

Université de Montréal welcomes the PBUQ

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In winter and spring 2022, the ad hoc working group on the governance of the *Partenariat des bibliothèques universitaires du Québec* (PBUQ) analyzed different scenarios for a new governance model for the PBUQ to ensure it can fully and effectively fulfill its mission. On June 10, the report of the working group was submitted to BCI's Board of Directors, consisting of the heads of the 18 universities.

During this session and in light of the report's recommendations, the Board of Directors decided that the PBUQ will be constituted as an entity and will be attached to an academic institution that will provide administrative services to the PBUQ and act as its agent.

At its meeting of October 7, 2022, BCI's Board of directors decided that Université de Montréal would take on the role of host and agent for the PBUQ.

In order to achieve this transformation by May 1, 2023, four main action areas have been identified, and work for the most part has already started:

1. The signing of an agreement between the PBUQ and the appointed institution, to firmly anchor this relationship.
2. The drafting of PBUQ bylaws and regulations, including its new governance, to give it the means to collaborate effectively.
3. The consolidation of the support team, to support the many shared services and projects.
4. The migration of BCI staff, tools and current activities to the appointed institution, for an effective start-up on May 1, 2023.

Over the next eight months, we will communicate with you again about these major changes. In the meantime, the PBUQ continues to operate, committees and working groups remain active, and the various processes related to our common services remain the same.

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