



**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

Held on Monday, May 30, 2005, immediately after the Closed Session
in Room AD 308, Loyola Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Ms. A. Beck; Prof. W. Bukowski; Prof. T. Byrnes; Dean J. Chaikelson; Prof. M. Doyle; Dean N. Esmail; Prof. J. Etezadi; Prof. J. Grant; Mr. B. Hamideh, Prof. R. Kilgour; Dr. F. Lowy; Prof. C. MacKenzie; Dean E. Sacca; Prof. A. Satir; Mr. C. Schwartz; Prof. H. Shulman; Dr. M. Singer; Mr. A. Slater; Dean J. Tomberlin; Prof. R. Tremblay; Prof. C. Trueman; Dr. T. Vo-Van

Non-voting members: Mr. W. Curran; Prof. M. Danis; Mr. M. Di Grappa; Mr. L. English; Me P. Fréreau; Ms. L. Healey; Dr. J. W. O'Brien (*Speaker*); Dr. R. J. Oppenheimer

ABSENT

Voting members: Prof. A. Al-Khalili; Ms. K. Childs; Prof. A.-M. Croteau; Prof. A. Dutkewych; Ms. M. Etezadbrojerdi; Mr. B. Farrington; Prof. A.M. Hanna; Dean C. Jackson; Prof. E. Jacobs; Mr. R. Luppisini; Ms. M. Gruber; Mr. G. Papadakis; Ms. J. St-Germain; Prof. C. Vallejo

Non-voting members: Mr. A. McAusland; Dr. R.O. Wills (*Deputy Speaker*)

ALSO ATTENDING Dr. W. Krol (Acting Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts)

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. O'Brien at 9:45 a.m.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

R-2005-5-6 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Singer), it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda be approved.*

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of May 6, 2005**

R-2005-5-7 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Singer, Kilgour), it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of May 6, 2005 be approved.*

4. **Business arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Report from the Academic Programs Committee (Document US-2005-5-D4)

5.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2005-5-D5 and D6)

R-2005-5-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Chaikelson, Sacca), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, set out in Documents US-2005-5-D5 and D6, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.2 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Documents US-2005-5-D7)

R-2005-5-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Esmail, Trueman), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, set out in Document US-2005-5-D7, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.3 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts (Documents US-2005-5-D8 to D12)

R-2005-5-10 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Krol, MacKenzie), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts, set out in Documents US-2005-5-D8 to D12, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.4 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Documents US-2005-5-D13 to D16)

R-2005-5-11 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Tomberlin, Satir), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business, set out in Documents US-2005-5-D13 to D16, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.5 Minor undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Document US-2005-5-D17)

Minor curriculum changes are submitted for information purposes only.

5.6 Minor undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts (Document US-2005-5-D18)

Minor curriculum changes are submitted for information purposes only.

5.7 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2005-5-D19 to D22)

R-2005-5-12 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Chaikelson), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, set out in Documents US-2005-5-D19 to D22, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.8 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Documents US-2005-5-D23 to D27)

R-2005-5-13 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Trueman), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, set out in Documents US-2005-5-D23 to D27, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.9 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts (Documents US-2005-5-D28 and D29)

R-2005-5-14 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, MacKenzie), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts, set out in Documents US-2005-5-D28 and D29, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.10 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Documents US-2005-5-D30 to D32)

R-2005-5-15 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Tomberlin), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business, set out in Documents US-2005-5-D30 to D32, be approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2005-5-D4.*

5.11 Minor graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2005-5-D33 and D34)

Minor curriculum changes are submitted for information purposes only.

6. Senate Composition (Document US-2005-5-D35)

Dr. O'Brien recapitulated the discussion at the May 6 Senate meeting, which had resulted in both the introduction of a motion, duly moved and seconded, that Senate reaffirm its previous recommendation regarding its composition to the Board of Governors, and the decision to postpone further discussion or a vote on the matter until today's meeting.

Dean Sacca read a statement from GSA President, Rocci Luppicini, who was unable to attend the meeting, which conveyed the latter's sentiment that the new composition attempts to resolve inadequacies regarding part-time faculty and graduate student representation on Senate while balancing the principles of merit and democracy. As a conclusion to his statement, Mr. Luppicini indicated his strong belief that Senate has invested considerable effort to be fair to all constituencies and fully reaffirmed his support of the new composition passed by Senate after three years of deliberations.

Ms. Beck replied that undergraduate students are not asking for a majority of seats but simply proportional representation as it exists among the faculty seats. With respect to the notion of meritocracy among students, she opined that the fact that undergraduates have less formal education than graduates does not signify that the former are not as well versed in University issues. Ms. Beck stated the undergraduates are not asking for a higher percentage of representation than they presently have and that their proposal would still result in a proportionally reduced representation but reduced by less.

Ms. Beck then moved a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hamideh, to amend the proposed revised Senate composition to provide for one additional undergraduate student and one less graduate student. A discussion ensued, further to which the aforementioned

motion was defeated by a majority, with Ms. Beck, Mr. Hamideh and Mr. Schwartz requesting that their dissent be recorded in the Minutes. The vote was then taken on the following motion.

R-2005-5-16 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Bukowski, Tremblay), it was resolved by a majority that Senate reaffirm its previous recommendation regarding its composition to the Board of Governors.

7. Remarks from the President

Dr. Lowy conveyed that sadly, Dr. David Frost, the current CUFA President, had passed away tragically and prematurely a few days ago.

Dr. Lowy stated that this was his last Senate meeting in his current role. He spoke of the progress made by the University during his 10-year tenure, underlining the superb work of the faculty members and students, as well as recognizing the important role that support staff and senior administration play in facilitating the core academic activity of the University. Dr. Lowy had enjoyed his time on Senate and thanked all Senators, Dr. Singer and his predecessor, Dr. Lightstone, the Deans, the Department Chairs and everyone in the academic sector.

Dr. O'Brien expressed Senate's appreciation to Dr. Lowy for his valuable accomplishments and specific contributions to the University during his term as President.

8. Items for information

Dean Sacca apprised Senators of the impressive success rate of graduate students in federal grant competitions.

Dr. Vo-Van was pleased to report that a new Senior Canada Research Chair had been awarded to Dr. Jeong-Bon Kim from JMSB and that a major NSERC Network Grant proposal had also been successful. The latter is a \$5 million network project coordinated by Prof. Andreas Athienitis of ENCS aiming at research on Solar Buildings.

9. Question period

No questions were asked.

10. Other business

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

11. Election of the Speaker of Senate

Dr. O'Brien left the meeting, and Dr. Lowy took over as Speaker. The latter indicated that Steering Committee has nominated the incumbent, Dr. John O'Brien, who has graciously accepted to continue to serve as Speaker for the next academic year.

R-2005-5-17 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Singer), it was unanimously resolved that Dr. John O'Brien be acclaimed Speaker of Senate for the 2005-2006 academic year; and

That Senate express its appreciation to Dr. O'Brien for his skillful chairmanship of Senate during the past year as well as his willingness to continue as Speaker.

12. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 9, 2005.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate