



BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
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BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY  
MCGREER 100 AND VIDEOCONFERENCE  
MINUTES

**Chair:** Robert Hall

**Present:** Mark Caduc, Kent Carson, Nanci Chagnon, Pierre Cossette, Daniel Fournier, Chris Gokiart, Drew Henkel, Sébastien Lebel-Grenier, Murielle Lortie, Heather McKeen-Edwards, Calin Valsan

**Regrets:** Abel Bosum, Suzie O'Bomsawin, Jessica Riddell, Junior Sirivar, Tova White (Ms White joined the meeting at 4:25 and left at 4:35)

**Senior Administration:** Nick Andrews, Julie Desjardins, Valerio Faraoni, Isabelle Goyette, Stine Linden-Andersen, Jean Manore, Matthew Peros, Jacqueline Scott, Andrew Webster

**Secretary:** Denise Lauzière

**ITEM 1: CHAIR'S WELCOME**

Chair Robert Hall called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Drew Henkel, SRC President to this first meeting and Annick Lambert, incoming Associate Vice-Principal, Recruitment, Marketing and Communications who will officially join Bishop's in early August.

Principal Lebel-Grenier asked to speak given that Bob is stepping down as Chair of the Board after having served since 2014. Despite having worked closely with Bob for only a year, his impact has been significant. He has been a steady presence, generously offering his wisdom and dedicating time to the University's benefit as well as to the Principal. His contributions, especially during the challenging times, have been deeply appreciated by the Principal and the university community. Bob Hall expressed his appreciation to the members of the Board, past and present, along with the members of the administration who he has had the honour of working with to support his alma mater.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by: Kent Carson

Seconded by: Murielle Lortie

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 26, 2024 meeting were approved as presented.

Moved by: Heather McKeen-Edwards

Seconded by: Murielle Lortie

**One abstention.**

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

**ITEM 5: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Sébastien Lebel-Grenier began by highlighting certain topics from his written report, including the loss of two community members, retired professor of Religion, Dr. Harvey White and current employee Barb Custeau, who worked in the Library Learning Commons. Both were cherished members of our community and their loss has left a great void for many.

The Principal expressed his gratitude to all involved in organizing the recent Convocation weekend events which were highly successful and deeply meaningful. It was a memorable weekend for the graduating students and for the honorands, and in particular, for the Eastern Townships Community who were represented by former mayor Jean Perrault, Claude Belleau, Louise Bourgeault, Chantal Lessard and Yannick Crack. The deep appreciation for their commitment to Bishop's last fall was expressed throughout the weekend.

The Principal then informed Governors that the current president of the *Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI)*, Daniel Jutras, *recteur de l'Université de Montréal*, resigned in light of increasing divergence of opinion on the BCI's role of advocacy and in the development of common positions that both Charter and UQ universities could support on various issues including the new funding formula. Ongoing relations with the government will be extremely important and we will need to assess how and who speaks for universities. We should have a better sense of the future of BCI in the fall. The Principal opined that as a small university we continue to need the BCI for support with policies and frameworks and reporting measures.

The Principal then continued by updating Governors on Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC) implementation of a cap on international student study permits, which the Quebec government has managed fairly well through productive discussions with the federal government. For Quebec, the current quotas are sufficient to cover the yearly intake of international students. However, IRCC plans to implement further measures, including a 'recognized institution framework' to evaluate the credibility of institutions hosting international students. This framework aims to address the issue of some institutions enrolling many students without providing worthwhile education. Details are forthcoming, but trusted institutions may receive processing privileges for study permit applications. As well, the Principal explained that there are discussions about reforming postgraduate work permits for graduates of Canadian universities, potentially restricting them to fields with identified labor shortages. This change could impact graduates in humanities and affect Canada's attractiveness as a study destination. The reform is part of broader political debates on integration and immigration policies, highlighting its potential significance and impact on universities and students.

The Principal ended his report by adding that there have been student protests regarding the war in Gaza and encampments at various universities. There is no encampment on campus, but one student participated in the encampment at *l'Université de Sherbrooke*, which has been managed well by its leadership. Board member Pierre Cossette, *recteur* of the *Université*, explained their approach of not taking a position but sending a clear message of non-violence and aiming for a positive resolution through ongoing communication and cooperation with the students involved.

