

MARCH 23RD 2018

MINUTES
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- Chair:** Robert Hall (present)
- Present:** Anthony Di Mascio, Morgan Gagnon, Michael Goldbloom,
Kerry Hull, Scott Stoddard, James Sweeny
- Remotely:** Jane Brydges, Brian Levitt, Michel Marleau, Nadia Martel, Cathy
McLean, Tova White
- Regrets:** Pierre Cossette, Andrew Stritch
- Senior Administration:** Nick Andrews, Marie-Josée Berger, Isabelle Goyette, Stine
Linden-Andersen, Michele Murray, Jacquie Scott, Francine
Turmel, Miles Turnbull, Trygve Ugland
- Secretary:** Marie-Josée Dufour

ITEM 1: CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Morgan Gagnon introduced Alexandra Medalsy, incoming President of the Students' Representative Council, and the Chair welcomed Scott Stoddard, new member of the Board.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James Sweeny moved approval of the agenda as distributed, and Michel Marleau seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Morgan Gagnon moved approval of the minutes of the February 2nd 2018 meeting as distributed. Michel Marleau seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 4: BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

ITEM 5: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ben Houtman

The Principal shared the tragic loss of a student, Ben Houtman, who died on March 3rd, 2018, while on vacation in the Dominican Republic with 30 Bishop's classmates.

Convocation 2018

The Principal presented the four honorands: Margaret MacMillan, Ron Joyce, Alexander Reford, and Alanis Obomsawin.

ITEM 6: ACADEMIC REPORT

Dr. Turnbull reported that early admissions numbers for Fall 2018 are promising. As of March 15, two hundred and ninety-one students had confirmed their attendance. He then presented the research highlights and spoke to the excellence of our university.

The Vice-Principal Academic also explained the need for two special sessional positions for the Department of Chemistry and the Department of *Études françaises et québécoises*.

**ITEM 7: APPROVAL OF TWO SESSIONAL POSITIONS: DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY,
DEPARTMENT OF *ÉTUDES FRANÇAISES ET QUÉBÉCOISES***

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF TWO SESSIONAL POSITIONS IN 2018-19:
*CHEMISTRY AND ÉTUDES FRANÇAISES ET QUÉBÉCOISES***

WHEREAS Senate adopted a new resource allocation policy at its September 19th 2016 meeting to govern the setting of priorities among requests for tenure-stream and sessional positions and the allocation of part-time credits;

WHEREAS the Senate Planning Committee recommended to Senate at its November 20th 2017 meeting that three and possibly five of the tenure-stream positions requested by Departments, Schools and programs should be established, in the following priority order:

1. Sports Studies Program;
2. Department of Psychology;
3. Williams School of Business;
4. Department of Politics and International Studies;
5. School of Education;

WHEREAS Senate approved the recommendation of the Senate Planning Committee in relation to the five positions, and the disciplinary priorities among those positions;

WHEREAS Senate approved a ten-month sessional position in Chemistry and a 12-month sessional position in *Études françaises et québécoises* on February 12, 2018;

WHEREAS the senior administration has produced a budgetary projection for 2018-19 that includes funding for these positions;

AND WHEREAS it is within the financial parameters of the 2018-2019 financial projections and within the parameters of the financial recovery plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approves:

- ♦ that one ten-month sessional be allocated to the Department of Chemistry for 2018-19 and one 12-month sessional position be allocated to the Department of *Études françaises et québécoises* for 2018-19;

Moved by: Michael Goldbloom

Seconded by: Jane Brydges

The motion carried.

ITEM 8: REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON THE 2017-18 AUDIT PLAN

Michel Marleau spoke to the report from the Audit Committee and reported that KPMG outlined the importance of technology and cyber security.

ITEM 9: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, SIF PROJECTS

Nadia Martel, Chair of the Ad Hoc Oversight Committee for the Renovation of the Learning Commons and the Labs in the Johnson Science Building, reported on the progress of the renovations. A visit will be organized in June.

