



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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FEBRUARY 5TH, 2016 MEETING
MCGREER 100, 3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Robert Hall

Present: Jane Brydges, Michael Goldbloom, Claire Grogan, Kerry Hull
Deborah Langford, Brian Levitt, Michel Marleau, Nadia Martel,
Cathy McLean, Ross Osmun, Matthew Robinson, James Sweeny

By telephone: Luce Samoissette, Tova White

Regrets:

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

Guest: Dan Seneker

Secretary: Victoria Meikle

Item 1: Chair's Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Item 2: Approval of Agenda

Nadia Martel moved approval of the agenda and Michel Marleau seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes of the October 2nd Meeting

The approval of the minutes of the November 27th meeting was deferred to the April Board meeting.

Nadia Martel moved the approval of the minutes of the October 2nd meeting of the Board, and Cathy McLean seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

Item 4: Business arising

There was no business arising.

Item 5: Principal's Report

The Principal congratulated Chancellor Brian Levitt on his appointment to the Order of Canada, in recognition of his contributions to the legal and business communities, and for his support of the arts.

He then addressed media reports to the effect that the government was considering increasing tuition fees for international students as a means of increasing funding for universities. For Bishop's, the proposed fee increase would amount to an additional \$50,000. He noted however that the Government had not yet decided to proceed with this change.

In closing, Vice-Chair Nadia Martel stated that she was impressed with the range of projects and events that Bishop's was undertaking.

Item 6: Academic report

Director of Enrolment Management Dan Seneker provided Governors with an update on enrolment for 2015-16 and on applications and admissions for 2016-17. For 2015-16, Winter term enrolment was a bit higher than expected, allowing us to meet our target for full-time equivalent students for the academic year. We were on track for applications and admissions for Fall 2016, and the number of 'Will attends' was ahead of the same date the previous year.

Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull reported that the Joint Committee of the APBU and University established under the Collective Agreement with faculty had agreed to suspend the 'floor' for tenured and tenure-stream faculty established in s.9.01 of the Collective Agreement for the 2015-16 academic year. The purpose was to maintain as much flexibility as possible until recommendations of the joint APBU-University Task Force to develop a long-term sustainability model for Bishop's University have been received. The Executive group of the University recommended that no additional tenure-stream positions or official sessional positions be approved for the 2016-17 academic year.

Item 7: Report of the Finance Committee

Michel Marleau, C.A., Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced the Report of the Committee by expressing his appreciation for the quality of financial forecasting produced by the Business Office.

Associate Vice-Principal Isabelle Goyette summarised the January update to the 2015-16 Operating Forecast. Despite lower-than-expected registrations of full-time equivalent students in the Fall, Bishop's financial results were expected to be slightly better than the \$4.6 million deficit approved by the Board in June of 2015.

The cash-flow update indicates that borrowing until the end of May 2016 should not exceed \$25.9M, \$3.8 million below than the peak of \$29.7M projected in the 2015-16 budget.

Ms Goyette indicated that the Administration would present a first draft of the 2016-17 operating budget at the April 15th Board meeting.

Item 8: Alumni House

Matt McBrine, Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations, informed Governors that the Advancement offices will move to 3 Harrold Drive in late summer 2016. The official opening of Bishop's Alumni House is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th, during Homecoming Weekend.

Faculty whose offices are currently located in Pollock Residence will be relocated in order to allow the rooms to be used as living quarters for our students. Some faculty will move into the office space in McGreer vacated by the Advancement Office.

Item 9: Update on the Extension of the 410 Highway

A new section of Autoroute 410, up to Highway 143, was completed in October of 2015. Isabelle Goyette reported that there is no time-frame set for completion of the last section of the Highway, connecting it to Highway 108 East of Bishop's. An offer to sell 82,187 square metres of Bishop's land would be presented to Governors at the April 15th Board meeting.

Item 10: Report of the Committee on Life at the University (CLU)

Matthew Robinson, President of the Students' Representative Council (SRC), updated Governors on SRC activities during Winter Orientation Week and Winter Fest.

He then summarised the internal review process the SRC had undertaken to improve operations and advocacy within the University. A first change to the SRC structure, the creation of the new executive position of Vice-President, Student Life (VPSL) was implemented on January 17th. The new position will replace the Vice President, Student Affairs and Vice President, Social portfolios, with a focus the representation elements of both positions. The restructuring will allow the SRC to hire qualified students to manage both Club and event operations, reporting to the new VPSL.

Item 11: Other Business

There being no further business, the Board of Governors moved into closed session at 3:45 p.m.



Robert Hall, Chair



Victoria Meikle, Secretary