

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Friday, January 15, 2010,
immediately following the Closed Session meeting
in the Norman D. Hébert, LLD Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Mr. G. Beasley; Mr. N. Burke; Prof. M. Charland; Prof. R. Cross; Mr. A. Dabchy; Dr. L. Dandurand; Prof. M. Debbabi; Prof. D. Douglas; Dean R. Drew; Prof. A. Dutkewych; Prof. L. Dyer; Prof. A. English; Prof. M. Fritsch; Prof. J. Garfin; Prof. J. Garrido; Mr. G. Giannis; Dr. D. Graham; Prof. J. Grant; Ms. K. Gregor; Mr. R. Hafiz; Prof. M. Jamal; Mr. G. Johannson; Mr. Z. Khan; Prof. G. Leonard; Dean B. Lewis; Prof. W. Lynch; Prof. S. McSheffrey; Prof. S. Mudur; Mr. P.R. Osei; Mr. A. Oster; Prof. L. Ostiguy; Prof. M. Paraschivoiu; Mr. D. Perera; Ms. E. Perkins; Prof. H. Proppe; Prof. M. Pugh; Ms. D. Roldan; Prof. C. Ross; Dean S. Sharma; Prof. F. Shaver; Associate Dean T. Stathopoulos; Prof. P. Stoett; Prof. P. Thornton; Dean C. Wild; Dr. J. Woodsworth

Non-voting members: Ms. K. Assayag; Dr. D. Boisvert (*Speaker*); Me B. Freedman; Ms. L. Healey, Mr. P. Kelley

ABSENT

Voting members: Mr. E. Chevrier; Ms. S. Dolatshahi; Mr. Z. Ling; Prof. B. Nelson; Prof. M. Peluso; Prof. W. Sims; Ms. S. Siriwardhana; Ms. S. Turnin

Non-voting members: Mr. M. Di Grappa

1. Call to order

The Speaker called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

The President introduced Mr. Patrick Kelley, appointed Interim Chief Financial Officer in December, and Mr. Philippe Beauregard, recently appointed Chief Communications Officer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

R-2010-1-6 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Stathopoulos, Graham), it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda of the Open Session be approved, and that items 3 to 6, be approved, confirmed, or received for information by consent.*

CONSENT

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of November 6, 2009

R-2010-1-7 *The Minutes of the Open session meeting of November 6, 2009 were approved by consent.*

4. Report and recommendation of the Academic Programs Committee (Document US-2010-1-D4)

4.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science

4.1.1 School of Canadian Irish Studies (Document US-2010-1-D5)

R-2010-1-8 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the School of Canadian Irish Studies, set out in Document US-2010-1-D5, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

4.1.2 Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Document US-2010-1-D6)

R-2010-1-9 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, set out in Document US-2010-1-D6, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

4.2 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

4.2.1 Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (Document US-2010-1-D7)

R-2010-1-10 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering, set out in Document US-2010-1-D7, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

4.2.2 Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering (Document US-2010-1-D8)

R-2010-1-11 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering, set out in Document US-2010-1-D8, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

4.2.3 Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering (Document US-2010-1-D9)

R-2010-1-12 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering, set out in Document US-2010-1-D9, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

4.2.4 Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (Document US-2010-1-D10)

R-2010-1-13 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, set out in Document US-2010-1-D10, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

4.2.5 Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (Document US-2010-1-D11)

R-2010-1-14 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, set out in Document US-2010-1-D11, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

4.3 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business

4.3.1 Goodman Institute of Business Management (Document US-2010-1-D12)

R-2010-1-15 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Goodman Institute of Business Management, set out in Document US-2010-1-D12, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2010-1-D4.*

5. Reports from other Senate Standing Committees

5.1 Academic Planning and Priorities (Document US-2010-1-D13)

5.2 Finance (Document US-2010-1-D14)

5.3 Research (Document US-2010-1-D15)

5.4 University Library (Document US-2010-1-16)

The reports were received for information.

6. Committee appointment (Document US-2010-1-D17)

R-2010-1-16 *The committee appointment, set out in Document US-2010-1-D17, was approved by consent.*

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

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

8. Update from the Advisory Search Committee for a Dean of Graduate Studies (Document US-2010-1-D18)

In addition to her written report, Dr. Dandurand apprised Senators that the Committee had met the day before to interview four candidates and that an announcement will be made shortly with respect to the holding of public presentations at the end of January.

9. Remarks from the President

Dr. Woodsworth informed Senate that two Master's programs in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science had received final approval from the Minister of Education. She was pleased with the attendance at the Fall Convocation, noting that it had been the best turnout ever. She also expressed her gratitude to Dr. Graham for instituting the Provost's Medal for Outstanding Achievement which was approved earlier during Closed Session.

With regard to the earthquake in Haiti, the University has expressed support and sympathy and is doing what it can to help the people in our community. At the present time no Concordia faculty, staff or student is in Haiti. The President and the Chief Communications Officer were attending a meeting that evening with student groups, organized by the Dean of Students, to provide support and counseling.

Dr. Woodsworth met with Michael Ignatieff, at his invitation, during his recent visit on campus to participate in a town hall meeting organized by the CSU as part of its annual speaker series. Their discussion focused on higher education issues more closely linked with the federal government, such as the knowledge infrastructure program, research funding, and student aid.

10. Items for information

Mr. Osei indicated that the majority of the 60 international students from Haiti have family living there. The CSU, in conjunction with other student associations, has embarked on a donation drive for food, clothes and money. Moreover, a special event will be held during the coming week to garner support for those students as well as the Haitian people.

11. Question period

In response to a query from Prof. Ross as a follow-up from the eConcordia presentation at the last meeting, Dr. Graham indicated that a number of outstanding teaching contracts had been signed prior to the negotiation of the new agreement between eConcordia and the University. Those contracts cover approximately 30 courses which are "grand-parented" and which will be redeveloped under the new model as those contracts expire over the next three to four years.

Further to a question from Prof. Shaver regarding the Library Committee report, Mr. Beasley noted that some of the library services restricted by the current copyright legislation include 1) broadcasting of the library's videos, etc., in a classroom environment, 2) using library materials for educational purposes under the "fair dealing" exception, and 3) migrating information from one format to another to benefit students with special needs or to preserve it from obsolescence without first going back to the copyright holder. He added that all issues have been addressed by Me Freedman in his submission to Ottawa.

11.1 Written question and response (US-2010-1-D19)

The written question and its response were provided for information purposes.

12. Other business

There was no other business to bring before Senate.

13. Next meeting

The Speaker noted that the next meeting will be held on Friday, February 12, 2010, at 2 p.m., in Room EV 2.260.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate