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

Held on Thursday, January 13, 2005, immediately following the meeting  
of the Closed Session, in Room GM 407-1, SGW Campus

Present

Governors: Mr. Alain Benedetti, *Chair*, Dr. Rama Bhat, Mr. Patrice Blais, Me Gerald C. Burke, Hon. Baljit Singh Chadha, Mr. Brian Edwards, Mr. Brent Farrington, Ms. Suzanne Gouin, Mr. George Hanna, Mrs. Judith Kavanagh, Dr. William Knitter, Mr. Peter Kruyt, *Vice-Chair*, Dr. Lawrence Kryzanowski, Ms. Patricia Lavoie, Dr. Frederick Lowy, *President and Vice-Chancellor*, Ms. Christine Lengvari, Mr. Tony Meti, Mr. Eric Molson, *Chancellor*, Mr. Desmond O'Neill, Mr. John Parisella, Ms. Natalie Pomerleau, Dr. Rhona Richman Kenneally, Ms. Patricia Saputo, Dr. Hani Shennib, Mr. Jacques St-Laurent, Dr. Patricia Thornton, Mrs. Mackie Vadamchino de Massy, Mr. Ivan Velan, Mr. Jonathan Wener, Mr. Tyler Wordsworth

Non-voting Observers: Mr. John Hall

Officers of the University: Ms. Kathy Assayag, Me 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, President's Cabinet)

Absent

Governors: Mr. Alexander Carpini, Mr. Charles G. Cavell, *Vice-Chair*, Dr. Sally Cole, Mr. Howard Davidson, Me Rita de Santis, *Vice-Chair*, Mr. Houman Kousha, Mr. Alex G. Potter, Mr. Richard Renaud, Mrs. Suzanne Sévigny, Mrs. Lillian Vineberg

Non-voting Observers: Ms. Jean Freed

1. Call to Order

The Open Session was called to order at 8:50 a.m.

1.1 Chair's remarks

The Chair welcomed Ms. Kathy Assayag, Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni Affairs, to her first Board meeting.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Wener, Richman Kenneally), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2005-1-5 *THAT the Agenda be approved.*

1.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous meeting (December 15, 2004)

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Burke, O'Neill), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2005-1-6 *THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous regular meeting of the Board of Governors, held on December 15, 2004, be approved.*

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 Engineering and Computer Science

Dean Esmail began his power point presentation by identifying the various challenges which the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science was facing in 1997 when he was appointed the Faculty's Dean and the choice which was made to respond to those challenges to think outside the traditional academic box, seize opportunities, accept and lead the change. This led to the development of a strategic plan based on the principles of challenging the status quo and raising expectations with the ultimate objective that Concordia Engineering becomes a leader in Canadian Engineering Education.

Dean Esmail conveyed the decisions made to achieve this objective, namely to revamp academic programs, make the quality of teaching a priority, improve support for research, establish a solid relationship with industry, set up and implement the appropriate administrative systems and policies. He then showed a series of graphs illustrating the significant growth in the Faculty since 1997, in terms of undergraduate and graduate enrolment, full time professors and support staff, space and budget as well as another series of graphs illustrating the Faculty's transformation within Concordia and in comparison to Quebec and Canada.

Dean Esmail continued his presentation by apprising Governors of the Faculty's endeavors and leading initiatives with respect to the creation of new programs, such as the Undergraduate Software Engineering Program in 1998 and more recently the Master's courses in Quality Systems Engineering and Information Systems Security, as well as the establishment of industry-university partnerships, such as the Concordia Institute for Aerospace Design and Technology and the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering, which were both first of their kind in Canada when they were established in 2000 and 2001, respectively.

Dean Esmail gave an overview of the Faculty's relationship with its alumni, the role and composition of the Faculty's external Advisory Board, the Faculty's physical plan and staffing requirement and concluded his presentation by stating what must be done to enhance the Faculty and the University's status.

4. Election of an administrative and support staff representative to the Benefits Committee

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (O'Neill, Kavanagh), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2005-1-7 *THAT, on the recommendation of the Electoral College, Mr. Salvatore Colavita be elected a member of the Employee Benefits Committee for the period beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2006.*

5. Election of members to the Administrative and Support Staff Tribunal Pool

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (O'Neill, Knitter), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2005-1-8 *WHEREAS further to revisions to the Policy on the Establishment of Tribunal Hearing Pools adopted by the Board on May 20, 2004, an Administrative and Support Staff Tribunal Pool has been created, comprised of five members nominated in accordance with the Electoral College Policy;*

*WHEREAS four persons have been nominated by the Electoral College;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Electoral College, Ms. Danielle Carter, Ms. Mary Genova, Mr. Bernard Glover and Ms. Laurel Leduc be elected to the Administrative and Support Staff Pool, for the period beginning immediately and ending on August 31, 2006.*

6. Progress report from the Advisory Search Committee for a President and Vice-Chancellor

Mr. Benedetti apprised the Board that he was faced with a delicate situation and could not say much more at this time, while adding his optimism and hope that he will be in a position to report more fully in the near future.

7. Progress report from the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of Fine Arts

Dr. Singer said that the search was moving along and that the advertisements have been published. The Committee is scheduled to meet on February 14 to review a long list and by mid-March, it is expected to have a short list of no more than three candidates. Accordingly, March 29, 30 and 31 have been set aside as tentative dates for daylong visits, including the public meetings. Pursuant to this timeline, a recommendation would be brought to the April Board meeting.

8. Progress report from the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of Arts and Science

Dr. Singer apprised the Board that applications have been received for this position. The search committee is scheduled to meet on February 1, at which time it will review all dossiers and decide on a list of candidates. It is expected that a short list will be produced by the end of February. Tentative dates for the public meetings have been set for March 9, 10 and 11. Consequently, a recommendation would be also brought before the April Board meeting.

9. Report of the President

The President acknowledged the major initiative taken by Mr. Farrington and the CSU to assist in the Tsunami relief fund. Mr. Farrington apprised Governors about the various fundraising campaigns launched on campus and in the community, specifying that so far over \$130,000 have been raised.

Dr. Lowy was pleased to inform Governors that Mr. Renaud was heading a project with respect to a 15-foot bronze statue depicting a Mohawk warrior which will be located on the East Quadrangle of the Loyola Campus. A cocktail will be held on February 4 to introduce the artist, Dave McGary, who is the premier artist of Native American Indian sculptures. A bronze maquette will be put on display until the statue is installed.

10. Reports of the Vice-President

10.1 Provost and Vice-President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Singer reported that enrolments are stable. It is expected that the number of FTEs will be between 23,500 and 24,000 for this academic year. He added that the hiring of full-time faculty members is ongoing, particularly in the Faculties of Arts and Science and Engineering and Computer Science.

10.2 Vice-President, Services

Mr. Di Grappa mentioned that the University has gone out to tender for the excavation phase of the new JMSB building. Mr. Wener added that the University is seeking support from the Comité consultatif d'urbanisme to allow for the construction of four additional floors in that building and encouraged Governors who know councilors to ask for their support.

10.3 Vice-President, External Relations and Secretary-General

Prof. Danis thanked Governors for supporting the creation of his new position.

10.4 Vice-President, Finance

Mr. English waived his report.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

12. Any other business

There was no other business to bring before the Open Session.

13. Date of next meeting

The Chair apprised Governors that the meeting scheduled for February 17 has been cancelled and consequently, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 8 a.m., in Room GM 407-1 on the SGW.

14. Adjournment

The Open Session adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Danielle Tessier  
Secretary of the Board of Governors