

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

Held on Thursday, April 17, 2008,
immediately following the meeting of the Closed Session
in Room GM 407-1, SGW Campus

Present

Governors: Mr. Peter Kruyt, *Chair*, Dr. Shimon Amir, Mr. John Aylen, Mr. Mousa Bani Baker, Dr. Rama Bhat, Sister Françoise Boisvert, Me Gerald C. Burke, Mr. Charles G. Cavell, *Vice-Chair*, Hon. Baljit Singh Chadha, Mr. James Cherry, Mr. Howard Davidson, Mr. Michael Di Grappa, *President*, Mr. Brian Edwards, *Vice-Chair*, Ms. Hélène Fortin, Ms. Anika Henry, Mr. Ed Janzen, Dr. Arvind K. Joshi, Mrs. Judith Kavanagh, Dr. William Knitter, Dr. Lawrence Kryzanowski, Dr. Lucie Lequin, Ms. Angelica Novoa, Mr. Desmond O'Neill, Mr. Steven Rosenshein, Ms. Patricia Saputo

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

Officers of the University: Ms. Kathy Assayag, Mr. Roger Côté, Dr. Louise Dandurand, Me Bram Freedman, Mr. Larry English, Dr. David Graham, Mr. John Parisella

Guests: Me Pierre Fréreau, Me Jonathan Levinson

Absent

Governors: Me Rita de Santis, *Vice-Chair*, Mr. Danny Di Perna, Ms. Suzanne Gouin, Me John Lemieux, Mr. David P. O'Brien, *Chancellor*, Dr. Catherine MacKenzie, Mr. Tony Meti, Mr. Andrew Molson, Mr. Richard Renaud, Me Jacques Tousignant, Mr. Ivan Velan, Mrs. Lillian Vineberg, Mr. Jonathan Wener, *Vice-Chair*

1. Call to Order

The Open Session was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

1.1 Chair's remarks

Mr. Kruyt was pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robin Drew, during the Closed Session, as Dean of Engineering and Computer Science, for a term commencing on August 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2013.

He also introduced Board members to Interim Dean of Arts and Science, Prof. Joanne Locke, who was attending the meeting.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

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

R-2008-4-8 *THAT the Agenda be approved.*

1.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of March 31, 2008

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

R-2008-4-9 *THAT the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of the Board of Governors, held on March 31, 2008, be approved.*

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

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

3. Presentation on the Faculty of Fine Arts

Mr. Kruyt informed the Board that, due to illness, Dean Wild was unable to make her presentation at today's meeting.

4. Presentation on Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA) initiatives

Mr. Kruyt invited Mr. Victor Esposito, President of the Commerce and Administration Students' Association (CASA), to address the Board. Mr. Esposito began by noting that CASA is a student-run organization representing over 7000 JMSB undergraduate students, committed to serving the needs of the latter by providing a wide range of academic support and extra curricular activities designed to enhance the value of their university experience.

Mr. Esposito said that the learning experience should be extended outside of the classroom to allow students to achieve real life experience. Accordingly, CASA's primary objective is to offer students an opportunity to bridge the gap between theory and practice in order to properly prepare them for the future. CASA is composed of several sub-groups, which are either discipline-oriented or project-based. He was proud to convey recent achievements and successes, both at the provincial level, such as winning the Commerce Games and Happening Marketing, and international level, the most recent of which was winning Bronze at the Network of International Business Schools in Coventry, England. He also spoke of the great success of the CASA initiative *Five Days for the Homeless*, which raised \$40,000, and of new initiatives such as the recent business banquet and the corporate partners' package.

In closing, Mr. Esposito encouraged Governors to support CASA while specifying the various ways in which this could be achieved (financial contribution, acting as judges for

case competitions, being a guest speaker at the speakers' series, corporate presence at the business banquet).