ITEM 10: FEDERAL BUDGET

Isabelle Goyette, Vice-Principal Finance and Administration, reviewed some of the highlights of the federal budget. Canada is in a period of strong economic growth which is reflected in the 2018 budget. For the upcoming year, the federal government is expecting the economy to continue growing at a more sustainable pace, reflecting in part the combination of the higher interest rate and the impacts of recent fiscal policy measures. In term of priorities, the 2018 federal budget contains four main pillars:

1. Equality Growth: This is to provide more help and support to the middle class, to improve skills of workers, to strengthen and diversify trade and provide a fair tax system to all Canadians. There is no funding opportunity for Bishop's here.
2. Progress: This is to provide more support to Canada's innovations and skills plan, to add investment in Canadian scientists and researchers and to become a more client-focused federal partner for business through the innovation and skills plan. For Bishop's, this could mean increased opportunities to obtain more infrastructure and research funding for our faculty members.
3. Reconciliation: The federal government wishes to achieve better results for Indigenous peoples and increase support in the recognition and implementation of their rights and self-determination. For Bishop's, we can find opportunities in this budget pillar to support our desire to increase our contribution in helping Indigenous community education. It can also help the project we have on creating a centre for Indigenous students in Divinity House as Trygve will speak about later.
4. Advancement: This fourth pillar is to promote a clean environment for future generations, to advance gender equality around the world, to advocate health and wellness of Canadians, to improve access to justice and to support Canada's heritage and cultural diversity. For Bishop's, we may find in this budget priority money to fund more projects supporting Quebec's English-language minority community.

ITEM 11: UPDATE ON THE PENSION PLAN

Nick Andrews, Associate Vice-Principal Human Resources, presented an update on the restructuring of the pension plan. On March 13, 2018, arbitrator Pierre Laplante upheld four objections presented by the University in response to the Union's submission. In particular, Mr. Laplante found that the default rules must be implemented as general measures and that he could not order the reimbursement of contributions made by employees under previous cost-sharing arrangements. This decision will have an important impact on the next steps of the arbitration process. The Union will likely have to develop a new proposal within the parameters of Bill 75. The next hearing date is scheduled for May 4th, at which time the

Union will have to present a new proposal. Until then, it is still possible for the parties to negotiate an agreement, which the University will try to do if the opportunity presents itself.

ITEM 12: APPLICATION TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Miles Turnbull, Vice-Principal Academic, requested that the Board approve the application for funding from the *Ministère de l'éducation* for the *Parc écoforestier de Johnville*. He specified that this project does not require an additional contribution from the University and it is supported by Université de Sherbrooke.

RESOLUTION 2017-5-01

ENDORISING AN APPLICATION BY BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY FOR FUNDING FROM
LE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉDUCATION ET DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR

WHEREAS Bishop's University is co-owner, along with Université de Sherbrooke, of *le Parc écoforestier de Johnville*;

WHEREAS Bishop's University's financial contribution to this project will be drawn from its current annual contribution to the *Parc écoforestier*,

AND WHEREAS funding is available from *le Ministère de l'éducation et de l'enseignement supérieur* within a fund entitled *Programme de soutien aux installations sportives et récréatives – phase IV*;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors of Bishop's University endorses Bishop's University's application to the *Ministère de l'éducation et de l'enseignement supérieur* for a total of \$80,047 in funding for the 2017-18 fiscal year;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors authorizes Dr. Miles Turnbull, Vice-Principal Academic to sign the application for funding and other documents related to this application.

Moved by: James Sweeny

Seconded by: Morgan Gagnon

The motion carried.

ITEM 13: UPDATE ON DIVINITY HOUSE AND RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT

Trygve Ugland, Interim Vice-Principal Government Relations, presented an update on the Divinity House project. Based on the consultations and visits to First Nations Houses at universities elsewhere in the country, a conceptual document was developed describing how a future Indigenous Gathering Space and Resource Centre could be established in Divinity House. This document was shared with representatives of the government. Following an article in La Tribune about the project, a Political Attaché to the Minister of Higher Education, Hélène David, contacted us and requested information for possible funding of the project. The Foundation committed to raise one million dollars of the \$7 million required to renovate the building.

Robert Hall moved that the Board of Governors support the Divinity House project and Brian Levitt seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

ITEM 14: MEETING DATES FOR 2018-19

The Chair informed the Governors of Board meeting dates for academic year 2018-2019. Governors preferred to meet on September 28 rather than October 5, and, the date was changed accordingly.

ITEM 15: OTHER BUSINESS

Cross-Country Ski Race

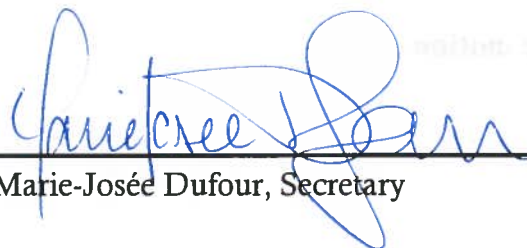
Bishop's hosted a cross-country Coupe du Québec ski race in February. Two hundred and sixty athletes attended. A number of faculty and staff were volunteers.

ITEM 16: CLOSED SESSION

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting moved into closed session.



Robert Hall, Chair



Marie-Josée Dufour, Secretary