

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Friday, November 6, 2015, at 2 p.m.
in the Norman D. Hébert, LLD Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Anjali Agarwal; Ali Akgunduz; Amir Asif; Benoit-Antoine Bacon; Guylaine Beaudry; Patrice Blais; Stephen Brown; Philippe Caignon; Saul Carliner; Graham Carr; Mikaela Clark-Gardner; Kira Cormier; Richard Courtemanche; Frank Crooks; Ricardo Dal Farra; Effrosyni Diamantoudi; Jill Didur; David Douglas; Charles Drainin; Rebecca Duclos; Mariana Frank; Sandra Gabriele; Michael Giesbrecht; Vince Graziano; Steve Harvey; Norman Ingram; Danica Jojich; Rupinder Kaur; Lea Katsanis; Gordon Leonard; Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis; Marion Miller; David Morris; Nicholas Mouzourakis; Aloyse Muller; Monica Mulrennan; Alex Ocheoha; Virginia Penhune; Benjamin Prunty; Rosemary Reilly; André Roy; Yousef Shayan; Johanne Sloan; Harald Proppe; Ted Stathopoulos; Terry Wilkings

Non-voting members: Joanne Beaudoin; Philippe Beaugard; Roger Côté; Isabel Dunnigan; Bram Freedman; Rachel Marion, Sonia Trudel; Bradley Tucker

ABSENT

Voting members: Alan Shepard (*Chair*); Lana Galbraith; Khushboo Handa; Maidina Kadeer-Ozbek; Jithin Nair; Sofière Tahar; Paula Wood-Adams

Non-voting members: Lisa Ostiguy

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by the Provost who was chairing the meeting in the absence of the President.

1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

R-2015-7-1 *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 October 2, 2015

R-2015-7-2 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of October 2, 2015 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. Academic update (Document US-2015-7-D1)

As complementary information to his written academic update, the Provost reported the following:

- He underlined the wonderful Convocation ceremonies held on October 27.
- Professor Jean-Philippe Warren has been awarded the Governor General's Award in the category of French non-fiction for his biography of Honoré Beaugrand.
- The University continues to move up in several university rankings, both nationally and internationally.
- He spoke of a tour of English CEGEP directors around the campus, which focused on some of the University's key research facilities and the libraries, noting that the directors were very impressed by what is going on at Concordia.
- He thanked Steve Harvey who was attending his last Senate meeting.
- Open House will be held tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Following his remarks, Dr. Bacon responded to comments and questions.

4. Report of Standing Committees

4.1 Academic Planning and Priorities (Document US-2015-7-D2)

4.2 Research (Document US-2015-7-D3)

These reports are provided for information purposes.

CONSENT

5. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2015-7-D4)

5.1 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science

5.1.1 Département d'Études françaises (Document US-2015-7-D6)

5.1.2 Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Document US-2015-7-D7)

5.1.3 Department of Physics (Document US-2015-7-D8)

R-2015-7-3 *The undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2015-7-D6 to D8, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-7-D4.*

5.2 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science - Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (Document US-2015-7-D9)

R-2015-7-4 *The undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Document US-2015-7-D9, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-7-D4.*

5.3 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts

5.3.1 Fine Arts courses (Document US-2015-7-D10)

5.3.2 Department of Creative Arts Therapies (Document US-2015-7-D11)

5.3.3 Department of Design and Computation Arts (Document US-2015-7-D12)

5.3.4 Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema (Document US-2015-7-D13)

5.3.5 Department of Music (Document US-2015-7-D14)

R-2015-7-5 *The undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts, outlined in Documents US-2015-7-D10 to D14, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-7-D4.*

5.4 Undergraduate curriculum changes - Office of the Registrar – Section 16 calendar changes and section changes resulting from Section 16 calendar changes (Documents US-2015-7-D16 and D17)

R-2015-7-6 *The undergraduate curriculum changes outlined in Documents US-2015-7-D16 and D17 were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-7-D4.*

5.5 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts – Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema (Document US-2015-7-D18)

R-2015-7-7 *The graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts, outlined in Document US-2015-7-D18, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-7-D4.*

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6. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2015-7-D4)

6.1 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science - Department of Biology (Document US-2015-7-D5)

Associate Dean Paul Joyce apprised Senate that this new co-op program will provide students with a framework for gaining program-related work experience between academic terms and allow them to expand their educational experience beyond the

classroom. Graduates will benefit from experience to improve their employment opportunities and also receive hands-on experience which will prepare them should they decide to pursue graduate studies.

R-2015-7-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Document US-2015-7-D5, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-7-D4.*

6.2 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Certificate in Foundations for Business (Document US-2015-7-D15)

Associate Dean George Kanaan introduced this new non-degree program which will address the needs of independent students who wish to qualify for admission to the BComm or BAdmin programs. The proposed certificate will draw from existing courses and may also appeal to students whose preference is to follow a short program of study or who wish to update their knowledge or learn the foundations for business studies.

R-2015-7-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the undergraduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business, outlined in Document US-2015-7-D15, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-7-D4.*

7. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee recommendation: Policy on Audio and/or Video Recording of Lectures (PRVPAA-2) (Document US-2015-7-D19)

Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, Catherine Bolton, and Senior Legal Counsel, Melodie Sullivan, presented the background leading to the proposed policy.

The move towards lecture capture and the piloting of two software products have triggered questions about what professors can and cannot do. The intent of the policy is to provide support for professors and students alike. The proposed draft codifies the current practice at the University and is in line with the best practices adopted at other universities. The policy contains clear guidelines on how to proceed while allowing room for accommodation when warranted. It is not intended to penalize students. It was also specified that a new digital website containing information about digital learning, lecture capture, waiver forms, etc., has already been set up.

Dr. Bacon confirmed that this policy was reviewed by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee which is recommending its approval by Senate.

A discussion ensued, during which Dr. Bolton and Me Sullivan responded to questions of clarification, further to which it was agreed that the following text be added at the end of Article 8: “*such as the Code of Rights and Responsibilities and the Academic Code of Conduct*”. It was suggested that reference to the infringement of this policy be incorporated into either or both aforementioned Codes, as appropriate, during their next review.

It was also agreed to add the sub-heading “*Making of recordings*” before Article 1 under the *Students* heading and the sub-heading “*Use of recordings*” before Article 5.

R-2015-7-10 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, Senate approve the Policy on Audit and/or Video Recording of Lectures (PRVPAA-2), set out in Document US-2015-7-D19, as amended.*

8. Revisions to the membership of the Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Document US-2015-7-D20)

Dean Asif noted that the proposed membership, endorsed by the ENCS Council on October 30, had been revised to take into account the comments formulated at the September Senate meeting.

R-2015-7-11 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the membership of the Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, as outlined in Document US-2015-7-D20.*

9. Question period

In response to a concern raised by Dr. Akgunduz regarding deregistration of international students who do not have study permits, Mr. Tucker assured Senate that the International Students Office (ISO) is very proactive in assisting international students to the extent that it can. About 700 students have yet to deposit their immigration papers. The law dictates that the students must deal with government agencies directly. He added that this is an ongoing concern of ISO which is usually able to help almost all international students who find themselves in this situation.

Pursuant to Mr. Muller’s query regarding the rationale for changing the University’s logo on the website, Mr. Beauregard explained logo with the words universit /university was replaced with the one that says Concordia Montreal to improve the logo's visibility on the various desktop and mobile devices. However, following feedback, the original logo was returned to the desktop version while maintaining Concordia Montreal on mobile devices because the words universit /university are unreadable. Mr. Beauregard added that due to some technical glitches, the Concordia Montreal logo was returned to on all platforms but once fixed, we will go back the compromise: original logo on desktop and Concordia Montreal logo on mobile devices.

Responding to Mr. Ocheoha’s concern regarding the timeline of the mediation process for those students facing charges stemming from last Spring’s student strike, Dr. Bacon said all parties are hoping for a resolution and that mediation still remains the best avenue at this point.

10. Other business

Referring to joint statements emanating from students, faculty and senior administrators of Université Laval and more recently Université de Sherbrooke denouncing the damaging effects of austerity, Mr. Wilkings apprised Senate that the CSU favored this approach. The Provost indicated it would not be appropriate to entertain this subject in the absence of the President, adding that he was not sure that Senate was the best place to hold this debate. It was agreed that this topic be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting of Steering Committee to determine its outcome.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate