



BG-2004-7

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, immediately following the Closed Session,
in Room AD 307, Loyola Campus

Attendance

Present

Governors: Mr. Alain Benedetti, *Chair*, Dr. Rama Bhat, Mr. Patrice Blais, Mr. Alexander Carpini, Mr. Charles G. Cavell, *Vice-Chair*, Dr. Sally Cole, Me Rita de Santis, *Vice-Chair*, Mr. Brian Edwards, Mr. Brent Farrington, Mr. George Hanna, Dr. William Knitter, Mr. Peter Kruyt, *Vice-Chair*, Dr. Lawrence Kryzanowski, Dr. Frederick Lowy, *Rector and Vice-Chancellor*, Ms. Patricia Lavoie, Ms. Christine Lengvari, Mr. Tony Meti, Mr. Desmond O'Neill, Mr. John Parisella, Ms. Natalie Pomerleau, Mr. Alex G. Potter, Dr. Rhona Richman Kenneally, Ms. Patricia Saputo, Dr. Hani Shennib, Mrs. Lillian Vineberg, Mr. Tyler Wordsworth

Non-voting Observers: Ms. Jean Freed, Mr. John Hall

Officers of the University: Prof. Marcel Danis, Mr. Michael Di Grappa, Mr. Larry English, Dr. Martin Singer, Dr. Truong Vo-Van

Guests: Me Pierre Frégeau (Assistant Secretary-General and General Counsel), Mr. Garry Milton (Executive Director, Rector's Cabinet)

Absent

Governors: Me Gerald C. Burke, Hon. Baljit Singh Chadha, Dr. June Chaikelson, Mr. Howard Davidson, Ms. Suzanne Gouin, Mrs. Judith Kavanagh, Mr. Houman Kousha, Mr. Eric Molson, *Chancellor*, Mr. Richard Renaud, Mrs. Suzanne Sévigny, Mr. Jacques St-Laurent, Mrs. Mackie Vadicchino de Massy, Mr. Ivan Velan, Mr. Jonathan Wener

1. Call to Order

The Open Session was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

1.1 Chair's remarks

Mr. Benedetti waived his remarks.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Benedetti pointed out that items 4 and 7 (election to the administrative and support staff tribunal pool and sundry fees resolution) were being deferred to a future meeting and that two new items (ratification of the last member of Fine Arts Search Committee and the Provost title change) had been added to the Agenda. As a result, a revised Agenda had been distributed.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Vineberg, Hanna), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2004-7-3 *THAT the revised Agenda be approved.*

1.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous meeting (September 29, 2004)

Mr. Benedetti informed the Board that a correction was required to item 11, given that the By-Laws specify that a two-thirds majority vote of the Governors present at a meeting is required to carry motions regarding fees charged to students. Thus, the majority was not met by one vote, and therefore the Minutes will be corrected to reflect that the motion was defeated.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lengvari, Kruyt), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2004-7-4 *THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous regular meeting of the Board of Governors, held on September 29, 2004, be approved, as amended.*

2. Business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

3. Presentation regarding the Faculty of Fine Arts

The Chair of the Board invited Dean Christopher Jackson to address the Board regarding the Faculty of Fine Arts. Dean Jackson began his digital presentation by giving a broad introduction about the Faculty. In his view, two factors contribute to making the Faculty special and unique, the first being that its founding members were great artists who set the tone for the Faculty, and the second being the richness of the Montreal art milieu. Since its inception, the Faculty has been recognized as the most expansive and forward thinking Canadian institution for the arts.

Dean Jackson specified that the Visual Arts programs are concentrated on the downtown campus while the Performing Arts programs are housed on the Loyola Campus. He conveyed the current number of full-time and part-time faculty members compared to 1975 and emphasized the importance of the part-time faculty members, many of whom are independent artists who perform, create and have thriving careers outside the University.

Stating that the Faculty has grown massively, Dean Jackson gave figures regarding student applications, student registrations and the number of FTEs. A simple indicator of the quality of the Fine Arts programs is the number of applications, which is constantly on the rise, with roughly one out of six applicants being accepted. Dean Jackson explained the Fine Arts programs require small classes, between 15 and 20 students for an average studio class.

