



UNIVERSITY SENATE

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2003

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Prof. M. Danis (Speaker Pro Tem); Dr. F. Lowy; Mr. L. English; Dr. J. Lightstone; Ms. A. Beck; Prof. S. Betton; Me Suzanne Birks; Prof. W. Bukowski; Prof. T. Byrnes; Ms. K. Childs; Prof. M. Doyle; Dean N. Esmail; Prof. J. Grant; Mr. B. Hamideh, Prof. A.M. Hanna; Ms. L. Healey; Prof. V. S. Hoa; Ms. V. Hoang; Dean C. Jackson; Mr. K. Khilkevitch; Prof. L. Lequin; Mr. R. Luppicini; Prof. C. MacKenzie; Mr. A. McAusland; Prof. D. Morin; Dr. R. J. Oppenheimer; Ms. E. Pearlman; Prof. D. Peltier-Rivest; Mr. M. Schulz; Dean M. Singer; Mr. A. Spiro; Dean J. Tomberlin; Prof. R. Tremblay; Prof. C. Trueman; Mr. L. Tsang; Prof. C. Vallejo; Prof. D. Vivian

ABSENT: Dr. C. Bertrand; Mr. W. Curran; Mr. M. Di Grappa; Prof. A. Dutkewych; Prof. E. Jacobs; Dr. J. W. O'Brien (Speaker); Ms. N. Pomerleau; Dean E. Sacca; Dr. T. Vo-Van

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. T. Stathopoulos (Acting Dean, School of Graduate Studies)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Prof. Marcel Danis at 2:11 p.m. The latter informed the Open Session that he had been appointed Speaker Pro Tem by Steering Committee.

2. Approval of the Agenda

R-2003-6-4 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Singer), it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda be approved as submitted.*

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting held September 12, 2003

R-2003-6-5 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Childs, Pearlman), it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of September 12, 2003 be approved, subject to a typographical correction on page 8.*

4. Business arising from the Minutes

4.1 Eligibility requirements for student Senators (Document US-2003-6-D2)

4.2 Enrolment at two institutions and dual membership on governing bodies (Document US-2003-6-D3)

Prof. Danis indicated that Documents US-2003-6-D2 and D3 had been forwarded for information purposes as follow-ups from the September meeting. No questions were asked nor were any comments made in respect to those documents.

5. Committee appointments

R-2003-6-6 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lightstone, Childs), it was unanimously resolved that the appointments to Senate committees, as set out in Document US-2003-6-D4, as revised, be approved.*

6. Name Change of Department of Geography (Document US-2003-6-D5)

R-2003-6-7 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Singer, Byrnes), it was unanimously resolved that, upon recommendation of the Arts and Science Faculty Council, Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve the name change of the Department of Geography to the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, as outlined in document US-2003-6-D5.*

7. Report from the Academic Programs Committee (Document US-2003-6-D6)

7.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2003-6-D7 to D20)

R-2003-6-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Singer, Lequin), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science set out in Documents US-2003-6-D7 to D20 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2003-6-D6.*

7.2 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Documents US-2003-6-D21 to D23)

R-2003-6-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Esmail, Hoa), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science set out in Documents US-2003-6-D21, D22 and D23 (revised) be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2003-6-D6.*

7.3 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Document US-2003-6-D24)

R-2003-6-10 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Tomberlin, Morin), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business set out in Document US-2003-6-D24 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2003-6-D6.*

7.4 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts (Documents US-2003-6-D25 to D27)

R-2003-6-11 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Jackson, MacKenzie), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts set out in Documents US-2003-6-D25 to D27 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2003-6-D6.*

7.5 Minor undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts (Document US-2003-6-D28)

Prof. Danis stated that minor curriculum changes are forwarded solely for information purposes.

7.6 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Document US-2003-6-D29)

R-2003-6-12 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Stathopoulos, Singer), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science set out in Document US-2003-6-D29 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2003-6-D6.*

7.7 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Document US-2003-6-D30)

R-2003-6-13 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Stathopoulos, Tomberlin), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business set out in Document US-2003-6-D30 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2003-6-D6.*

7.8 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Document US-2003-6-D31)

R-2003-6-14 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Stathopoulos, Esmail), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science set out in Document US-2003-6-D31 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2003-6-D6.*

8. Remarks from the Rector

Dr. Lowy was pleased to convey that during recent visits to alumni chapters in Paris, France and in New York City, the University received unprecedented support for its endeavors.

The Rector also apprised Senate that the Ministry of Education has been charged to reduce its overall budget for the entire education system by \$53 million. This will have negative repercussions on Concordia since commitments have been made based on former allocations. Dr. Lowy indicated that this matter is under considerable discussion. A full report will be presented by Chief Financial Officer Larry English at the next Senate meeting.

9. Items for information

Provost Jack Lightstone had three matters to convey:

- A formal welcome to Dr. Truong Vo-Van, who had taken office on October 1 as Vice-Provost, Research. Dr. Vo-Van was absent at today's meeting since he was representing Concordia at a conference;
- the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SCAPP), having met twice since the new academic year, is monitoring the progress of the Faculty Councils, the School of Graduate Studies and the Libraries with respect to their

fulfillment of the five objectives set out in the academic plan (faculty renewal and retention, student retention and accessibility, effective use of IT in pedagogy, development of research and research funding, and increase in the proportion of graduate students). The Provost noted that substantial progress has been made with respect to the first four objectives, although concrete results regarding student retention will only be known at a later date. With respect to the fifth objective, Dr. Lightstone indicated that some faculties are ahead, such as the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, and emphasized that Concordia's ability to support students is key to achieving its objective with respect to research productivity and increasing graduate students.

- the Academic Programs Committee (APC), which monitors the University Writing Test, had struck an Ad Hoc Committee, composed of the Associate Deans responsible for curriculum, to look into language proficiency as a whole at the University.

Dean Esmail informed Senators that the Canadian Council on Professional Engineers published its preliminary survey of enrolment in engineering faculties in Canada for 2002. The survey revealed that Concordia ranked fourth in terms of student enrolment but ranked first in terms of the number of graduate students. Dean Esmail indicated that a professor in Engineering and Computer Science supervises on average 8 to 9 graduate students.

10. Question period

Further to a question posed by Ms. Childs, Dr. Lightstone replied that while the membership of the aforementioned Ad Hoc Committee on the University Writing Test is solely comprised of Associate Deans, the result of their review and their ensuing recommendations will be brought forth for discussion and consideration by APC, the Faculty Councils and Senate, all of which have student representation from various backgrounds.

11. Other business

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

12. Next meeting

The next meeting of Senate will be held on Friday, November 28, 2003, at 2 p.m.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m., on a motion moved by Dean Singer and seconded by Dr. Lightstone.

Danielle Tessier  
Secretary of Senate