#### **ITEM 6: STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

SRC President Drew Henkel highlighted elements of his report to the Board including the new SRC executive team and what they are each studying:

President: Drew Henkel (MSc Brewing Science)

VP Academic Affairs: Roser Rise (Political Science with a Minor in German)

VP Student Life: Lacey Baillairge (Double Major BBA Admin/Marketing & BSc Premed)

Director of Finance: Taylor Morgan (Classics with Finance Minor)

Director of Events: Reagan Russell (Secondary Education, English and History)

The plans for this year's Orientation Week activities with the theme of "Gaiters of the Round Table" are well underway. The team is very excited for the medieval/fantasy/renaissance fair styled events and they believe it will provide ample room for a wide array of fun events.

Drew Henkel travelled to Ottawa, Ontario from May 13-17 to represent Bishop's students and Quebec students at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Foundations Conference through our membership with the Quebec Student Union.

## ITEM 7: ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research (VPAR), Dr. Andrew Webster, provided a summary of his report. The VPAR's office, the Registrar's office, the Finance office and the APBU have collaborated to address outstanding liabilities related to 'boxtops'— compensation for faculty for student thesis supervisory duties. They have completed the initial phase by disbursing compensation to faculty for all earned boxtops up to the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year. Faculty members were informed via individual emails on June 7 about the process, including details of their owed compensation and a draft schedule for disbursement, requiring confirmation by June 30.

Future 'boxtops' not yet earned, such as those related to ongoing student supervision, will be addressed in a future stage, with communication planned in the fall. Efforts are underway to devise a sustainable approach for compensating faculty for graduate and honours thesis supervision, including doctoral supervision at other universities, in collaboration with a Parity Committee on Research Workload.

The Senate Planning Committee (SPC) has adopted a revised mandate and new guidelines following approval by the Senate on May 17. These guidelines include a pilot of revised timelines for the allocation of new tenure-stream positions and part-time courses for the 2024-25 academic year. The SPC aims to enhance efficiency by concluding tenure-stream position allocations earlier to allow sufficient time for comprehensive searches. A similar approach is planned for positions starting in July 2026.

Additionally, the Senate Program Academic Review Committee (SPARC) has updated its mandate and procedures to comply with the expectations of the *Commission de vérification de l'évaluation périodique* (CVEP). These updates include new reporting templates and requirements for action plans from departments following program reviews.

In leadership changes, Professor Mark Gandey has been appointed Interim Dean of the Williams School of Business as Reena Atanasiadis is stepping down at the end of June 2024. The process for appointing a new permanent Dean is underway. The committee expects to review progress by mid-August.

Furthermore, the Senate has approved a new Strategic Research Plan (2024-2028) and three new/revised policies to advance the university's research agenda. The policies are for Adjunct Professors, Visiting Scholars and Postdoctoral Fellows.

## **ITEM 8: RESEARCH REPORT**

Dr. Matthew Peros, Interim Associate Vice-Principal Research and Dean of Social Sciences highlighted recent research and scholarly work by faculty and students, including the production of Dr. Art Babayants' play, *Wine & Halva*, a key element of Dr. Babayants' research on Canadian immigrant theatre, and the publication of Dr. Jamie Crooks' book: *"Bach's Architecture of Gratitude": On the Genius of the Mass in B Minor*.

He also drew Governors' attention to new research funding of almost \$1.3M received by Dr. Mirella Aoun, Dr. Tavis Smith, Dr. Vivian Valencia and Dr. Sarathi Weraduwage. He completed his report by recognizing a number of students for their accomplishments including: Victoria Benny, Patrick Horlavile, Numa Karolinski and postdoctoral fellow Vivian Desbien.

## **ITEM 9: REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Murielle Lortie, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, reminded Governors that at its meeting on April 26, 2024, the Board of Governors had approved the 2024-25 provisional Operating Budget with a \$2.4M deficit and had requested that the administration review the Budget in light of the lower than anticipated revenues and the liability for student thesis supervision ('Boxtops'). She then summarized the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee including reviewing the 2024-25 budget which is now presenting a deficit of \$2.6M. The second element discussed was a cash management policy. The University needs to have a Cash Management Policy (CMP) in order to be able to invest money for more than 365 days as required by *La loi sur l'administration financière* unless these investments are made with the Ministry of Finance. The third item the Finance and Audit Committee reviewed was a five-year lease for Doolittle's Co-op store. In 2019-20, the University decided to change the bookstore operating model from a Third-Party Administration to a Co-operative in partnership with the Student Representatives' Council (SRC). The Doolittle's Co-op operated in the temporary location behind the Sports Centre in 2019-20 during the renovation of the Student Centre and was moved into its permanent location in April 2020. A motion is being presented for approval as the lease agreement is for a term that exceeds five years.

Finally, the University's auditors have reviewed the 'boxtops' information. At this time, the auditors do not indicate the need to restate any past financial statements. The University needs to determine when the liability should be noted down: when the student registers for the thesis program or when they graduate.

Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, Isabelle Goyette provided additional information on each item before presenting the motions:

**Resolution 2023-09-01**  
**Motion to approve the 2024-25 Operating Budget:**

WHEREAS the Board of Governors is required by the *Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur* (MES) to approve the annual Operating Budget;

WHEREAS the University's Statutes require approval by the Board of Governors of the annual Operating Budget;

AND WHEREAS the Finance and Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the 2024-25 Operating Budget and recommends its approval;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the 2024-25 Operating Budget as presented by the Vice-Principal Finance and Administration and set out in the 2024-25 Budget presentation (Document 2023-09-09i);

Moved by: Kent Carson

Seconded by: Murielle Lortie

**Motion carried.**

**Resolution 2023-09-02**  
**Motion to approve the Cash Management Policy**

WHEREAS it is best practice for institutions to have a cash management policy;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Finance of Québec recommends that institutions have a cash management policy;

AND WHEREAS the Finance and Audit Committee has reviewed the Cash Management Policy (Document 2023-09-09ii), and recommends its approval by the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the Cash Management Policy;

Moved by: Mark Caduc

Seconded by: Kent Carson

**Motion carried.**

**Resolution 2023-09-03**  
**Motion to approve a**  
**Lease agreement between the University and Doolittle's Co-op**  
**and Delegation of Signing Authority**

WHEREAS the Board was informed at its February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meeting of the decision of the University to create the Doolittle's Co-op;

WHEREAS the lease agreement was reviewed by the University General Counsel and the Finance and Audit Committee;

AND WHEREAS the University's Signing Authority Policy requires approval by the Board of Governors for any lease contract or agreement for a term that exceeds five (5) years;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the lease agreement with Doolittle's Co-op;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors authorizes two of the signing officers (the Principal and Vice-Chancellor and the three Vice-Principals), to co-sign the lease agreement with Doolittle's Co-op.

Moved by: Murielle Lortie

Seconded by: Kent Carson

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 10: NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF STATUTES**

The Interim Secretary General, Denise Lauzière and Principal Lebel-Grenier presented the Notice of amendment of Statutes. Section 12 of Division I of the University's Statutes provides that the Statutes may be amended only by resolution of the Board of Governors at a meeting duly called for that purpose. As stipulated a written notice of motion incorporating the text of proposed amendments must be submitted to each member of the Board at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

A copy of the Statutes in chart form, reflecting the proposed revisions in the right-hand column highlighted in yellow is being presented for review. Amendments as set out in the document will be presented for approval at the September 27, 2024 meeting of the Board of Governors.

Given that some Governors are absent it was agreed to send out a reminder to all Governors with a June 28<sup>th</sup> deadline date for submission of any queries or suggested revisions to the proposed revisions. Governors would then be sent any such changes with a new 60-day notice which would still be within the timeframe to present the revised Statutes to the Board at its September 2024 meeting.

