

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

Held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 4 p.m.
in Room GM 410 (Board of Governors Meeting Room)
located on the 4th floor of the Guy-Metro Building,
1550 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West
on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Governors: Norman Hébert jr., *Chair*, Helen Antoniou Molson, Françoise Bertrand, *Vice-Chair*, Theresa Bianco, Jeff Bicher, Antoinette Bozac, Gabriel Bran Lopez, Gina P. Cody, Daniel Cross, Jean-Pierre Desrosiers, Tony Loffreda, William Lynch, Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis, Frédérica Martin, *Vice-Chair*, Michael Novak, Georges Paulez, Maria Peluso, Philippe Pourreaux, Suzanne Sauvage, Frances Shaver, Alan Shepard, *President and Vice-Chancellor*

Alternate Governor: Terry Wilkings

Also attending: Philippe Beauregard, Sylvie Bourassa, Graham Carr, William Cheaib, Denis Cossette, Roger Côté, Amy Fish (*for item 11*), Bram Freedman, Frederica Jacobs, Christine Lengvari (*for item 9*), Lisa Ostiguy, Justin Powlowski, Melodie Sullivan (*for item 10*)

ABSENT

Governors: Sandra Betton, Hélène Fortin, Rahul Kumar, Mélanie La Couture

Non-voting Observer: Jonathan Wener, *Chancellor*

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Hébert called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Board members joined the Chair in congratulating Me Bozac who is the winner of the 2017 R.V.A. Jones Award presented by the Canadian Bar Association's Canadian Corporate Counsel Association (CCCA). This award is presented annually to a regular member of the CCCA whose career exemplifies the highest standards of service, conduct and professionalism for corporate counsel.

1.1 **Adoption of the Agenda**

Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2017-3-1 *That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.*

CONSENT

2. Adoption of March 8, 2017 Minutes

R-2017-3-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of the Open Session of March 8, 2017 be approved.*

3. Request for the use of the Concordia name:

3.1 APYEF Concordia Chapter (Document BG-2017-3-D1)

R-2017-3-3 *That the request to use the Concordia name by APYEF Concordia Chapter, subject to the conditions set out in the Policy on the Use of Concordia University's Name, Logo and Related Insignia, and the Governance of its Visual Character and Digital Presence ([SG-4](#)), be approved.*

3.2 Concordia Chinese Debate (Document BG-2017-3-D2)

R-2017-3-4 *That the request to use the Concordia name by Concordia Chinese Debate Club, subject to the conditions set out in the Policy on the Use of Concordia University's Name, Logo and Related Insignia, and the Governance of its Visual Character and Digital Presence ([SG-4](#)), be approved.*

3.3 Concordia Cooking Club (Document BG-2017-3-D3)

R-2017-3-5 *That the request to use the Concordia name by Concordia Cooking Club, subject to the conditions set out in the Policy on the Use of Concordia University's Name, Logo and Related Insignia, and the Governance of its Visual Character and Digital Presence ([SG-4](#)), be approved.*

3.4 Concordia Game Development Club (Document BG-2017-3-D4)

R-2017-3-6 *That the request to use the Concordia name by Concordia Game Development Club, subject to the conditions set out in the Policy on the Use of Concordia University's Name, Logo and Related Insignia, and the Governance of its Visual Character and Digital Presence ([SG-4](#)), be approved.*

4. Collection of undergraduate student fee levies from all undergraduate students
(Document BG-2017-3-D5)

CSU Clubs

R-2017-3-7 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a decreased fee levy of \$0.20 per credit (decrease of \$0.06 per credit from \$0.26 per credit) from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Clubs, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

CSU operating fee

- R-2017-3-8 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$2.07 per credit (increase of \$0.05 per credit from \$2.02 per credit) from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Operating fee, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

CSU Housing and Job Bank (HOJO)

- R-2017-3-9 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.24 per credit (increase of \$0.03 per credit from \$0.21 per credit) from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Housing Job Bank (HOJO), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

CSU Advocacy Center

- R-2017-3-10 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.24 per credit (increase of \$0.02 per credit from \$0.22 per credit) from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Advocacy Center, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

Student Space, Accessible Education & Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC)

- R-2017-3-11 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a decreased fee levy of \$0.74 per credit (decrease of \$0.04 per credit from \$0.78 per credit) from all undergraduate students to support the Student Space, Accessible Education & Legal Contingency Fund (SSAELC), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

Dish Project

- R-2017-3-12 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a new fee levy of \$0.04 per credit from all undergraduate students to support the Dish Project, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

Concordia Greenhouse

- R-2017-3-13 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.24 per credit (increase of \$0.12 per credit from \$0.12 per credit) from all undergraduate students to support the Concordia Greenhouse, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

5. Collection of an undergraduate student fee levy from undergraduate students in the Faculty of Fine Arts (Document BG-2017-3-D6)

R-2017-3-14 *That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.35 per credit (increase of \$0.24 per credit from \$0.11 per credit) from all undergraduate students registered in the Faculty of Fine Arts to support Café X, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2017 term (2017/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.*

6. Amendments to banking and credit facility resolutions (Document BG-2017-3-D7)

R-2017-3-15 *That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the amended banking and credit facility resolutions, as outlined in Document BG-2017-3-D7.*

REGULAR

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

There was no business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda.

