



JULY 29, 2020
MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE

Chair: Robert Hall

Present: Abel Bosum, Jane Brydges, Kent Carson, Michael Goldbloom, Enzo Evangelisti, Brian Levitt, Charlene Marion, Michel Marleau, Heather McKeen-Edwards, Cathy McLean, Patricia Pleszczynska, Jessica Riddell, Scott Stoddard, Calin Valsan, Tova White

Regrets: Pierre Cossette

Senior Administration: Reena Atanasiadis, Marie-Josée Dufour, Denise Lauzière, Stine Linden-Andersen, Michele Murray, Jacqueline Scott

Secretary: Trygve Ugland

ITEM 1: CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. He welcomed Dr. Jessica Riddell who commenced her three-year term as an Internal Governor on July 1, 2020.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by: Cathy McLean

Seconded by: Jane Brydges

Motion carried.

ITEM 3: CHANCELLOR

The Chair said that Mr. Brian Levitt will step down this summer after seven years as Bishop's Chancellor. He thanked Mr. Levitt for his exemplary involvement with the University.

The Principal said that Mr. Levitt's ability to see the big picture has been critical in these extraordinary times. Although Mr. Levitt will no longer be Bishop's Chancellor, he will continue as a member of the Board of Governors.

On July 14, 2020, the Bishop's Council met and recommended that Mr. Daniel Fourier be appointed the next Chancellor of Bishop's University.

Mr. Levitt thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Goldbloom for their kind words and said that Bishop's mission is closely aligned with his own values. He said that Mr. Daniel Fournier will be a great addition to the University.

RESOLUTION 2020-01-01
APPOINTMENT OF THE 20TH CHANCELLOR
OF BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS the Statutes of Bishop's University provide that the Chancellor shall be appointed by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Bishop's Council;

WHEREAS Brian Levitt has indicated his intention to step down as Chancellor;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop's Council met on July 14, 2020 and recommended that Daniel Fournier be appointed the 20th Chancellor of Bishop's University;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Daniel Fournier be appointed the 20th Chancellor of Bishop's University for a five-year term beginning on August 29, 2020.

Moved by: Brian Levitt
Seconded by: Jane Brydges
Motion carried.

ITEM 4: NAMING OF THE INDIGENOUS GATHERING SPACE AND RESOURCE CENTRE

The Chair said the University had been discussing the re-purposing of the Divinity House for many years. The building was no longer up to code and has been empty for several years. The University decided to renovate the building and create an Indigenous Gathering Space and Resource Centre.

Principal Goldbloom said that part of the Bishop's Council's mandate is to provide the Board of Governors with recommendations for the naming of major physical assets of the University.

At the Bishop's Council meeting on July 14, 2020, Chief Richard O'Bomsawin proposed that the building housing the Indigenous Gathering Space and Resource Centre be renamed 'Kwigw8mna'. Kwigw8mna is an Abenaki word meaning 'our house'. Chief O'Bomsawin had said that in Abenaki, there are two words for 'our house'. Kwigw8mna is the more inclusive term and means "our and everyone's house". Chief O'Bomsawin also explained

that the '8' in the Abenaki alphabet signifies unity and continuity as there is no beginning or end to the symbol. Kwigw8mna is pronounced Kwig-wom-na.

The Principal said that the Bishop's Community had been broadly consulted about the name Kwigw8mna and that only positive feedback was received. He added that it is important for the University to move beyond the symbolism of acknowledging that the University is located on traditional Abenaki territory. The design of the building includes space for a permanent exhibit about the history of the Abenaki people.

Ms. Cathy McLean asked if the building would be wheelchair accessible. The Principal said that there was a ground floor entrance that would lead to an elevator. The design of the Indigenous Gathering Space and Resource Centre was conceived to be as accessible as possible.

The Chair congratulated the Principal and his team for imagining and achieving this ambitious and worthy project.

RESOLUTION 2020-01-02
NAMING OF THE
INDIGENOUS GATHERING SPACE AND RESOURCE CENTRE

WHEREAS Divinity House will be renovated to become an Indigenous Gathering Space and Resource Centre;

WHEREAS leaders of the Abenaki community of Odanak have proposed Kwigw8mna as a potential name for the building;

WHEREAS the Abenaki term Kwigw8mna means 'our and everyone's house';

WHEREAS the Principal has written to the Bishop's community seeking input on the proposed name and the community response was highly supportive;

WHEREAS the Bishop's Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors for the naming of major physical assets of the University;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop's Council recommends that the building housing the Indigenous Gathering Space and Resource Centre be named Kwigw8mna;

BE IT RESOLVED that the building housing the Indigenous Gathering Space and Resource Centre be named Kwigw8mna.

Moved by: Abel Bosum

Seconded by: Tova White

Motion carried.

ITEM 5: JOINT BOARD AND SENATE TASK FORCE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

On June 29, 2020, the Board of Governors approved the creation of a Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion subject to input from and agreement with the Senate. On July 10, 2020, the Senate approved a revised mandate and composition for the Task Force. On July 14, 2020, the Bishop's Council supported the creation of a joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with the Senate's amended mandate and composition.

The Principal advised the Board of the changes made by Senate to the mandate and composition of the Task Force. Governors did not voice any concerns about the revisions made by Senate.

RESOLUTION 2020-01-03
APPROVAL OF THE REVISED
MANDATE AND COMPOSITION OF THE
JOINT BOARD AND SENATE TASK FORCE ON EQUITY, INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

The Board of Governors hereby approves the creation of a Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity with the mandate, composition and time line set out in Document 2020-01-05.

Moved by: Brian Levitt
Seconded by: Scott Stoddard

Motion carried.

ITEM 6: PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

On July 15, 2020, Bishop's Council elected Ms. Yolande James as its Chair. Ms. James is a lawyer and political commentator. She is also a former MNA and cabinet minister.

Principal Goldbloom gave an update on the progress of the two Ad-hoc Search Committees. Four candidates for the Associate Vice-Principal Academic and one candidate for the Dean of Science submitted applications before the respective deadlines. Interviews were being scheduled for the upcoming weeks and the Principal said he was impressed by the quality of the candidates.

The meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.



Robert Hall, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary