

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

Held on Friday, October 5, 2012,  
immediately following the Closed Session meeting  
in the Norman D. Hébert, LL.D. Meeting Room  
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

**PRESENT**

Voting members: Dr. Alan Shepard (*Chair*); Mr. H. Abdullahi; Prof. A. Akgunduz; Mr. G. Beasley; Mr. C. Brenchley; Prof. P. Caignon; Prof. S. Carliner; Prof. J. Chaikelson; Prof. S. Chlopan; Ms. A. Dahl; Prof. D. Douglas; Dean R. Drew; Prof. L. Dyer; Prof. J. Garrido; Ms. I. Giacotta; Dean S. Harvey; Ms. M. Hotchkiss; Prof. N. Ingram; Ms. W. Kraus-Heitmann; Mr. S.-P. Lauzon; Prof. B. Layne; Prof. G. Leonard; Dean B. Lewis; Prof. J. Lewis; Mr. G. Morrow; Prof. C. Nikolenyi; Dr. L. Ostiguy; Prof. M. Peluso; Prof. R. Reilly; Ms. D. Saryan; Prof. J. Segovia; Mr. T. Shahwan; Prof. Y. Shayan; Prof. W. Sims; Mr. R. Sonin; Prof. J. Turnbull; Mr. C. Walcott; Prof. M. L. Wholey; Dean C. Wild; Mr. C. Wilson; Dean P. Wood-Adams

Non-voting members: Ms. J. Beaudoin; Mr. P. Beauregard; Mr. R. Côté; Me B. Freedman; Mr. P. Kelley; Ms. R. Marion; Ms. M. C. Morin; Mr. T. Too

**ABSENT**

Voting members: Mr. N. Burke; Prof. L. Caminati; Dr. G. Carr; Prof. I. Dostaler; Prof. M. Frank; Prof. J. Grant; Prof. F. Khendek; Mr. R. Khoriaty; Prof. G. Rail; Prof. M. R. Soleymani; Prof. R. Staseson; Prof. T. Stathopoulos

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Shepard at 2:12p.m.

1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

R-2012-6-4     *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Garrido, Wild), it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda of the Open Session be approved.*

1.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of September 14, 2012

R-2012-6-5      *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Chaikelson, Ingram), it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of September 14, 2012 be approved.*

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

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

3. President's Remarks

Dr. Shepard congratulated:

- Marie-Claire Morin and her team for organizing great homecoming events last weekend. He underlined the participation of the undergraduate student leaders who attended the alumni dinner.
- ENCS students, led by Nick Sweet, for winning first place in the Canadian Satellite Design Challenge. Their winning design will be launched into space. No Quebec university has ever launched a satellite into space.
- JMSB undergraduate students, members of the Business Building Blocks team, for winning the 2012 Forces AVENIR projet par excellence award in the business and economy category.
- JMSB's MBA program for ranking third in Canada and 78th in the world by *The Economist* in its 2012 "Which MBA?" survey.
- David McGimpsey, a lecturer in the Department of English, for making the shortlist for this year's Governor General's Literary Awards for his book of poetry, *Li'l Bastard*.

Dr. Shepard indicated that the Provost search will be commencing within the next few weeks. He was also pleased to report a record number of participants in the last week's Shuffle, which raised \$53,000 for student scholarships and bursaries, the most money ever raised. He apprised Senate that he had very briefly met the new Minister Pierre Duchesne at an event and that the University was still awaiting formal instructions regarding the tuition fee increase rollback.

He informed Senators that the recommendations stemming from the external process review concerning human resources processes for senior management were adopted by the Board of Governors on September 28 and are posted on the website. While emphasizing that he had received a number of comments, Dr. Shepard concluded his remarks by expressing his appreciation for the community's support of his decision to withdraw the charges filed by the administration in connection with last Spring's student protests. On behalf of the CSU, Mr. Lauzon thanked Dr. Shepard for dropping the charges. In response to a question, Dr. Shepard updated Senate on the measures taken by the University to assist Iranian students following the closing of the Iranian embassy.

4. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

4.1 Academic Planning and Priorities

While the Committee had not met since the last meeting, Dr. Ostiguy noted that at its upcoming meeting it will be looking into how to increase Senate's involvement in the Academic Plan as well as identifying elements in the Plan that would be good topics to bring to Senate.

4.2 Academic Programs Committee

The Academic Programs Committee has not met since the last meeting.

4.3 Finance Committee (Document US-2012-6-D2)

Responding to queries, Committee Chair June Chaikelson noted that the Finance Committee will be addressing the document regarding KnowledgeOne included under Document US-2012-6-D5 and which was provided in response to a written question under item 8.1 of today's Agenda.

Further to questions regarding the apparent underutilization of reserve courses noted in the report, Prof. Chaikelson answered that reserve courses can be difficult to calculate and have sometimes been allocated to Faculties who do not need them. Provost Ostiguy added that the breakdown of the unused courses between Faculties is now known and that the next step is to review the allotments and look into reallocation where necessary.

4.4 Library Committee

4.5 Research Committee

These committees have not met since the last Senate meeting.

5. Committee appointments (Document US-2012-6-D3)

*R-2012-6-6 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Peluso, Chaikelson), it was unanimously resolved to approve the committee appointments outlined in Document US-2012-6-D3.*

6. Ad Hoc Committee on Bicameralism: Recommendations (Document US-2012-6-D4)

Prof. Nikolenyi summarized the context and process outlined in Document US-2012-6-D4 which led to these recommendations being presented to Senate, noting that the Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of members of Senate and the Board, was satisfied that the proposed changes achieve an acceptable form of bicameralism. It was confirmed that the Board's Governance and Ethics Committee as well as Steering Committee had reviewed and endorsed the proposal.

An amendment to the proposed motion was moved by Mr. Morrow and seconded by Mr. Walcott to include language to ensure that any future changes to articles 36 and 63 of the By-Laws would require ratification by both Senate and the Board. A discussion ensued, during which it was pointed out that this proposed amendment would not constitute an amendment to the motion but rather an amendment to the procedures to modify the By-Laws. However, the importance of creating a mechanism by which bicameralism is codified was recognized, and it was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the upcoming joint meeting of Steering Committee and the Executive Committee. Based on the foregoing, Messrs. Morrow and Walcott agreed to withdraw their amendment.

R-2012-6-7     *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Nikolenyi, Chaikelson), it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Bicameralism, Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the amendments to articles 36 and 63 of the By-Laws, as outlined in Document US-2012-6-D4.*

7.     Items for information

There were no items for information.

8.     Question period

Prof. Dyer wondered if the University had considered an alternative to the make-up date for the Monday Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Ostiguy responded that options need to be looked into.

8.1    Response to written question from Prof. Peluso (Document US-2012-6-D5)

Prof. Peluso thanked Mr. Kelley for his response, noting that ultimately the question was intended to determine whether the University is being served by KnowledgeOne and eConcordia. A discussion ensued during which it was pointed out that it would be difficult to physically accommodate students currently registered in online courses if eConcordia did not exist. However, it was agreed that online learning is an academic issue which needs to be looked into in the context of how to utilize resources in the delivery of academic programs.

Dr. Shepard asked Mr. Kelley to provide a follow-up at the next meeting to Prof. Segovia's questions regarding the payment of income taxes by KnowledgeOne in 2011 and 2012.

9.     Other business

Dr. Shepard said that, at the request of Steering Committee, Ms. Tessier was looking into different set-up options for the meeting room and invited Senators to provide their comments to her on today's set-up.

10. Next meeting

The President noted that the next meeting of Senate will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012, at 2 p.m., in Room EV 2.260.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Danielle Tessier  
Secretary of Senate