Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Mr. Branden Bonham, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Mr. Julien Collin, Mr. Bruno Courtemanche, Mr. Mark Gandey, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Mr. Mauladad Bashar Doost, Dr. Alexandre Drouin, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Sufia Langevin, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Ms. Sydney Marteniuk, Dr. Michele Murray, Ms. Victoria Perak, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Dr. Jessica Riddell, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Michael Teed, Dr. Jordan Tronsgard, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Ms. Doan Duy Vo, Dr. Yanan Wang, Dr. Brad Williams

Regrets: Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Dr. Darren Bardati, Ms. Genny LeClair, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

Guests: Jonathan Carriere, Emily Demers, Jennifer Downey, Tiffany Farouse, Gaby Loupiac, Nick Veestra

Secretary: Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 642nd meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

ITEM 642/1 AGENDA
Secretary General Trygve Ugland requested that approval of the minutes of the 641st Senate meeting be removed from the agenda. The revised agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEM 642/2 - REMOVED
ITEM 642/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
Principal welcomed the following 2022-23 Students’ Representative Council (SRC) Senators, Tiffany Farouse (Social Sciences), Emily Demers (Humanities) and Nick Veenstra (Business) and congratulated Victoria Perak on being elected as 2022-23 SRC Vice-President Academic Affairs.

Principal Goldbloom reported that the University had welcomed prospective students and their families to campus on March 19th for the first in-person Open House since 2019. A virtual component was also offered to accommodate students and families who could not travel to campus. Over 475 guests from more than 60 countries registered for the event; 375 guests attended in person and 100 participated virtually.

On March 7th, Principal Goldbloom joined several Ukrainian members of the Bishop’s community to raise the Ukrainian flag on one of the poles in front of the campus.

On March 20th, the Bishop’s and local communities came together in Centennial Theatre to show solidarity for the Ukrainian members of our community and to raise funds to support Ukrainian students who wish to study at Bishop’s.

The event was opened by Professor Magdalena Dembinska, professor of Political Science at Université de Montréal, who provided a contextual overview of the conflict in Ukraine. The Honourable Bob Rae, Canada’s ambassador to the United Nations and Principal Goldbloom discussed how Canada and other countries are and can support Ukraine.

Ukrainian members of the Bishop’s community, students Daria Boros and Solomia Salameh, as well as Anna Izmaylova, an accountant in our Business Office, also spoke at the event. Principal Goldbloom said that their addresses were delivered with passion, dignity and impact.

Principal Goldbloom said that the Bishop’s Exceptional Student Talent (B.E.S.T.) Project Fund, made possible by an anonymous Bishop’s graduate, is intended to assist students in determining their career paths and realizing their ambitions. The funds are awarded to students whom the Selection Committee believes have the potential for significant achievement and impact once they graduate from Bishop’s.

After reviewing this year’s project proposals and interviewing the candidates, the B.E.S.T. Selection Committee awarded funds to 12 students. Principal Goldbloom said he was impressed by the breadth and talent represented by the projects.

Principal Goldbloom reported that the Search Committees for a Vice-Principal Academic and Research and for a Dean of the School of Education have been meeting frequently and the search processes are advancing well.

Principal Goldbloom announced that on March 30th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. the University would hold a sugaring off event in celebration of the end of the semester, the easing of many
pandemic restrictions and Spring. He said that he hoped to see many students, staff and faculty there.

The second Donald Lecture of 2021-22 will be delivered on April 4th by Dr. Terri Givens who will speak on the topic of Radical Empathy: Finding a Path to Bridging Racial Divides. Former Mayor of Calgary Naheed Nenshi will deliver the third Donald Lecture of the 2021-22 season on March 30th. Principal Goldbloom encouraged everyone to attend.

From June 3rd to June 5th, Bishop’s is holding Convocation ceremonies and celebrations for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 graduates. Principal Goldbloom said he was impressed with the number of Bishop’s 2020 and 2021 graduates who will be returning to campus to participate in Convocation activities.

Principal Goldbloom announced that at this year’s Convocation ceremonies Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following seven Honorands:

- Louis Garneau, O.C., C.Q., President of Louis Garneau Sports;
- Christy Clark, Former Premier of British Columbia;
- Glenn D. Lowry, Director of the Museum of Modern Art, New York;
- Sophie D’Amours, O.C., Rectrice, Université Laval;
- Patrick Pichette, C.Q., Environmentalist and former CFO of Google;
- Esi Edugyan, Novelist; and
- Dr. Caroline Quach-Thanh, Clinician-scientist and COVID Expert.

Principal Goldbloom said that the Office of Research and Graduate Studies would hold in-person activities for Research Week 2022 from March 28th to April 1st. He encouraged everyone to attend at least one of the Research Week’s activities which include: daily research talks by faculty members and postdoctoral fellows, a workshop designed to help students better communicate and a poster competition.

ITEM 642/4 BUSINESS ARISING
There was no business arising.

ITEM 642/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
The Chair of the Senate Research Committee, Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull reported that the Committee met with the Students’ Representative Council Vice-Principal Academic Affairs Sufia Langevin to discuss student representation on the Committee.

Motion:

That Senate approves the change in mandate and membership of the Senate Research Committee as outlined in Document 642/5.1, section 3.
Moved by: Miles Turnbull
Seconded by: Brandon Bonham
Motion carried.

The new mandate and composition of the Senate Research Committee are as follows:

*Mandate and functions of the Senate Research Committee*

The purpose of the Senate Research Committee (SRC) is to encourage, support, develop, and promote research at Bishop’s University. The SRC main activities also include the following:

- develop the Strategic Research Plan for the University;
- hold open and objectively adjudicated competitions for the allocation of available funds. These funds are supplied mainly by the Bishop’s Foundation.
- promote Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in Research and ensure equitable access to funding opportunities for all researchers.

The SRC is composed of one representative from each division and school, the Vice-Principal Academic and Research (or a designated academic officer), one librarian and the Director of Research and Graduate Studies. In order to ensure an unbiased review process, all members of the Senate Research Committee shall complete EDI training.

*Composition and membership of the Senate Research Committee:*

- Vice-Principal Academic and Research (ex officio, voting member)
- One (1) representative from each division/school (voting members)
- One (1) Librarian (voting member)
- Director of Research and Graduate Studies (ex officio, voting member)
- Two (2) Student representatives (one undergraduate and one graduate), as named by the Students’ Representative Council (voting members). The student representatives will not participate in adjudication of faculty submissions.

5.2 SENATE LIFE-LONG LEARNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Senate Life-Long Learning Committee, Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull proposed changes to the mandate and composition of the Committee.

*Motion:*

I move Senate’s approval of the revised Mandate and Membership of the Senate Life-Long Learning Committee, as detailed in Document 642/5.2.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull
Seconded by: Jessica Riddell
Registrar Hans Rouleau suggested a friendly amendment to the Committee’s composition to add “and School” after “Division”.

Dr. Turnbull and Dr. Riddell accepted the friendly amendment.

Motion carried.

The new mandate and composition of the Life-Long Learning Committee are as follows:

*Mandate and Functions of the Senate Life-Long Learning Committee*

The Committee will consider and bring forward to Senate recommendations for strategic and tactical planning as well as policy and organization for the Bishop’s Centre for Life-Long Learning.

*Composition and Membership of the Senate Life-Long Learning Committee*

- The Vice-Principal Academic & Research or designate
- The Registrar or designate
- The Coordinator of the BU Life-Long Learning Centre or designate
- One faculty member from each Division and School named by the Nominating Committee
- One undergraduate student (full-time or part-time) named by the SRC
- One graduate student (full-time or part-time) named by the SRC

**ITEM 642/6 OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull reported that early Fall 2022 application and enrolment numbers are positive as compared to the Fall 2021 numbers at the same time last year.

Dr. Turnbull invited Senators to participate in Research Week 2022 which will be held from March 28 to April 1, 2022 and will be comprised of in-person and online presentations.

Dr. Turnbull reported that recruitment for tenure-stream positions is ongoing and that Senate will be informed when the successful candidates have been found.

Dr. Jessica Riddell asked about the Research Snapshots competition and whether it was modeled after the three-minute thesis. She also asked where students could request coaching or support for the competition.
Dr. Turnbull said that the Research Snapshots competition was modelled after the national competition for graduate students and that it was probable the Government of Quebec would hold an undergraduate competition this year. He said that students could contact the Graduate Studies and Research Office for support or more information.

Principal Goldbloom asked why the University could not officially announce its newest Canada Research Chair (CRC).

Dr. Turnbull said that Bishop’s fifth CRC could not be announced officially until the Government of Canada is ready to do so. Dr. Turnbull said that CRC announcements are generally made in the fall.

ITEM 642/7  RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair of the Senate Planning Committee, Dr. Miles Turnbull, said that all recommendations had been thoroughly vetted by the Committee before being brought to Senate.

7.1 Williams School of Business - no recommendations

7.2 Arts and Science - Individualized Master of Arts

Dean of Arts Michele Murray said that the thesis-based individualized Master of Arts program would allow students to tailor a Master’s program to specific research goals and explore topics outside traditional disciplines. Students applying to the Individualized Program must contact a supervisor in a field of research they are interested in and collaborate with them to develop a proposal for a research project. Considering the research project and following a defined structure, they must also propose a program structure and flow using existing courses within the university and at other universities. The program should involve one or several disciplines that do not currently offer a Master's program.

Dean of Arts Michele Murray moved the approval of a thesis-based, individualized Master of Arts program, as detailed in curriculum change 7.2.