5. Establishment of an Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Di Grappa, Rosenshein), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2008-4-10 *THAT an Advisory Search Committee for the position of a Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science be established with the following composition, as set out in the Rules and Procedures for Senior Administrative Appointments (Policy BD-5):*

- 1 *Chair;*
- 2 *Members of the Board, one of whom shall be a representative of the community-at-large or the alumni, the other shall be a faculty member from a Faculty other than the one whose deanship is being searched, recommended by the Executive Committee of the Board;*
- 4 *Full-time faculty members from the Faculty where the position is being searched, nominated in accordance with the method specifically adopted by the Faculty for the purposes of this procedure;*
- 1 *Regular part-time faculty member, nominated by the part-time faculty association from the Faculty where the position is being searched;*
- 1 *Dean from a Faculty other than the one whose deanship is being searched, recommended by the Executive Committee of the Board;*
- 2 *students (one graduate and one undergraduate) from the Faculty where the position is being searched, nominated by their respective student associations;*
- 1 *Member of the administrative and support staff from the Faculty in question, nominated in conformity with the Electoral College Policy.*

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THAT, once the Advisory Search Committee has begun its work, the Chair of the Committee report progress to the Board every month; and

THAT the Chair of the Board be authorized to appoint a replacement for any member who may have resigned, such appointment to be made in consultation with the Chair of the committee and with the constituency of the committee member who has resigned.

6. Report of the President

Mr. Di Grappa also welcomed Prof. Joanne Locke and thanked her for agreeing to take on the assignment of Interim Dean. He also thanked Dr. Dandurand and Dr. Graham who had chaired the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science.

The President noted that the latest edition of the *Concordia Journal* outlined the public consultation which is being held with respect to the strategic initiatives. He reminded Governors that the process had begun two years ago following input from the community, further to which nine themes were identified. Workgroups, each including

wide representation of internal and external members of the community, were established to refine the themes. Eight of the nine workgroups have produced reports which were submitted to Senate which, in turn, referred them to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SCAPP). SCAPP has produced a report, and a series of town hall meetings will be held over the next two weeks to allow discussion and input from the faculty, staff and students. President-elect Woodsworth has been kept apprised of the evolution of the initiatives. The report will be submitted for her consideration to begin the articulation of a strategic plan.

Mr. Di Grappa also updated the Board on the formulation of the 2008/2009 budget. He noted that the budget will be presented at the May Board meeting as well as a projection of the final results for 2007/2008. Since January, considerable work has been done to ameliorate the budget formulation process in order to better understand what we do and how the money is spent. He noted that some tangible results can already be noticed pursuant to the memo issued on April 1 outlining cost-saving measures and that other revenue generating possibilities are also being looked into. President-elect Woodsworth is also being kept apprised of the budget situation.

7. Monthly reports

7.1 Vice-President, Advancement and Alumni Relations - Ms. Kathy Assayag (Document BG-2008-4-D4)

Ms. Assayag was very pleased to add that the film "*Who is K.K. Downey*" had won an award in March at the 2008 Cinequest Film Festival, one the world's top ten film festivals. She noted that the movie is a collaboration between ten alumni of Concordia's Communication Studies, Film, Journalism and Design Arts Departments as well as Paul Renaud, son of Board member Richard Renaud, who is currently a student at the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema. Ms. Assayag congratulated the Departments, Deans, student and alumni for making Concordia very proud and giving it international recognition.

7.2 Vice-President, Services - Mr. Roger Côté (Acting) (Document BG-2008-4-D5)

Mr. Rosenshein noted that over 4,200 undergraduates had actually voted in the recent CSU elections, not 2,074 as indicated in the report.

7.3 Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies - Dr. Louise Dandurand (Document BG-2008-4-D6)

7.4 Vice-President, Finance - Mr. Larry English (Document BG-2008-4-D7)

7.5 Vice-President, External Relations and Secretary-General - Me Bram Freedman (BG-2008-4-D8)

No additional information was provided under these headings.

7.6 Provost and Vice-President, Academic Affairs - Dr. David Graham (Document BG-2008-4-D9)

Dr. Graham reported that the annual luncheon for new faculty members, organized by the Centre for Teaching and Learning Services and the Office of the Vice-Provost,

Academic Programs, was a great success. He added that the great majority of newer faculty members are very satisfied with their Concordia experience.

7.7 Special Communications Advisor to the President – Mr. John Parisella (Document BG-2008-4-D10)

Mr. Parisella thanked faculty members who are very cooperative in doing media work, noting that the number of media experts has more than doubled.

8. Any other business

There was no other business to bring before the Board.

9. Next meeting

Mr. Kruyt apprised Board member of the likelihood that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors, originally scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 8 a.m., will be moved to Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 8 a.m., on the SGW Campus, in Room GM 407-1.

10. Adjournment

The Open Session adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Danielle Tessier
Secretary of the Board of Governors