

MARCH 22, 2019

MINUTES
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- Chair:*** Robert Hall
- Present:*** Anthony Di Mascio, Michael Goldbloom, Nadia Martel, Alexandra Medalsy, Daniel Miller, Scott Stoddard, James Sweeny
- Remotely:*** Jane Brydges, Kent Carson, Brian Levitt, Michel Marleau, Cathy McLean, Andrew Stritch
- Regrets:*** Pierre Cossette, Tova White
- Senior Administration:*** Nick Andrews, Marie-Josée Dufour, Isabelle Goyette, Corinne Haigh, Denise Lauzière, Stine Linden-Andersen, Michele Murray, Jacqueline Scott, Francine Turmel, Miles Turnbull
- Secretary:*** Trygve Ugland

ITEM 1: CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

The Chair extended congratulations to the Vice-Chair, M^c Nadia Martel, for her appointment as Vice-President Corporate Development of SherWeb, a local company that offers

international infrastructure and software management for hosting email and collaboration environments in the cloud.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alexandra Medalsy moved approval of the agenda and James Sweeny seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2019

James Sweeny moved approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2018 meeting.
Alexandra Medalsy seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from prior meetings.

ITEM 5: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal presented the Convocation 2019 honorary degree recipients: Christiane Germain, Co-President of Groupe Germain Hotels; Claude Belleau '85, Director General of Estrie Aide; Kim Thúy, author; and Colm Feore, stage, film and television actor.

The Principal mentioned the compelling Donald Lecture delivered by Sally Armstrong on February 8th, which set the tone for the "Up for Debate" weekend that included a debate competition among teams from the four Maple League schools (won by Mount Allison University), a business case competition (won by Bishop's), and seven TEDx talks by students and faculty. Three of the Tedx talks held during the Maple League Up for Debate are available on the website.

The Principal noted that the Library Learning Commons project is a finalist in the *Prix d'excellence de l'Ordre des architectes du Québec*. James Sweeny mentioned that this fall the Library Learning Commons will be on the cover of Choice magazine, an Association of College & Research Libraries' (ACRL) publication dedicated to serving the academic library community.

The Principal commended the 2018-2019 Chancellor Scholars for their great work, and noted that there are 28 applicants for the seven 2019-2020 Chancellor Scholar positions. He announced that the Gaiters Women's Hockey team will be competing in Frisco, Texas in the American Collegiate Hockey Association National Championships from March 27th to 31st.

The Principal invited the Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, Isabelle Goyette, to speak to the 2019-2020 Federal Budget. Ms. Goyette noted the following elements of the

Federal budget that may positively impact Bishop's: additional funds for Canadian students studying abroad, post-secondary scholarships, research and continuous learning (skills plan); improvements in visa requirements for foreign students; and advancing reconciliation.

The Principal invited the Secretary General, Vice-Principal of Government Relations and Planning, to speak to the 2019-2020 Provincial budget. Dr. Uglund noted that 85% of the additional Education budget has been dedicated to primary and secondary education, with the remaining 15% split two-thirds for CEGEPS and one-third for universities. Furthermore, he stated that we are waiting for clarification on whether Sherbrooke will be recognized as a region, in which case Bishop's and the Université de Sherbrooke could benefit from the Quebec government's investment in universities in regions of the province. We are also waiting to hear if Bishop's will receive support for the renovation of Divinity House into an Indigenous meeting place.

ITEM 6: ACADEMIC REPORT

The Vice-Principal Academic, Miles Turnbull, presented the Academic report and very early enrolment numbers for Fall 2019. Dr. Turnbull also invited the Board to become more familiar with the work of Dr. Patrick Bergeron of the Department of Biology who co-authored an article highlighting the importance of having a grandmother for the survival rates of children in early New France.

Dr. Turnbull mentioned that in May 2020, Bishop's will be co-hosting the *Association francophone pour le savoir* (Acfas) conference which is expected to attract over 5,000 researchers and academics. The official announcement of the Acfas conference is scheduled for April 12, 2019.

ITEM 7: REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON THE 2018-19 AUDIT PLAN

The Chair of the Audit Committee, Michel Marleau, reported on the meeting held on February 25, 2019. Mr. Marleau informed the Board that the Audit Committee was comfortable with the 2018-19 audit plan as presented by KPMG.

Mr. Marleau invited the Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, Isabelle Goyette, to present the proposed Procurement Policy update. She explained that the updates to the policy are being made in order to remain compliant with government legislation. Ms. Goyette said that the changes in legislation also require the Board to adopt a corruption and collusion risk management plan by December 31, 2019. She reported that risk identification and management exercises are underway and that a draft corruption and collusion risk management plan will be presented to the Board in Fall 2019.

