at "his" university – thus it was that the cast over his time came to include the Speaker of the US house of Representatives, a Scottish principal advisor to Margaret Thatcher, the Founder of the World Economic Forum, an Aboriginal Chief – and on and on it went.

But in this the graduating students were his real focus. Each got their 15 seconds of fame and his personal attention that they all remembered.

In this role it is fitting that the Bishop's website shows him in full regalia with other royalty, Prince Philip!

Music was a great joy to him. He named his private Corporation "Exultate" inspired by the Mozart motet. To rejoice was his nature.

The beauty of a life well lived is that it is never forgotten. I am confident that Bishop's will not forget Bill Turner.

Hugh Scott

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Subject to deferring the approval of the minutes of the October 2nd meeting, Claire Grogan moved approval of the agenda and Matthew Robinson seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2 MEETING

This item was deferred to the February 2016 meeting.

ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

ITEM 5: PENSION PLAN FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

On November 13th 2015, the government of Quebec introduced Bill 75, a legislative framework to restructure defined-benefit pension plans in the university sector. Gino Girard, Partner at Morneau Shepell, presented the main elements of the Bill to Governors, and explained their impact on Bishop's Pension Plan for Full-Time Employees. He indicated that the Bill was expected to become law early in 2016.

ITEM 7: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal reported that Trygve Ugland had agreed to Chair the Joint A.P.B.U.-University Task Force on Sustainability. Jean Manore and Brad Willms had been appointed to the Task Force by Faculty Council, and the A.P.B.U. was expected to appoint its representatives the week following the Board meeting.

On Saturday, November 14th, the day after the attacks in Paris in which over 100 people died, the Principal and his wife, Fiona Macleod, invited French students to join them for dinner at his residence. Some 60 students attended. On the Sunday, a candlelight vigil was held in the quad to express solidarity with France.

**ITEM 8: 2015 NSSE, GLOBE AND MAIL AND MACLEAN'S RESULTS
ENROLMENT UPDATE**

Dan Seneker, Director of Enrolment Management, briefed Governors on rankings published by the Globe and Mail, by Maclean's and by the National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE).

Globe and Mail

Mr. Seneker reported that the Globe and Mail had brought back the University Report Card for 2015. The highlight for Bishop's was that we ranked 'above average' for student experience.

Mclean's ranking

Bishop's achieved the top ranking in the Maclean's survey on Student Satisfaction. All of the U4 rankings in the 'Primarily Undergraduate' category had gone down, and Bishop's dropped from 9th to 12th.

The Principal noted that our ranking for Food Services was now in the top ten, a vast improvement over seven years ago, and our residence life program was highly ranked in 2015. He thanked Governor Deborah Langford, Director of Residences and Conferences, for her hard work in achieving these results.

NSSE

Bishop's participates in the NSSE survey every other year. In 2015, we ranked first in student satisfaction, and the overall student experience was well above Canadian averages. Our marketing challenge is to ensure that people know about our results on student satisfaction. We have a compelling story that we need to tell differently.

In some other areas we need to improve our results, for example in intensity of intellectual challenge.

ITEM 9: AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE HOUSING PLAN

The Principal reminded Governors of our plan to renovate and renew our residences. Given this undertaking, it is appropriate to establish a dedicated governance oversight for the evolution and implementation of the Housing Plan. He moved that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board be struck to provide the first line of governance oversight.

RESOLUTION 2015-3-01 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE HOUSING PLAN

WHEREAS the Statutes of Bishop's University provide in section 3.1 of Division I that the Board may of its own motion create such ad hoc committees and delegate to them such powers as it may deem appropriate;

WHEREAS the Principal has recommended the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to provide governance oversight for the evolution, financing and implementation of the Bishop's Housing Plan, and for the various construction and renovation projects that make up the Plan;

WHEREAS the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee will consist of providing accurate and comprehensive information and advice to the Board on matters such as:

- ♦ the evolution of the overall Housing Plan;

- ♦ the financing of and ownership structure for the different phases of the Housing Plan;
- ♦ strategic considerations in relation to off-campus housing opportunities
- ♦ compliance with budget parameters and timelines in the design, construction, equipment and furnishing of each of the projects that make up the Housing Plan;
- ♦ risk assessment in relation to major elements of each construction project, including budget, schedule, contracts with professionals, contracts with contractors, project management and legal aspects; and
- ♦ compliance with University policy and other relevant internal procedures.

AND WHEREAS Michel Marleau, Cathy McLean and Michael Goldbloom have agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to provide governance oversight for the Bishop's Housing Plan, and the appointment of Michel Marleau, Cathy McLean (Chair) and Michael Goldbloom to the Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ad Hoc Oversight Committee be dissolved on the implementation of the Housing Plan and the construction and renovation contracts projects for our residences that are included in it.

Moved by: Michael Goldbloom

Seconded by: Jane Brydges

The motion carried.

ITEM 10: REPORT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There were no questions concerning the report submitted by Nadia Martel, Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee.

ITEM 11: SIFU REPORT TO GOVERNMENT

Assistant Vice-Principal Finance and Operations Isabelle Goyette explained that, as part of our annual reporting to the MEESR, we must provide a report on the Operating, Restricted and Capital funds (SIFU report). The Board of Governors is required to approve the first eight pages of the report, which are audited by our auditors.

RESOLUTION 2015-3-02

FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2015 SIFU REPORT

WHEREAS THE MEESR requires that the Board of Governors approve the first eight pages of the "SIFU";

AND WHEREAS the University auditor Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton audited the SIFU with a clear opinion;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the first eight pages of the "SIFU".

Moved by: Luce Samoisette

Seconded by: Nadia Martel

The motion carried.

ITEM 12: RETENTION INITIATIVES

Dean of Students Dr. Jackie Bailey reported on a retention initiative for first-year students that involved contacting them at the end of October. Twenty-five per cent of the students responded to questions about their first term experience. Those who indicated that they had concerns were referred to the appropriate resource person, be it a member of the faculty or of student services.

Dr. Bailey noted that the Students' Representative Council is starting a peer academic advisor program, working collaboratively with Departmental Chairs.

ITEM 13: APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE PERMIT, *RÉGIE DES ALCOOLS, DES COURSES ET DES JEUX*

RESOLUTION 2015-3-03

TO DESIGNATE THE REPRESENTATIVE REQUIRED BY
LA RÉGIE DES ALCOOLS, DES COURSES ET DES JEUX DU QUÉBEC
IN THE MATTER OF A RAFFLE LICENCE

WHEREAS students from Bishop's University Undergraduate Psychology Society wish to hold a raffle on February 19th 2016 to raise funds to support two local non-profit organizations (BU/Champlain Refugee-Student Sponsorship Project and Mental Health Estrie);

WHEREAS Bishop's University has agreed to support this Psychology-led initiative by applying for a licence to hold a raffle for the above purposes;

AND WHEREAS Dr. Claude Charpentier, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, has agreed to take responsibility for ensuring compliance with all requirements of the law, regulations and rules of the *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux du Québec* in relation to such a licence;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dr. Charpentier is authorized to act on behalf of Bishop's University in applying for the licence in question and to take all steps required to ensure compliance with the law, regulations and rules applying to the holder of such a licence.

Moved by: Claire Grogan

Seconded by: Jane Brydges

The motion carried.

ITEM 14: OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Board of Governors moved into closed session at 6:30 p.m.



Robert Hall, Chair



Victoria Meikle, Secretary