**ITEM 11: AD HOC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR KWIGW8MNA**

Isabelle Goyette, Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, reported, on behalf of the Chair Suzie O'Bomsawin, that the Oversight Committee met on May 23, 2024, that the building is still on track to be ready to welcome users in January 2025 and that the total project budget remains at \$16.3M, \$13.5M for the phase 1 (Building) and \$2.8M for the phase 2 (Exterior work). Governors will be given a tour of the building tomorrow, Saturday, June 15.

**ITEM 12: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (SD AND BE) COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Chair Suzie O'Bomsawin, Isabelle Goyette summarized the issues discussed at the May 2024 meeting and presented certain motions for approval. She began by presenting the 2024-29 Capital Plan which includes priorities set out in the draft Strategic Framework of the University and in the Risk Management Mitigation Plan. As anticipated, the Quebec government reduced the yearly funding (PQI) from 4M\$ in 2021-22 to \$1.3M. This represents a great concern for the maintenance of our buildings and the accomplishment of our projects. With an aging campus (and increased health and safety and maintenance concerns) and a reduced PQI envelope, it is even more critical to prioritize our projects according to our strategic criteria. And, since new regulations for call for tenders for professionals will take effect in January 2025, it will become even more important to lead extensive feasibility studies before selecting our team of professionals.

After reviewing the Capital Plan, the following motion was presented.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-04  
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2024-29 CAPITAL PLAN

WHEREAS the *Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur (MES)* requires approval by the Board of Governors of a Capital Plan covering ten years (2024-2034);

WHEREAS the University traditionally plans projects over a five-year period and not a ten-year period and consequently prepared a 2024-29 Capital Plan;

WHEREAS the Sustainable Development and Built Environment Committee has discussed the 2024-29 Capital Plan and the associated risks;

AND WHEREAS all contracts exceeding \$500,000 will be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval even if the Board has approved them in the Capital Plan as per the Signing Authority outlined in the University's statutes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the 2024-29 Capital Plan (list of projects, project timelines and budgets) as presented by the Vice-Principal Finance and Administration.

Moved by: Pierre Cossette

Seconded by: Kent Carson

**Motion carried.**

Isabelle Goyette then provided updates on the main construction projects, on the housing plan and on sustainable development activities held on campus before presenting for approval a motion for a professional contract for architects for Kwigw8mna.

The professional contract with the architectural firm Architem was initially estimated at \$240K in January 2020. It was not presented to the Board of Governors for approval at that time as the value of the contract was estimated under the \$500K threshold requiring the approval of the Board of Governors as per the Signing Authority Policy.

This project has overcome several hurdles and delays such as the COVID-19 pandemic and a failed bidding process. The current estimated cost for the architectural contract is now \$580K, thus requiring Board approval.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-05  
APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT WITH ARCHITEM FOR KWIGW8MNA  
AND DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the Board approved the budget for the Kwigw8mna project in the 2023-28 Capital Plan;

WHEREAS the University's Signing Authority Policy requires approval by the Board of Governors for any contract obligating the University where the total amount involved exceeds \$500,000;

AND WHEREAS the project was discussed with the Sustainable Development and Built Environment Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the professional contract with Architem;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors authorizes two of the following signing officers (Principal and Vice Chancellor, Vice-Principal Academic & Research, Vice-Principal Finance and Administration and Vice-Principal Student Affairs), to co-sign the professional contracts related to the contract with Architem.

Moved by: Kent Carson

Seconded by: Murielle Lortie

**Motion carried.**

And finally, the final report on responsible investment at Bishop's University was discussed. The current recommendation for Bishop's University to become a PRI signatory in the "Asset Owner" category would necessitate annual efforts for a non-existent portfolio as Bishop's University does not typically have funds available for investment. It was then proposed to eliminate the recommendation. Instead, the focus shifted to ensuring any future asset managers used by the University adhere to responsible investment principles. A motion was proposed to approve these adjustments while emphasizing clarity and addressing any questions.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-06  
FOR THE APPROVAL OF REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

WHEREAS the Board of Governors created the Ad hoc Committee on Responsible Investment on February 14, 2020 and approved its revised mandate on March 27, 2020;

WHEREAS the Board of Governors accepted the Ad hoc Committee on Responsible Investment final report on December 15, 2023 and the Ad hoc Committee was dissolved;

WHEREAS the Sustainable Development and Built Environment Committee has been tasked to review annually the implementation status of the recommendations in the Fall;

AND WHEREAS the Sustainable Development and Built Environment Committee has reviewed the revised recommendations and recommends their approval;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the revised recommendations on responsible investment as detailed in document 2023-09-12.

Moved: Murielle Lortie

Seconded: Heather McKeen-Edwards

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 13: INFORMATION RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Chair of the Committee, Kent Carson, summarized the work done by the Information Resources Committee (IRC) which last met on May 29, 2024. The Committee's mandate was reviewed to ensure that it is able to support the IT needs of the Institution going forward as IT is becoming more expensive and resources are scarce. An update on ongoing cybersecurity initiatives was reviewed; a preliminary discussion took place on the policy of retaining a BU email for life, as currently there are over 33,000 email accounts that are open. Finally, the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Project was presented. The scope of the project would include the University's administrative systems – Finance, Procurement, Human Resources and Payroll. The plan is to collectively replace all these systems over the next few years as they have reached their end of life and will no longer be supported by their respective vendors. The IRC will bring this project back to the Board in the fall.

**ITEM 14: CHAMPLAIN – BISHOP'S CONTRACT**

The University has two contracts with Champlain Regional College Lennoxville: a Space agreement and a Service agreement. Since November 2023, Champlain and Bishop's representatives have met on a number of occasions to review the service and the space agreements. The main Champlain representative was Yves Rainville, interim General Director.

The Champlain Space agreement requires approval from the Board of Governors as per the University Signing Authority as the duration of the lease can be longer than five (5) years.

The Champlain Service agreement includes services provided to Champlain not covered by the government operating grants. It includes space rentals for non-academic usage of the Sports Centre by Champlain's athletic teams, use of the Library Learning Commons, Centennial Theatre, the Health Centre, IT, Security at Champlain's main building and snow removal services. The previous contracts ended June 30, 2022 and covered the period from July 2017 to June 2022. There were two one-year extensions of the contract to June 30, 2024. The total annual financial commitment for the 2024-2029 service contract is estimated at \$428,640 for five (5) years.

Isabelle Goyette reviewed the main changes to the Service Contract and then presented the motion for approval.

RESOLUTION 2024-09-07  
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE  
2024-29 CHAMPLAIN SERVICE CONTRACT AND  
DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the University and Champlain College Lennoxville have Space and Service agreements which expire on June 30, 2024;

WHEREAS the University and Champlain College Lennoxville have renegotiated Space and Service agreements for the term beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2029;

AND WHEREAS the University's Signing Authority Policy requires approval by the Board of Governors for any contract obligating the University where the total amount involved exceeds \$500,000 and any lease contract or agreement for a term that exceeds five (5) years;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors authorizes two of the following signing officers (the Principal and Vice Chancellor and the three Vice-Principals), to co-sign the Champlain Space and Service contracts.

Moved by: Pierre Cossette

Seconded by: Kent Carson

**Motion carried.**

Tova White joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

**ITEM 15: AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE SEARCH PROCESS FOR THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Tova White, Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee and Chair of the Ad Hoc committee for the Search for a Principal reported that the ad hoc committee concluded its work and is presenting its final report, containing several recommendations. These recommendations include drafting policies, updating the Statutes and making amendments to the search process. The report does not signify the end of the work but rather serves as a milestone capturing insights gathered from stakeholders and best practices observed through collaboration with other institutions and search firms. During the discussion, it was noted that there may have been an irregularity in the naming of the staff member representing Staff Council on the ad hoc committee. Each body is responsible for the selection process of its representative. This clarification was provided to ensure transparency and future considerations regarding committee composition.

