

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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NOVEMBER 24TH 2017

MINUTES

Chair:

Robert Hall

Present:

Anthony Di Mascio, Pierre Cossette, Morgan Gagnon, Michael

Goldbloom, Kerry Hull, Deborah Langford, Nadia Martel,

Andrew Stritch, James Sweeny

Remotely:

Michel Marleau, Cathy McLean, Tova White

Regrets:

Brian Levitt, Jane Brydges

Senior Administration:

Marie-Josée Berger, Isabelle Goyette, Stine Linden-Andersen,

Michele Murray, Miles Turnbull, Trygve Ugland, Matt McBrine

Secretary:

Marie-Josée Dufour

Guests:

Christine Stonehewer, Pamela Dillon

ITEM 1: CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed members of the community.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair proposed to move item 2, Petition for the Knowlton Campus, ahead of the approval of the minutes. James Sweeny moved the approval of the agenda subject to the proposed modifications and Pierre Cossette seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 3: KNOWLTON CAMPUS – STUDENT PETITION

Ms. Pamela Dillon and Ms. Christine Stonehewer spoke to their disagreement with the decision to close the Knowlton campus. Ms. Christine Stonehewer, a student in Fine Arts at Knowlton, handed out a paper petition including 121 signatures and shared the online petition including 459 signatures for keeping the Knowlton campus open. She proposed to strike a committee that would include Knowlton representatives to find a solution to keep the Knowlton campus open.

The Chair thanked the guests for their time and effort and advised that the matter will be taken under advisement and the administration will report back to them.

Vice-Principal Academic Miles Turnbull also thanked the guests for their time and effort in this project.

ITEM 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nadia Martel moved the approval of the minutes of the September 29th 2017 meeting as distributed. Andrew Stritch seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 5: BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the minutes.

ITEM 6: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bishop's University Singers

The University Singers will perform *The B Minor Mass* by J.S. Bach in November and the concerts are sold out. A bus will depart Bishop's on both occasions.

Posting of AVP Advancement and Communication

A search committee will be constituted for this process and will include a Board member.

Cross-Country Ski Trail

Matt McBrine shared information about the project and the partnership with the Club de ski du Parc du Mont Orford. He then presented the budget and the initiatives to recover the initial investment. (Ref.: item 9 of the agenda)

U SPORTS Community Service Award in Soccer

A Master of Education student, Sarah-Kim Bergeron, has won the 2017 U SPORTS Community Service Award in women's soccer.

ITEM 7: TASK FORCE ON ACADEMIC REPUTATION

Dr. Trygve Ugland, Vice-Principal Government Relations (Interim), presented a report and spoke about the modification to the membership of the Task Force to increase faculty representation. The Task Force is in its consultation phase.

ITEM 8: ACADEMIC REPORT

Enrolment Management

The Vice-Principal Academic, Miles Turnbull, reported on the results of the retention analysis.

Senate Planning Committee

Dr. Turnbull presented the Strategic Research Plan and sought the Board's approval.

Pierre Cossette moved approval of the new Strategic Research Plan 2017-2022 as distributed under document 2017-2-08. Morgan Gagnon seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 9: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING COMING TO BISHOP'S This was discussed under item 6.

ITEM 10: UPDATE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS ON OFF-CAMPUS ASSAULTS The Dean of Student Affairs, Stine Linden-Andersen, reported on off-campus assaults and spoke about initiatives put in place by Bishop's to protect our students and ensure safety on our campus.

The Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Michael Goldbloom, reviewed the University's approach to communications which has been to share information regularly and broadly. The University belief is that the best way to protect the community is to ensure that it is fully informed. The Sherbrooke Police Force was very supportive of our community through this crisis.

ITEM 11: BILL 151 - ACT TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Marie-Josée Dufour, Legal Counsel and Secretary General (Interim), spoke about the Act to Prevent and Fight Sexual Violence in Higher Education Institutions and informed the Board that Bishop's has already completed the consultation phase and that a draft policy is under review.

ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Nadia Martel spoke briefly about the report of the Governance and Ethics Committee. She informed the Board that the Board Survey will be sent out in November and that results will be presented to the Board of Governors at its February meeting.

ITEM 13: DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Marie-Josée Dufour presented the Code of Ethics and asked the Governors to sign the Disclosure of Interest Form and return it to her attention.

ITEM 14: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE – SIF PROJECTS Nadia Martel spoke briefly about the report.

ITEM 15: RENOVATION OF JOHNSON LABORATORIES – CONTRACT APPROVAL
Kerry Hull presented the results of the call for tenders and explained that the bids are over
budget. Isabelle Goyette and her team are exploring different solutions. The approval for
signature of the contract was therefore postponed until we hear from the government about
our request for additional funds.

ITEM 16: REPORT OF THE AD HOC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE BISHOP'S SPORTS AND WELLNESS CENTRE

Nadia Martel informed the Board that the project was audited and that we have received the final grant from the government.

ITEM 17: APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE SYSTÈME D'INFORMATION FINANCIÈRE DES UNIVERSITÉS (SIFU)

The Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, Isabelle Goyette, presented the report and requested that the Board approve the 2016-2017 SIFU.

RESOLUTION 2017-2-01 FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2017 "SYSTÈME D'INFORMATION FINANCIÈRE DES UNIVERSITÉS" (SIFU)

WHEREAS the MEES requires that the Board of Governors approves the SIFU;

AND WHEREAS the auditor (KPMG) audited the 2016-17 SIFU with a clean unqualified audit opinion;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the 2016-17 SIFU.

Moved by: James Sweeny

Seconded by:

Michel Marleau

The motion carried.

ITEM 18: PROVINCIAL LONG-TERM DEBT FOR THE SPORTS CENTRE

The Vice-Principal Finance and Administration reported on the long-term borrowing for the Sports Centre project. The Board was asked to approve the borrowing.

RESOLUTION 2017-2-02

FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE LONG-TERM BORROWING FOR THE SPORTS CENTRE PROJECT

WHEREAS the terms and conditions outlined in the attached motion identified as Item 18i, REGIME D'EMPRUNTS À LONG TERME POUR FINANCER LE PROJET DU CENTRE MULTISPORTS COMMUNAUTAIRE, govern long-term borrowing under the Fonds Chantier Canada-Québec program;

AND WHEREAS the long-term debt is to be serviced, both principal and interest, by the Government of Quebec;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the long-term borrowing of \$2,592,754, at any time up until June 30th 2018, as per the terms and conditions outlined in the attached motion, REGIME D'EMPRUNTS À LONG TERME POUR FINANCER LE PROJET DU CENTRE MULTISPORTS COMMUNAUTAIRE:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT two of the signing officers of Bishop's University (Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, or Vice-Principal Academic) are authorized to co-sign any and all documents, including the attached CONVENTION DE PRET À LONG TERME, required to complete this transaction, as outlined in the attached motion.

Moved by:

Nadia Martel

Seconded by:

Michel Marleau

The motion carried.

ITEM 19: REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SRC AND REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY

Morgan Gagnon, President of the Students' Representative Council (SRC), spoke about a visit to St. Francis Xavier University to discuss sexual violence prevention initiatives on

campus. She presented the SRC President's Report and the Committee on Life at the University Report.

ITEM 20: SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

The Vice-Principal Academic requested that the Board strike an Ad Hoc Search Committee for the University Librarian and requested the appointment of Nancy Beattie, Campus Director of Champlain College on the committee.

Be it moved that the Board of Governors establish an Ad Hoc Search Committee for the University Librarian in accordance with the Statutes of Bishop's University and appoint Nancy Beattie as external member of the community on the search committee.

Moved by:

Morgan Gagnon

Seconded by:

Cathy McLean

The motion carried, with one abstention.

ITEM 21: REVIEW OF DEANS - UPDATE

The Vice-Principal Academic gave the Board an update on the review of the Deans.

ITEM 22: OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Board moved into closed session at 5:05 p.m.

Robert Hall, Chair

Marie-Josée Dufour, Secretary