

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Monday, May 29, 2006,
immediately following the Closed Session
in Room EV 2.260, SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Prof. A. Al-Khalili; Prof. I. Bachmann; Prof. W. Bukowski; Prof. J. Camlot; Prof. M. Doyle; Dean N. Esmail; Dean D. Graham; Mr. B. Hamideh, Prof. E. Jacobs; Prof. M. Jamal; Prof. C. Jourdan; Prof. R. Kilgour; Dr. C. Lajeunesse; Prof. W. Lynch; Mr. J. Moschella; Mr. M. Murphy-Perron; Prof. E. Regler; Mr. S. Rosenshein; Prof. C. Ross; Prof. R. Rudin; Prof. J. Segovia; Mr. M. Shuriye; Dr. M. Singer; Dean J. Tomberlin; Dr. T. Vo-Van; Ms. L. White; Dean C. Wild; Mr. D. Zand; Prof. W. Zerges

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

Also present: Dr. T. Stathopoulos (*Acting Dean, School of Graduate Studies*)

ABSENT

Voting members: Mr. D. Bernans; Mr. R. Daoud; Prof. A. Dutkewych; Prof. O. Dyens; Ms. J. Lewy; Ms. C. Marshall; Dean E. Sacca; Ms. S. Salamoun; Prof. C. Trueman

Non-voting members: Mr. A. McAusland; Mr. K. Pruden

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. O'Brien at 2:14 p.m.

Dr. Lajeunesse was delighted to introduce incoming Chancellor David P. O'Brien, a native Montrealer and Concordia/Loyola graduate whose previous experience includes serving on the Board of Governors of the University of Calgary. Mr. O'Brien conveyed a few words to Senate, noting that he looked forward to fulfilling his new duties.

2. Approval of the Agenda

R-2006-5-4 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Graham, Al-Khalili), it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda be approved.*

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of May 5, 2006

R-2006-5-5 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Moschella, Wild), it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of May 5, 2006 be approved.*

4. Business arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Committee appointments (Document US-2006-5-D2)

R-2006-5-6 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Singer, Shuriye), it was unanimously resolved that the committee appointments be approved, as detailed in Document US-2006-5-D2, as revised.*

6. Report from the Academic Programs Committee (Document US-2006-5-D3)

6.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2006-5-D4 to D21)

R-2006-5-7 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Graham, Jacobs), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2006-5-D4 to D21 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2006-5-D3.*

6.2 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Documents US-2006-5-D22 to D24)

R-2006-5-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Esmail, Lynch), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Documents US-2006-5-D22 to D24, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2006-5-D3.*

6.3 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Document US-2006-5-D25)

R-2006-5-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Tomberlin, Jamal), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business, outlined in Document US-2006-5-D25, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2006-5-D3.*

6.4 Minor undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2006-5-D26 to D29)

6.5 Minor undergraduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Document US-2006-5-D30)

Dr. O'Brien specified that minor curriculum changes are presented solely for information purposes.

6.6 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2006-5-D31 to D34)

R-2006-5-10 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Stathopoulos, Graham), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2006-5-D31 to D34 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2006-5-D3.*

6.7 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Documents US-2006-5-D35 and D36)

R-2006-5-11 *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, outlined in Documents US-2006-5-D35 and D36 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2006-5-D3.*

6.8 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Documents US-2006-5-D37 to D42)

R-2006-5-12 *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, outlined in Documents US-2006-5-D37 to D42 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2006-5-D3.*

6.9 Proposed changes to the undergraduate calendar regarding grade point average (GPA) calculations (Document US-2006-5-D43)

R-2006-5-13 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Singer, Moschella), it was unanimously resolved that the changes to the undergraduate calendar relative to the annual weighted GPA, the cumulative GPA and the graduation GPA, outlined in Document US-2006-5-D43 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2006-5-D3.*

6.10 Update on the revisions to the Code of Conduct (Academic)

Dr. Morin updated Senate on the status of the revisions of the Code of Conduct (Academic), as outlined in the APC report. The document will be brought to Senate in the Fall.