Tova White then proceeded to move the following motion:

**RESOLUTION 2023-09-08**

**FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

WHEREAS a Working Group to review the recruitment and appointment process for the Principal and Vice-Chancellor was established on April 28, 2023 by the Board of Governors, and

WHEREAS the Working Group is submitting its final report and recommendations to the Board of Governors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the report and recommendations to be instituted at the appropriate time by the proper body.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, having completed its work, the Working Group to review the recruitment and appointment process for the Principal and Vice-Chancellor be dissolved.

Moved: Tova White

Seconded: Murielle Lortie

**Motion carried.**

Tova White left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

#### **ITEM 16: POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Chief Information Officer and Governor Mark Caduc explained that each University in the province is required under the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*, chapter A- 2.1. to develop a Policy on the Protection of Personal Information. The purpose of this Policy is to inform members of the community of the University's obligations with respect to the protection of personal information that is collected and held by the University as well as the rights of concerned individuals with respect to their personal information.

This Policy:

- a) sets out the principles and legal obligations governing the protection of personal information throughout its lifecycle, from its collection, use, communication and retention to its destruction or anonymization (collectively "Processing");
- b) defines the roles and responsibilities of persons involved in the protection of personal information; and
- c) defines the rights of concerned individuals with respect to the University's use of their personal information.

This Policy also complies with the Access Act, which establishes the legal framework for the protection of personal information held by public bodies.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-09

FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE POLICY ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Policy on the Protection of Personal Information.

Moved: Mark Caduc

Seconded: Murielle Lortie

**Motion carried.**

#### **ITEM 17: CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT (CSC)**

Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen, Vice-Principal Student Affairs presented a revised Code of Student Conduct for approval by the Board.

She explained that the Code of Student Conduct (CSC) was last reviewed in July 2005. The CSC was outdated and did not match best practices around student conduct. A committee including students, disciplinary officers and equity advisors started the review process in January 2023. The updated CSC provides clearer expectations of behaviours from students as respect for self, others and the community. The reviewed CSC includes clearer definition of non-academic conduct and includes cyber conduct.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-10  
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

THAT the Board of Governors approve the *updated Student Code of Conduct Policy*.

Moved by: Chris Gokiart  
Seconded by: Mark Caduc  
**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 18: STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELLBEING POLICY**

Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen, Vice-Principal Student Affairs explained that this new policy has been in development for a couple of years. This policy was presented first to the Committee on Life at the University (CLU) in 2023. The draft policy was updated and presented to the Psychological Wellbeing Committee and again to the CLU on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 where it was passed unanimously.

The Student Support and Wellbeing Policy aims to enhance our institution's approach to managing student mental health and overall wellbeing. Central to this policy is the formal establishment of the Student of Concern Committee (SOCC). This committee will be tasked with identifying, supporting, and monitoring students experiencing significant mental health challenges or other wellbeing issues.

This policy also establishes a process for the voluntary and involuntary leave from the University when associated with mental health crisis. In all cases, the student will have an opportunity to present their needs and wishes before a decision is made.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-11  
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BU STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELLBEING POLICY

THAT the Board of Governors approve the *BU Student Support and Wellbeing Policy*.

MOVED by: Kent Carson  
SECONDED by: Heather McKeen Edwards  
**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 19: STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN (SRP)**

Vice-Principal Academic and Research, Andrew Webster introduced Dr. Valerio Faraoni, of the Senate Research Committee, to present this Strategic Research Plan which is meant to replace the current SRP expiring in June. It will be revisited in Fall 2024 to be harmonized with the Strategic Framework of the University. A Strategic Research Plan is mandated by the Tri-Council and at least a temporary one needs to be in place at all times. This SRP was approved by Senate at its May 17, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Faraoni then presented the motion to be approved.

RESOLUTION 2023-09-12  
FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN

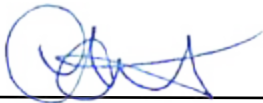
THAT the Board of Governors approves the proposed Strategic Research Plan.

Moved by: Mark Caduc

Seconded by: Murielle Lortie

**Motion carried.**

The Chair thanked everyone and declared the Open session closed at 5:07 p.m.  
The Closed session then took place with the meeting ending at 5:35 p.m.



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Robert Hall, Chair



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Denise Lauzière  
Interim Secretary General