He continued his presentation by stating the importance of obtaining the recognition from the Tri-Council agencies to give university-based artists access to the same research funding as those researchers in other disciplines. He mentioned the names of several prestigious faculty members as well as prominent alumni and students and reviewed new programs proposals. He also spoke of various Faculty endeavors to continue to develop industry links and bridges with the artistic community and local museums as well as student involvement in local community initiatives, such as *Dans la Rue*.

Dean Jackson concluded his presentation by identifying the challenges which the Faculty is facing, the biggest being with respect to finding new facilities for most of its departments, which are currently housed in different locations and in inadequate or dilapidated space. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Benedetti thanked Dean Jackson for his presentation.

4. Election of a member of the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of Fine Arts

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Vineberg), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2004-7-5 *THAT the following person be elected as a member of the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of Fine Arts:*

- Ms. Grace Powell, a graduate student from the Faculty of Fine Arts, nominated by the Graduate Students' Association

5. Election of members of the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of Arts and Science

Mr. Blais indicated that the undergraduate student should be nominated by the Arts and Science Federation of Associations (ASFA) rather than the CSU. Ms. Tessier explained that she usually forwards the call for nominations to the CSU. Ms. Pomerleau reiterated that calls for nominations in the past years had indeed been sent to the CSU, since it was the accredited union. Mr. Farrington assured Mr. Blais that ASFA had been consulted by the CSU prior to putting forth the nominee.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Cole, O'Neill), it was RESOLVED with one abstention (Blais):

R-2004-7-6 *THAT the following persons be elected as members of the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of Arts and Science:*

- Prof. Maria Peluso, a regular part-time faculty member, nominated by election by the part-time faculty of the Faculty of Arts and Science
- Mr. Farouk Janmohammed, an undergraduate student from the Faculty of Arts and Science, nominated by the Concordia Student Union
- Mr. Ryan M. Higgitt, a graduate student from the Faculty of Arts and Science, nominated by the Graduate Students' Association

6. Adoption of the profile of the ideal candidate for a President and Vice-Chancellor (Document BG-2004-8-D1)

Further to a comment by Dr. Kryzanowski, the profile was revised to add that it would be desirable that the candidate hold a Ph.D.

Mr. Benedetti took the opportunity to apprise the Board that the Advisory Search Committee for a President and Vice-Chancellor had hired the firm Egon Zehnder to assist in the search process. The Committee had met a few times and had begun conducting interviews. He added that the three candidates interviewed by committee did hold a Ph.D.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (de Santis, Cavell), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2004-7-7 *THAT, upon recommendation of the Advisory Search Committee for a President and Vice-Chancellor, the Board of Governors approve the profile of the ideal candidate for a President and Vice-Chancellor, as set out in Document BG-2004-7-D1, as revised.*

7. Change to the English title of Provost and Vice-President

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Hanna), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2004-7-8 *THAT, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the English title of Provost and Vice-President be changed to Provost and Vice-President, Academic Affairs.*

8. Report of the President

Dr. Lowy was pleased to inform Governors that the Homecoming week had been quite successful and that the events had been very well attended.

9. Reports of the Vice-President

9.1 Provost and Vice-President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Singer reported that the academic planning process was underway. The Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SCAPP) had recently met to review the planning documents which had been presented at the Board retreat, further to which it was decided to forward both documents to the Faculties and School of Graduate Studies for discussion and action. Dr. Singer will report monthly on the status of the process.

9.2 Vice-President, Services

Mr. Di Grappa was pleased to announce the appointment of Keith Pruden as Dean of Students effective immediately until May 31, 2007. Mr. Pruden was Coordinator of Student Affairs at Concordia from 1999 to 2001 and has been the coach of the Women's Basketball team since 1995.

9.3 Vice-President, Institutional Relations and Secretary-General

Prof. Danis invited Governors to review the 2003-2004 annual report which had been handed out at the meeting. He pointed out that page 4 listed the awards won by units reporting to Vice-Presidency, Institutional Relations and Secretary-General.

9.4 Vice-President, Finance

Mr. English informed the Board that he would be presenting the preliminary budget for 2004-2005 as well as the audited financial statements for 2003-2004 at the next Board meeting.

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

11. Any other business

Mr. Farrington apprised the Board of a demonstration to be held on November 10, organized by Quebec student unions across Quebec, to protest against government cuts to financial aid and possible tuition increases.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2004, at 8 a.m., on the SGW Campus.

13. Adjournment

The Open Session adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Danielle Tessier
Secretary of the Board of Governors