

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 2 p.m.
in the Norman D. Hébert, LLD Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Alan Shepard (*Chair*); Ali Akgunduz; Anjali Agarwal; Amir Asif; Benoit-Antoine Bacon; Guylaine Beaudry; Patrice Blais; Stéphane Brutus; Philippe Caignon; Saul Carliner; Graham Carr; Mikaela Clark-Gardner; Kira Cormier; Richard Courtemanche; Frank Crooks; Jenna Cucullo; Ricardo Dal Farra; Effrosyni Diamantoudi; Charles Draimin; Rebecca Duclos; Mariana Frank; Sandra Gabriele; Lana Galbraith; Vince Graziano; Khushboo Handa; Norman Ingram; Paul Joyce (*Acting on behalf of André Roy*); Maidina Kadeer-Ozbek; Gordon Leonard; Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis; Marion Miller; David Morris; Aloyse Muller; Monica Mulrennan; Alex Ocheoha; Jithin Nair; Virginia Penhune; Harald Proppe; Benjamin Prunty; Yousef Shayan; Johanne Sloan; Ted Stathopoulos; Sofiène Tahar; Terry Wilkings; Paula Wood-Adams

Non-voting members: Joanne Beaudoin; Philippe Beauregard; Isabel Dunnigan; Frederica Jacobs; Rachel Marion, Lisa Ostiguy; Bradley Tucker

ABSENT

Voting members: Stephen Brown; André Furlani; David Douglas; Eliza Griffiths; Lea Katsanis; Rosemary Reilly

Non-voting members: Roger Côté; Bram Freedman; Patrick Kelley

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

R-2016-3-1 *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 February 12, 2016

Following a request for more detailed Minutes in the future, Ms. Tessier replied that the Minutes are not a verbatim account of the meeting. Questions and answers are not usually noted nor reproduced with respect to items presented for information.

R-2016-3-2 Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of February 12, 2016 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

Prof. Shepard's remarks are summarized as follows:

- ⇒ He attended a luncheon today, during which the Premier announced that the upcoming provincial budget will include a general reinvestment in higher education over a period of three to four years.
- ⇒ Concordia alumni Suzy Lake (MFA) and William Vazan (BA) are among the eight Canadian artists named recipients of this year's Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts.
- ⇒ The searches for the CFO and the JMSB Dean are underway and progressing well.
- ⇒ The Provost search committee met on Wednesday. The advertisement was approved by the committee. A survey was sent to members of the Community for feedback to the search consultant.
- ⇒ He spoke of data from a study discussed during a conference held earlier this week on the future of liberal arts with respect to earnings of social sciences and humanities graduates. He asked Ms. Tessier to send the link to Senators.
- ⇒ Admissions Information Day was held on February 13, attracting over 2,200 visitors.
- ⇒ The second phase of the Webster Library Transformation project is complete, two months ahead of time and on budget.

4. Academic update (Document US-2016-3-D1)

The Provost provided the highlights of his written report and responded to questions.

5. Report of Standing Committees

5.1 Academic Planning and Priorities (Document US-2016-3-D2)

5.2 Library (Document US-2016-3-D3)

No questions were asked in connection with these reports.

CONSENT

6. Committee appointments (Document US-2016-3-D4)

R-2016-3-3 *That the committee appointments, outlined in Document US-2016-3-D4, be approved.*

7. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2016-3-D5)

7.1 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science

7.1.1 Department of Applied Human Sciences (Document US-2016-3-D6)

7.1.2 Science College (Document US-2016-3-D7)

7.1.3 Simone de Beauvoir Institute and Women’s Studies (Document US-2016-3-D8)

R-2016-3-4 *That the undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Document US-2016-3-D5, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Documents US-2016-3-D6 to D8.*

7.2 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science – Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering (Document US-2016-1-D9)

R-2016-3-5 *That the undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Document US-2016-3-D5, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2016-3-D9.*

7.3 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science

7.3.1 Department of English (Document US-2016-3-D11)

7.3.2 Department of Geography, Planning and Environment (Documents US-2016-3-D12 and D13)

7.3.3 Department of Journalism (Documents US-2016-3-D14 and D15)

7.3.4 Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Document US-2016-3-D16)

7.3.5 Department of Political Science (Document US-2016-3-D17)

R-2016-3-6 *That the graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Document US-2016-3-D5, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Documents US-2016-3-D11 to D17.*

7.4 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

7.4.1 Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (Documents US-2016-3-D18 and D19)

7.4.2 Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (Documents US-2016-3-D20 and D21)

R-2016-3-7 *That the graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Document US-2016-3-D5, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Documents US-2016-3-D18 to D21.*

8. Graduate calendar change – Academic Success and Integrity Module (ASIM) (Document US-2016-3-D23)

Graduate academic regulations are approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies and presented for Senate's information.

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9. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2016-3-D5)

- 9.1 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science – Centre for Engineering in Society (Document US-2016-3-D22)

Dean Wood-Adams apprised Senators that this new 15-credit graduate certificate features a nine-credit common core together with a six-credit supervised practicum.

The Chair of the Centre for Engineering in Society, Dr. Deborah Dysart-Gale, added that this program responds to the growing interest for innovation training. It will be the only program in North America which offers theoretical coursework together with a practicum component.

- R-2016-3-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Document US-2016-3-D5, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2016-3-D22.*

- 9.2 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science - Department of Communication Studies (Document US-2016-3-D10)

Dean Wood-Adams noted that the Department of Communication Studies has acquired the research strength, maturity and autonomy to offer an independently-administered PhD program. The University has been in close contact with the Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire (BCI) as well the Ministry. Associate Dean Paul Joyce specified that while no problems are foreseen at this point, the proposed changes are scheduled to take effect in the Fall 2017 term, providing sufficient time to overcome difficulties, should any arise.

Dr. Gabriele, Chair of the Department of Communication Studies, conveyed the minor changes also being proposed in concert with the main request to separate from the current partners, Université de Montréal and Université du Québec à Montréal and expressed the Department's confidence that the stand-alone program will allow greater control over learning outcomes.

- R-2016-3-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Document US-2016-*

3-D5, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2016-3-D10.

10. Annual from the Ombuds Office (Document US-2016-3-D24)

Associate Ombudsperson Julie Boncompain highlighted the statistics included in the 2014/2015 annual report. She provided a summary of the 2014/2015 recommendations and updated the Board on the progress of the implementation recommendations from previous annual reports. Following her update, Ms. Boncompain responded to comments and questions from Senators.

11. Question period

No questions were asked.

12. Other business

Mr. Prunty thanked CUPFA, one of the sponsors of the *Transform Montreal: Disrupt and Democratize our Economy* conference. He urged Senators to attend this social and solidarity entrepreneurship conference which is being held in Montreal on March 19 and 20. Ms. Tessier will send the conference link to Senators.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate