



FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2022  
**MINUTES**  
VIDEOCONFERENCE

***Chair:*** Robert Hall

***Present:*** Jane Brydges, Pierre Cossette, Enzo Evangelisti, Daniel Fournier, Michael Goldbloom, Brian Levitt, Michel Marleau, Heather McKeen-Edwards, Cathy McLean, Samia Mihoub, Suzie O'Bomsawin, Jessica Riddell, Scott Stoddard, Calin Valsan, Tova White

***Regrets:*** Abel Bosum, Kent Carson

***Senior Administration:*** Nick Andrews, Reena Atanasiadis, Anthony Di Mascio, Marie-Josée Dufour, Isabelle Goyette, Claire Grogan, Kerry Hull, Denise Lauzière, Stine Linden-Andersen, Michele Murray, Jacqueline Scott, Miles Turnbull

***Guests:*** Jason Rowe, James Sikora

***Secretary:*** Trygve Ugland

**ITEM 1: CHAIR'S WELCOME**

Chair Robert Hall called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by: Tova White

Seconded by: Michel Marleau

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 17, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

Moved by: Michel Marleau

Seconded by: Cathy McLean

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising.

**ITEM 5: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Michael Goldbloom announced the passing of Dr. Jean Levasseur, a recently retired professor of the department of Études Françaises et Québécoises. Dr. Levasseur will be remembered for his passion for teaching Quebecois literature, theatre, poetry and music.

Principal Goldbloom reported that classes for the Winter 2022 semester began on January 12<sup>th</sup>, with most courses delivered online during that week. The Quebec Government had expressed its expectation that universities and CEGEPs would resume in-person instruction as of January 17<sup>th</sup> while accepting that the transition back to in-person classes could take until January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Principal announced two upcoming Donald Lectures: Dr. Terri Givens the author of Radical Empathy: Finding a Path to Bridging Racial Divides on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and former Mayor of Calgary Naheed Nenshi on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Goldbloom reported that the University Foundation reached a total of \$100M in assets as of December 31, 2021. The Foundation was created fifty years ago with an asset base of \$100K. It had grown to just under \$70M at the end of 2017. When Bob Goldberger assumed the Chair of the Foundation in 2018, he set the goal of seeing the assets grow to \$100M by April 2023. This objective seemed more aspirational than attainable, but under Mr. Goldberger's leadership and with the contribution of so many people who care about Bishop's it has been achieved.

Principal Goldbloom expressed his gratitude to Bob Goldberger for his vision, determination and leadership of the Foundation and to the many members of the Board, past and present, who have contributed to this enduring achievement for Bishop's. Successive generations of Bishop's students have benefited and will continue to benefit, from the support of the Foundation.

Dr. Andrew MacDonald, recently retired from the Department of Music, has been named as a Member of the Order of Canada. Dr. MacDonald won a Juno Award in 1995 for his Violin Concerto and is celebrated for his contributions to contemporary Canadian classical, jazz and electronic music as an educator, composer and performer.

Principal Goldbloom reported that one hundred and sixty-five student-athletes were recognized for their academic achievement (GPA over 80%) by U SPORTS, the Réseau du sport étudiant du Québec and the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association.

This is the highest number of All-Canadians and All-Stars in Bishop's history. The list of Academic All-Canadians (U SPORTS) includes nine male basketball players, five members of the women's basketball team, 23 female soccer players, 32 members of the women's rugby team, 18 female hockey players and 25 members of the football team.

**ITEM 6: AD HOC SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Chair Robert Hall reported that Principal Goldbloom has decided not to seek renewal for a fourth term. When the position of a Principal and Vice-Chancellor becomes vacant, the Statutes of Bishop's University provide that the Chair of the Board of Governors shall recommend the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a search for a new Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-01  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC SEARCH COMMITTEE  
FOR A PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

WHEREAS the Chair of the Board of Governors recommends the establishment of an Ad Hoc Search Committee for a Principal and Vice-Chancellor in accordance with Division V of the Statutes of Bishop's University;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ad Hoc Search Committee is established with the mandate and composition set out in the appendix of Document 2021-07-06.

Moved by: Jane Brydges

Seconded by: Tova White

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 7: COVID-19 UPDATE**

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen, reported that the number of students in isolation was low. She expressed the hope that the number of cases would continue to drop and that the public health guidelines would continue to relax in the coming weeks.

**ITEM 8: ACADEMIC REPORT**

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull reported on preliminary statistics for Winter 2022 enrolment and Fall 2022 admissions.

Dr. Sunny Lau of the School of Education was officially awarded a Canada Research Chair by François-Philippe Champagne, the Canadian Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry to continue her work on plurilingual pedagogies, working with teachers to co-create teaching and learning conditions that promote the use of transferable strategies, metalinguistic awareness, intercultural education, and critical literacy learning.

Anthony Sanogo, the first Bishop's student to receive a prestigious Fondation Arbour scholarship, was awarded \$13,000 to pursue an MSc. in Computer Science at Bishop's. The Fondation Arbour scholarship recognises academic excellence in ambitious and deserving students who have had to overcome personal and professional difficulties on their educational path.

Dr. Miles Turnbull reported that the University's current Strategic Research Plan was nearing the end of its term (2018-2022). The Senate Research Committee has been holding Town Halls and soliciting the Bishop's community to provide feedback in defining future strategic research goals. The Senate Research Committee is also considering the option of extending the current Strategic Research Plan for two years which would align with the dates of the University's Strategic Framework.

Dr. Miles Turnbull invited Dr. Jason Rowe, Canada Research Chair in Exoplanet Astrophysics, and Dr. James Sikora, Postdoctoral Fellow at Bishop's University, to present the Webb Space Telescope project and Bishop's role in the mission.

Governors expressed their appreciation for the presentation.

**ITEM 9: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

The Chair of the Ad hoc Committee on the Prevention of Sexual Violence, Ms. Cathy McLean, reported that the Ad hoc Committee met on January 18, 2022 to:

- discuss the University's engagement of the Canadian Centre for Legal Innovation in Sexual Assault Response (CCLISAR) to carry out an independent external review of the policies, procedures and practices for the prevention of sexual violence at Bishop's University;
- meet with Joanna Birenbaum, CCLISAR Director of Capacity Building and the Chair of Bishop's Independent Review Panel; and
- review a presentation by Dean of Student Affairs Stine Linden-Andersen of the University's current prevention of sexual violence strategies.

The purpose of the independent external review of the policies, procedures and practices for the prevention of sexual violence at Bishop's University is to ensure that the University has effective policies and practices that are:

- responsive to those who report experiences of sexual harm;
- trauma informed; and
- procedurally fair to complainants and respondents.

The University community will be invited during the months of February and March 2022 to participate in either group or individual consultations with the Independent Review Panel. The Independent Review Panel report and recommendations will be presented to the Board in June 2022. The final report will be public to ensure transparency.

**ITEM 10: REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Michel Marleau, reported that the Committee met on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 to review and discuss:

- an update on financial risks;
- an update on the 2021-22 Cash Flow Forecast; and
- the short-term financing of capital projects funded by the *Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur*.

Mr. Marleau reported that the The *Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MES) capital grants are authorized under its five-year university capital investment plan (*Plan quinquennal d'investissements universitaires* ("PQI")). The MES does not pay the PQI capital grant directly to the University. Instead, the University pays for expenditures with short-term borrowing and is then authorized periodically to borrow on a long-term basis the amount that corresponds to actual PQI spending.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021, the MES informed the University that changes would be made to the *Regulation respecting borrowings made by a body* (CQLR, chapter A-6.001, r.3), under the Financial Administration Act.

Lines of credit for our investment projects (PQI) funded by the MES, will have to be with *Financement-Québec* instead of our financial institution.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-02  
LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH *FINANCEMENT-QUÉBEC*

WHEREAS changes to the Financial Administration Act - *Regulation respecting borrowings made by a body* (CQLR, chapter A-6.001, r.3), require that all short-term borrowing for PQI projects be made through *Financement-Québec*;

WHEREAS the University is subject to the *Financial Administration Act*;

AND WHEREAS the terms and conditions of the short-term borrowing for PQI projects are set out in the *CONVENTION DE MARGE DE CRÉDIT* (Document 2021-07-10i);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the line of credit agreement with *Financement-Québec* as set out in the *CONVENTION DE MARGE DE CRÉDIT*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors authorizes two of the signing officers of Bishop's University (Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Principal Finance and Administration or Vice-Principal Academic and Research) to co-sign any and all documents required to complete the *CONVENTION DE MARGE DE CRÉDIT*;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors authorizes one of the following representatives of Bishop's University (Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, Vice-Principal Academic and Research or Manager of Financial

Services) to sign any transactional records related to the lines of credit, as outlined in Document 2021-07-10ii.

Moved by: Michel Marleau  
Seconded by: Tova White

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 11: NICOLLS CLASSROOM PROJECT**

The Chair of the Campus Landscape and Built Environment Development Committee, Ms. Cathy McLean, presented the project sheet for the renovation of six multimedia classrooms located on the first and third floors of the Nicolls building as well as the first-floor hallway. The University issued a call for tenders for this project in the week of January 3, 2022.

Ms. McLean said that the timing of the opening of tenders and the beginning of the construction work is very tight, and that the March 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 Board of Governors meeting would be too late for contractors to order the supplies in time for the anticipated start date of work in May 2022.

The Board will be sent the information concerning the awarding of the contract to the tenderer who submitted the lowest acceptable tender. An email vote will follow if there are no concerns or questions raised at that time.

**ITEM 12: MOTION TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY STATUTES**

Secretary General Trygve Ugland reported that regular review of the Statutes of Bishop's University is required in order to ensure the University's effectiveness and efficiency. The Statutes of Bishop's University were last revised in May 2020.

In its preliminary report that was presented to the Board of Governors on December 18, 2020, the Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) recommended "that the Nominating Committee of the Board and the Governance and Ethics Committee be mandated to prepare a proposal with respect to how to increase diversity on the Board of Governors".

In order to increase diversity on the Board of Governors, on May 19, 2021, the Nominating Committee of the Board unanimously endorsed a proposal to amend Division III Additional Procedures for Nominating Committee in the Statutes of Bishop's University. The Governance and Ethics Committee unanimously endorsed the proposed amendment at its meeting on October 20, 2021.

As stipulated by the Collective Agreement (Article 27.01), the proposed amendment was presented to the Association of Professors of Bishop's University (APBU). This consultation occurred in October 2021.

Section 12 of Division I of the Statutes of Bishop's University provides that the Statutes may be amended only by resolution of the Board of Governors at a meeting duly called for that purpose. In order for a meeting to be duly called for the purpose of amending the Statutes, 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.

Any amendment of Divisions I and V of the Statutes requires the affirmative vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Governors then in office.

At the November 12, 2021, Board meeting the Notice of Motion and the proposed changes to the Statutes were presented. Governors were invited to send feedback to the Secretary General. Dr. Uglund reported that he had only received positive comments and no requests for substantive changes.

RESOLUTION 2021-07-03  
FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS the Statutes of Bishop's University provide in section 12 of Division I that the Statutes may be amended only by resolution of the Board of Governors at a meeting duly called for that purpose;

WHEREAS the Secretary General submitted a written notice of motion incorporating the text of proposed amendments to the Board on November 12, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Secretary General consulted with the Bishop's community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Statutes of Bishop's University as indicated in Appendix I of Document 2021-07-12;

Moved by: Michael Goldbloom

Seconded by: Brian Levitt

**Motion carried.**

**ITEM 13: REPORT OF THE SRC PRESIDENT**

Students' Representative Council President Enzo Evangelisti reported that elections for the 2022-23 SRC executive team were underway and that the results would be announced by the end of February and the new Executives will assume their roles on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

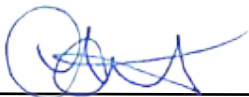
Winterfest will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> assuming public health guidelines allow for the activities.

Mr. Evangelisti reported that the SRC had drafted a Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Action Plan with input from the Sexual Culture Committee.

The SRC Director of Finances, Mr. Ryan Maxwell, has prepared a five-year Financial Plan for the SRC. Mr. Evangelisti said that the five-year plan will help the SRC to make decisions on which projects it can promote.

The open session ended at 3:58 p.m.

The meeting ended at 5:13 p.m.



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Robert Hall, Chair



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Trygve Ugland, Secretary