Moved by: Michele Murray
Seconded by: Miles Turnbull
Motion carried.

7.2.1 Division of Humanities - no recommendations

7.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics - no recommendations

7.2.3 Division of Social Sciences
Dean of Science Kerry Hull requested that Senate approve curriculum changes on behalf of the Department of Economics.

**Motion:**
That Senate approves curriculum changes 7.2.3.1 and 7.2.3.2 on behalf of the Department of Economics.

Moved by: Marianne Vigneault
Seconded by: Victoria Perak

Motion carried.

Dean of Science Kerry Hull presented the Department of Psychology’s proposal for the creation of a Doctorate in Psychology (Clinical psychology profile). She said that the program would be offered at Bishop’s as an extension of the program offered by the Université de Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC).

The Doctorate of Psychology (Clinical psychology profile) is designed for students who intend to practice clinical psychology. Its goal is to train psychologists capable of developing a confident, responsible professional clinical psychology practice, through its assessment, intervention, consultation, supervision, ethics and research components. It is also aimed at developing students’ rigor and critical analysis skills, by continually integrating – within the limits of their expertise – the most recent theoretical and scientific developments.

**Motion:**
That Senate approves the new program Doctorate in Psychology (Clinical psychology profile) on behalf of the Department of Psychology as detailed in document 7.2.3.3.

Moved by: Bruno Courtemanche
Seconded by: Brad Willms

Dr. Jessica Riddell said that the proposal was a tribute to collaboration between and across institutions. She asked whether there would be difficulties complying with conditions set by the Ordre des psychologues du Québec and whether UQAC would have oversight on Bishop’s faculty involved with the new doctorate program.

Dr. Hull said that the Ordre des psychologues du Québec are supportive of this initiative as they have identified the lack of anglophone psychologists as a risk.

Dr. Hull said that UQAC sets syllabi and that Bishop’s and UQAC would develop the evaluation criterium.

Dr. Riddell asked about the program’s need for clinical psychology faculty.
Dr. Hull said that the University had two faculty clinical psychologists, Dr. Catherine Malboeuf-Hurtubise and Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen and that a third would need to be hired to deliver the program. She said that the three professors could each contribute two or three courses per semester.

Dr. Gregory Brophy said while he could see the benefits of educating additional English-speaking clinical psychologists, he was hesitant to enter into an agreement with UQAC. He asked what oversight UQAC would have over Bishop’s faculty.

Dr. Hull said that UQAC would have representation on a hiring committee but would not have voting rights.

Dr. Hull said that UQAC would evaluate the program, similar to the accreditation process of the William School of Business or of the School of Education.

Dr. Jordan Tronsgard asked how many years it would take for the program to be independent of UQAC and who would control admission to the program.

Dr. Turnbull said that after seven years and positive evaluations, Bishop’s would apply to offer the program independently.

Dr. Hull said that Bishop’s would control admission to the program. She said that based on UQAC’s data, the competition for spaces and student retention rates were expected to be very high.

Dr. Michael Teed said that he agreed that there is a need for a program like this. He asked if the University could afford the program since the Senate Planning Committee had not granted the Department of Psychology the three tenure-positions that it had requested in Fall 2021.

Dr. Hull said that the Department of Psychology was in the process of hiring a clinical psychologist.

Dr. Hull said that with the proposed three-year cohort there would be seven courses the first year, four courses the second year and three courses the third year.

Dr. Brophy asked about the decision to create mixed classes (graduate and undergraduate).

Dr. Hull said that only two courses in the proposed program would need to be mixed.
Dr. Jessica Riddell asked how the number of students in the cohort was determined.

Dr. Hull said that 15 students is the breakeven number and that the admission objective was set to 16 students.
Dr. Hull said that there would be staff assigned to help students find placements which could be located in prisons, schools, public health, or private clinics and could allow up to 52 individuals and families to access a therapist.

Students’ Representative Council Vice-President Academic Affairs Sufia Langevin asked whether adding a doctorate program would impact Bishop’s reputation of being an excellent undergraduate institution.

Dr. Hull said that the University’s Strategic Framework includes the objective to grow the number of graduate programs and students. She said that the program would allow undergraduates to interact more often with graduate students and that if the program is approved there would be 15 or 16 more projects/theses being developed on campus.

Brandon Bonham said that it was exciting to be bringing a doctoral program to Bishop’s. He asked if the graduate students would be providing counselling services on campus.

Dr. Hull said that graduate students would not likely provide counselling services on campus in order to avoid any conflicts of interest and to ensure that they experience a wide variety of settings.

Principal Goldbloom thanked everyone for the fulsome discussion and called for the vote.

For: 20
Abstained: 3
Against: 0
Motion carried.

7.3 School of Education – no recommendations

7.4 Life-Long Learning – no recommendations

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Trygve Ugland, Secretary General