RESOLUTION 2018-8-01
FOR THE AMENDMENT OF BISHOP'S
POLICY RESPECTING THE AWARDING AND MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTS

WHEREAS the Quebec Government requires that a University procurement policy and any amendments be approved by the Board of Governors;

WHEREAS the Audit Committee met on February 25th, 2019, with the Manager of Procurement, Josée Lamoureux, to review modifications required following changes in the legislation;

WHEREAS the Audit Committee recommends the approval of amended procurement policy as proposed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves the amended procurement policy as proposed.

Moved by: Nadia Martel
Seconded: James Sweeny

ITEM 8: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDENT CENTRE

The Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Student Centre Committee, Kent Carson, reported on the first meeting held on March 11, 2019. He explained that there are many stakeholders due to the number of buildings and services affected. The change in scope of the project from \$5M to \$15M was approved by the *Ministère d'enseignement et de l'enseignement supérieure* (MEES) after the committee report was submitted to the Board.

Board members asked for clarification on the logistics of the renovation. Mr. Carson explained that staff and services affected by the renovation would be relocated to temporary buildings situated beside the John H. Price Sports Centre.

ITEM 9: AWARDING OF ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT

The Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, Isabelle Goyette, presented the draft resolution for the awarding of an architectural contract for the renovation of the Student Centre. She explained that Board approval is required due to the change in scope and budget of the contracted work.

RESOLUTION 2018-8-02

FOR THE APPROVAL OF
ARCHITECT CONTRACT FOR THE STUDENT CENTRE PROJECT
AND DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the Board approved the budget for the Student Centre renovation project in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 capital plans;

AND WHEREAS the Selection Committee has evaluated all conforming bids and presented its decision to the Board of Governors;

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;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors approves the contract with Marosi Troy Architectes Inc.;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors authorizes Michael Goldbloom, Principal and Vice Chancellor, and Isabelle Goyette, Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, to co-sign the architect contract related to the Student Centre project.

Moved by: Alexandra Medalsy

Seconded: Scott Stoddard

Motion carried.

ITEM 10: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, SIF PROJECTS

The Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for SIF Projects – Library Learning Commons and Johnson Labs Renovation, Nadia Martel, spoke to the report. M^e Martel reported that the Johnson Labs project is completed, with minor corrections. The labs are open and the greenhouse will be used for Spring classes. Final budgets for both projects are in line with expectations and were granted clean, unmitigated audit reports by the auditors.

M^e Martel suggested that the Board visit the renovated labs and new greenhouse in conjunction with a future Board meeting.

ITEM 11: REPORT OF THE SRC PRESIDENT

The SRC President, Alexandra Medalsy, presented the report. She mentioned that the 2018-19 SRC are in process of wrapping up projects and transferring information on to their newly elected colleagues. In response to a question about Winterfest, Ms. Medalsy remarked that the event made more profit than expected. She also noted that the SRC has created the

position of SRC Event coordinator, which should ensure that events run smoothly and allow for better distribution of tasks among the other SRC members.

ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY

The SRC President, Alexandra Medalsy, spoke to the committee's report. Ms. Medalsy explained that a majority of Bishop's students voted for moving towards a smoke free campus in a referendum. The SRC is drafting a new smoking policy that would be in-line with the referendum results.

Ms. Medalsy said that the SRC had been consulted as to which aspects of the residences were most important or enjoyable, and which aspects were least appreciated. The results of these consultations will be used by planners and designers of the new residence.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Stine Linden-Andersen, explained that there will likely be a restriction on possession of marijuana derivative grinding material in residences in order to limit the lingering smell in certain residence hallways. A Board member remarked that the cost of cleaning a room which has been smoked in can be expensive. Ms. Linden-Andersen confirmed that the current residence leases already include provisions to charge students additional fees for extra cleaning.

In response to a question about wait times for counselling services on university campuses, Ms. Linden-Andersen clarified that Bishop's had the shortest wait times among participating universities at a conference that she attended in January 2019.

ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS

The Principal congratulated Dr. Michele Murray on winning the Canada Reads debate at the Lennoxville Library. Her choice, *Homes*, by Abu Bakr al Rabeeah and Winnie Yeung, was voted by the local audience as the "one book to move you".

Mr. Goldbloom mentioned that there has been no confirmation either way as to whether the *2021 Jeux de la Francophonie* will be hosted in Sherbrooke.

Open session ended at 4:10 p.m.



Robert Hall, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary