



635<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SENATE  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021  
ELECTRONIC VOTE

MINUTES

*Chair:* Principal Michael Goldbloom

*Participated:*

Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Dr. Darren Bardati, Mr. Branden Bonham, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Mr. Julien Collin, Mr. Bruno Courtemanche, Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Mr. Mauladad Bashar Doost, Mr. Alexandre Drouin, Ms. Sufia Langevin, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Ms. Genny LeClair, Dr. Michele Murray, Ms. Victoria Perak, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Dr. Jessica Riddell, Dr. Michael Teed, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Ms. Doan Duy Vo, Dr. Yanan Wang, Dr. Brad Willms, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

*Secretary:* Dr. Trygve Ugland

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

The Government of Canada recently passed legislation to make September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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)**

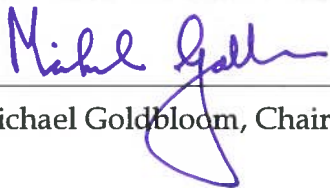
Motion 2:

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

Moved by: Dr. Miles Turnbull, Vice-Principal Academic & Research

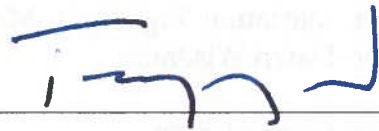
Seconded by: Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Interim Dean School of Education

**Motion carried. (22 approved, one abstention, none opposed)**



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Michael Goldbloom, Chair



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Trygve Ugland, Secretary General