8. President's report (Document BG-2017-3-D8)

As complementary information to his written report, the President's oral report included an update on some activities around the campus, including an announcement made earlier today regarding a \$1 million planned gift by alumna and former Governor Christine Lengvari to support scholarships for female students in the Kenneth Woods Portfolio Management Program at JMSB and to promote research at Concordia's PERFORM Centre.

He also underlined a number of major prizes and awards, including two awards won by Governor Daniel Cross' latest film "*I Am the Blues*" for Best Feature Length Documentary and Best Cinematography in a Feature Length Documentary at the Canadian Screen Awards.

Following his report, he responded to questions.

9. Report from Advisory Council on Women and Leadership

President Shepard introduced the Chair of the Advisory Council on Women and Leadership, Christine Lengvari, thanking her for her generous gift to the University.

Ms. Lengvari noted that Concordia has more than 91,000 female graduates around the world. The Concordia Alumni Women and Leadership program connects the University's alumnae, in person and online, so that they can inspire and learn from each other. The program began in the Fall 2016 and has grown to include events in Montreal,

Toronto and New York as well as a volunteer Advisory Council and regional program champions who provide expert insight and act as resources for the program.

Ms. Lengvari outlined the program mandate, vision and strategic orientations, spoke of the Advisory Council's membership and summarized the initiatives as well as past and upcoming events.

10. Amendments to the Code of Rights and Responsibilities (Document BG-2017-3-D9)

The Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Code of Rights and Responsibilities, Me Melodie Sullivan, Senior Legal Counsel, summarized the highlights of the Committee's report, including its membership, its mandate as well as the process followed to arrive at the Code revisions.

Noting that this review did not result in a major overhaul, which had been done during the last Code review in 2010, the main proposed changes include:

- wording changes to render the Code's terminology gender neutral;
- harmonization and clarification of some procedural delays and re-numbering of paragraphs;
- incorporation of many of the recommendations made by the Office of Rights and Responsibilities (ORR) made over the last few years, as detailed in the ORR's annual reports;
- harmonization of the wording, definitions and infractions regarding sexual violence between the Code and the Policy on Sexual Violence;
- changes made to the sanctions that the Hearing Panel may impose specifically allowing for the Panel to impose restricted access conditions; and
- emergency temporary suspension of a student can now be effected by a vice-president or delegate thereby allowing for more flexibility in urgent case.

Me Sullivan responded to questions, specifying that the Committee discussed and decided which recommendations emanating from the ORR annual reports as well as those proposed by the Committee members should be incorporated into the Code revisions. It was suggested that the process by which members of the community can channel their recommendations to the ORR be specified in the annual report. Me Jacobs said that she would follow-up directly with Mr. Wilkings to answer his question about the number of recommendations which end up in the ORR annual report.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2017-3-16 That, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Code of Rights and Responsibilities (BD-3), as outlined in Document BG-2017-3-D9.

11. Annual report from the Ombuds Office (Document BG-2017-3-D9)

Ombudsperson Amy Fish presented the highlights of the annual report, including some key statistics. She was pleased to inform the Board that a review of all the recommendations of prior reports had been conducted, all of which had been addressed.

To illustrate the type of concerns and issues the Ombuds Office deals with on a regular basis, Ms. Fish provided two examples, one typical case involving an undergraduate student and one atypical case involving a graduate student, both having positive outcomes. Following her presentation, Ms. Fish responded to questions of clarification.

Responding to comments from Governors, Me Jacobs indicated that the definition of “member” in the *Terms of Reference of the Ombuds Office* restricts the jurisdiction of the Ombuds Office. However, she noted that expanding the definition could be considered in due course when the *Terms of Reference* are next reviewed.

Moreover, it was suggested for next year’s presentation one or two additional examples of cases be included, which are not related to an academic issue and which are raised by constituents other than students.

12. Other business

Ms. Marshall-Kiparissis brought to the Board’s attention the plight of pregnant Concordia graduate student Bissan Eid, a Canadian citizen, who travelled to Gaza last summer and, since December 2016, has been unable to return to Canada to continue her studies and to give birth with appropriate medical attention. She referenced several attempts by Ms. Eid’s family to appeal to members of the federal government to actively intervene on her behalf so that she can obtain the required exit visa.

The CSU was made aware of Ms. Eid’s precarious situation last week, has called on governments to intervene and urged members of the Concordia community to mobilize and reach out to government officials. It was agreed that Ms. Tessier would circulate the information via email to Governors following the Board meeting.

Ms. Marshall-Kiparissis and Mr. Wilkings asked if the increased security at today’s meeting was the “new normal”, stating their disagreement with this increased security. The President replied that the same security measures had been maintained since the March Board meeting following the bomb threat. Mr. Hébert added that, as Board Chair, it is incumbent upon him to ensure a safe and secure environment and that he continues to reflect on how to best address this issue.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of the Board of Governors