7. Comments on the draft profile for the Dean of the John Molson School of Business (Document US-2006-5-D44)

No comments were formulated by Senators with respect to the above-captioned profile.

8. Motion for additional study space in the Webster Library (Document US-2006-5-D45)

A motion with a lengthy preamble, as set out in Document US-2006-5-D45, was introduced by Mr. Moschella, seeking Senate's support for the expansion of the Webster Library as well as the allocation of twenty additional rooms on the fifth floor of the Webster Library for seminar study space.

During the discussion that followed, the acute shortage of study space in the downtown library was acknowledged. However, it was pointed out that security concerns have to be evaluated before allocating any additional space on the fifth floor. Moreover, the Education Department, currently housed on that floor, has been waiting for several years for additional space. It was also specified that the expansion of the library is part of a larger plan to reallocate space within the McConnell Building and that space allocation is not in Senate's purview.

The motion was split into two parts, and Senators voted on the second recommendation contained in Mr. Moschella's motion.

R-2006-5-14 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Moschella, Murphy-Perron), it was unanimously resolved that Senate express the view that the currently proposed expansion of the Webster Library is important to Concordia's future, and that said expansion should take place as soon as feasible.*

However, with respect to the first recommendation in Mr. Moschella's motion which reads as follows: *That Senate express the view that approximately twenty rooms on the fifth floor of the Library Building should be allocated to the Webster Library so that additional seminar and study rooms for students can be constructed*, further to a motion moved by Prof. Bukowski and seconded by Prof. Rudin, it was resolved by a majority that it be tabled until such time that the Vice-President, Services reports back on this issue in the Fall.

9. Remarks from the President

9.1 Update on the search for the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies

Dr. Lajeunesse informed Senate that the profile for the above-captioned position was adopted by the Board of Governors at its meeting of May 18, 2006. The Committee has met several times and the search is progressing well.

9.2 Update on the revisions to the Rules and Procedures for Senior Administrative Appointments

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Tessier reported that revised search procedures were adopted by the Board of Governors at its meeting of May 18, 2006. The most salient change to the procedures is the differentiation between the search process for academic and non-academic senior administrative positions.

10. Items for information

10.1 Update on the search for the Dean of the John Molson School of Business

Dr. Singer reported that the Search Committee has met several times. Advertisements have been widely distributed, locally, nationally and internationally, in a number of newspapers and academic journals and have been posted on several websites.

10.2 Other

Dean Esmail was proud to report that a team of Concordia undergraduate students won the first prize in a design competition held in Calgary by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineers.

11. Question period

In response to a query from Prof. Segovia, Dr. Lajeunesse replied that the projected annual budget for the new position of Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies had not been defined as of yet.

Further to a question posed by Mr. Rosenshein to Vice-President Di Grappa regarding the recent announcement of the closing of the copy centre and the flurry of questions and concerns that ensued, Mr. Di Grappa updated Senators on the status of the centre, as well as the reasons for its closing.

Further to a question by Prof. Jacobs, it was indicated that Mr. English, who had left the meeting, was the best person to respond to her query about the schedule of meetings of the Senate Finance Committee. When asked by Prof. Segovia if an accountant was on the committee, Ms. Tessier replied that she could not respond, given that she did not have the membership list with her. As no answers were available, Dr. O'Brien indicated that the matter could be raised under "Business arising from the Minutes" at the next Senate meeting.

12. Other business

There was no other business to report.

13. Election of the Speaker of Senate

Dr. O'Brien left the meeting, and Dr. Lajeunesse 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. No other nominations have been received.

R-2006-5-15 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lajeunesse, Esmail), it was unanimously resolved that Dr. John O'Brien be acclaimed Speaker of Senate for the 2006-2007 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.

14. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 15, 2006, at 2 p.m.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate