As provided for in the motion passed by the 619th meeting of Senate held on May 22nd 2020, the Secretary General forwarded the following motions to all Senators on June 22nd 2021.

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation for employees in the federal public service. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. This federal initiative is in direct response to the 80th Call to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action published in 2015.

The Dean of Student Affairs and the Indigenous Student Support team brought a recommendation to the Executive Team and then to the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee (ASAP) as to how the University should address the National Day for Truth
and Reconciliation. Following significant discussion, ASAP unanimously proposed the following motions to be presented to Senate for an e-vote due to the time-sensitivity:

**Motion 1:**

That Bishop’s University suspend academic activities on September 30th to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Moved by: Dr. Miles Turnbull, Vice-Principal Academic & Research
Seconded by: Reena Atanasiadis, Dean of the Williams School of Business
Motion carried. (22 approved, one abstention, none opposed)

**Motion 2:**

That the Fall 2021 Sessional dates be amended to reflect the suspension of academic activities on September 30th – namely that: Academic Activities be suspended on September 30th 2021 and that the make-up day be on December 9th 2021.

Moved by: Dr. Miles Turnbull, Vice-Principal Academic & Research
Seconded by: Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Interim Dean School of Education
Motion carried. (22 approved, one abstention, none opposed)

Michael Goldbloom, Chair

Trygve Ugland, Secretary General