

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Friday, March 14, 2014,
immediately following the Closed Session
in the Norman D. Hébert, LL.D. Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Prof. M. O. Ahmad; Prof. A. Agarwal; Prof. A. Akgunduz; Mr. F. Al Hammoud; Dr. B.-A. Bacon; Me P. Blais; Prof. P. Caignon; Prof. S. Carliner; Prof. J. Chaikelson; Prof. S. Chlopan; Prof. J. Didur; Prof. D. Douglas; Prof. A. Dutkewych; Prof. L. Dyer; Prof. M. Frank; Prof. J. Garrido; Ms. J. Glavina; Prof. J. Grant; Dean S. Harvey; Prof. N. Ingram; Ms. K. Korola; Ms. W. Kraus-Heitmann; Mr. M. Kumar; Ms. M. Lemieux; Prof. G. Leonard; Dean B. Lewis; Dean J. Locke; Prof. C. Moore; Prof. D. Morris; Prof. C. Nikolenyi; Prof. H. Proppe; Prof. R. Reilly; Prof. J. Segovia; Prof. Y. Shayan; Prof. T. Stathopoulos; Mr. C. Tisshaw; Ms. K. Trowell; Dean C. Trueman; Mr. J. T. Vaccaro; Prof. M. L. Wholey; Dean C. Wild; Mr. T. Wilkings; Dean P. Wood-Adams

Non-voting members: Ms. J. Beaudoin; Mr. R. Côté; Me B. Freedman; Mr. P. Kelley; Ms. R. Marion; Ms. S. Sarik

Permanent observers: Dr. L. Ostiguy

ABSENT

Voting members: Dr. A. Shepard (*Chair*); Dr. G. Beaudry; Dr. G. Carr; Prof. R. Courtemanche; Prof. I. Dostaler; Mr. J. Fiset; Prof. C. Jackson; Ms. H. Nazar; Mr. M. Richardson; Mr. L. Sanscartier; Ms. M. Wheeler

Non-voting members: Mr. P. Beaugard

Permanent observers: Mr. G. Morrow

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Dr. Bacon. He was honored to chair Senate in the absence of Dr. Shepard who is currently traveling in Asia, mostly to do fundraising and friendraising and to build on academic and research partnerships.

Dr. Bacon also reminded Senators of the upcoming elections on April 7 and that the notices regarding class cancellations and the make-up day have been circulated to all faculty, students and staff.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

R-2014-3-4 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, 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 February 14, 2014

R-2014-3-5 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of February 14, 2014 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. Standing Committee reports

3.1 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (Document US-2014-3-D2)

There were no questions in connection with the above report.

3.2 Finance Committee

An oral report regarding the March 13, 2014 meeting will be provided during the discussion of items 6.2 and 6.3.

3.3 Library Committee (Document US-2014-3-D3)

There were no questions in connection with the above report.

3.4 Research Committee

The Committee have not met since the last Senate meeting.

4. Update on Academic Plan (Document US-2014-3-D4)

Dr. Bacon presented the highlights of his written report.

CONSENT

5. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2014-3-D5)

5.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science - Department of Economics (Document US-2014-3-D6)

R-2014-3-6 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts of Science outlined in Document US-2014-3-D6 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-3-D5.*

5.2 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science - Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (Document US-2014-3-D7)

R-2014-3-7 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science outlined in Document US-2014-3-D7 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-3-D5.*

5.3 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science – Department of History (Document US-2014-3-D10)

R-2014-3-8 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science outlined in Document US-2014-3-D10 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-3-D5.*

5.4 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business – Department of Accountancy (Document US-2014-3-D11)

R-2014-3-9 *The major graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business outlined in Document US-2014-3-D11 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-3-D5.*

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6. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2014-3-D5)

6.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes - Faculty of Fine Arts – Department of Theatre (Document US-2014-3-D8)

In response to a request for information regarding the consistency of credits and contact hours in the Faculty of Fine Arts which had been raised at previous Senate meetings, Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning Bolton said that she had been apprised of the issue and that data is currently being collected across all Faculties. This will be discussed at the last meeting of the Academic Programs Committee which typically deals with matters not directly related to curriculum with the hope of arriving at a resolution.

She specified that this issue does not affect the nature of the curriculum changes in the Department of Theatre which are mainly housekeeping changes unrelated to contact hours.

R-2014-3-10 *Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts outlined in Document US-2014-3-D8 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-3-D5.*

6.2 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science – Department of Journalism (Document US-2014-3-D9)

Prof. Brian Gabriel, Chair of the Department of Journalism, conveyed that the main objective of this new Graduate Diploma in Visual Journalism is to produce highly skilled and critically thinking graduates who seek a career in photojournalism or video journalism. The program will be an attractive addition to current journalism graduates but also to working journalists wishing to supplement their skills.

Prof. Chaikelson apprised Senate that the Finance Committee had met only yesterday and reminded Senators that the Committee reviews new programs strictly from a costing perspective. With respect to this program, the Committee considers that it will be sustainable over the long term but that the Fall 2014 implementation date might be overly optimistic to meet the projected enrolments. Prof. Gabriel agreed that May 2015 was more realistic and that the implementation date be changed accordingly.

In response to other comments from the Finance Committee, Prof. Gabriel noted that the Graduate Program Director will administer both programs (the current Graduate Diploma Program and the new Visual Journalism Program), and he hopes the Department will have permission to appoint a faculty internship coordinator to assist the program director in placing students in relevant internships. With respect to an increase in TA allotments, Prof. Gabriel said that the TAs are distributed throughout the Department's programs, and thus there is no need to increase the Department's current TA budget to hire additional TAs.

R-2014-3-11 *Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science outlined in Document US-2014-3-D9 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-3-D5, with a revised implementation date for May 2015.*

6.3 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business – Department of Supply Chain and Business Technology Management (Document US-2014-3-D12)

Prof. Ahmet Satir presented the highlights of the new Master of/Magisteriate in Supply Chain Management, an inter-disciplinary program using an applied research platform in an industrial setting to allow students to benefit from professional experience.

Prof. Chaikelson conveyed the Finance Committee's concern of the longer term cost for a smaller program. She also pointed out errors in the budget that overall cancel themselves out but which should be corrected before sending the program the Ministry.

In response to other Finance Committee comments, it was specified that JMSB works differently with respect to the distribution of its TAs and that the budget could be reduced. As for the requirement of a full-time project coordinator, Dean Harvey noted that this position is akin to a liaison officer. Up to 30 projects can be ongoing at any given time and this position is necessary to ensure that the quality of the relationships with the organizations is maintained.

R-2014-3-12 *Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved (Kumar requesting that his abstention be noted in the Minutes) that the major graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business outlined in Document US-2014-3-D12 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2014-3-D5.*

7. Question period

Prof. Chlopan expressed concerns regarding the credit courses offered in the School of Extended Learning and asked if there was a commitment to serve the needs of the students at risk and those registered in the business certificate. Dr. Bacon replied that the University is committed to ensure that the needs of all students are met. Dean Lewis added that the School is looking into how to enhance services to students.

With respect to the timeframe of the review of the School's mandate, Dr. Bacon said that it will be discussed by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee and then Senate before the end of the academic year.

8. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the meeting.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 25, 2014, at 2 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate