



# SENATE ANNUAL REPORT

2013–2014

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the annual report of Concordia University's Senate for 2013/2014. In keeping with the motion adopted by Senate at its [December 9, 2011 meeting](#), the report provides information on the role and operations of Senate for the academic year.

I thank all members of Senate, including those whose term ended in 2013/2014, for their hard work during the year.

The 2013/2014 academic year was a great one for our University. With Concordians winning everything from Olympic gold medals, an Oscar and an Emmy to a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Prix du Québec and a Governor General's Award, our community had many reasons to celebrate.

Our strength comes from our people, the bonds between us, and our commitment to Concordia. Together, we are solidifying Concordia's reputation as a place that is changing lives and helping the next generation improve our society.



Alan Shepard

## MANDATE

Senate is responsible for the academic governance of the University, including matters related to research, faculties, departments, libraries, programs and courses, academic standards, regulations, policies and procedures, and the granting of degrees, diplomas and certificates (excluding honorary degrees). The functions and powers of Senate are listed in [Section 13](#) of the By-Laws.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

The work of Senate is supported by its nine standing committees which regularly report to Senate and bring forward recommendations as required. A full description of each committee's composition and mandate is included in the [Membership and Functions of Senate Standing Committees](#).

### STEERING COMMITTEE

Reviews Senate Agendas and ensures that the documentation forwarded to Senate is appropriate and in a form permitting effective debate.

### ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE (APPC)

Studies and evaluates the implications of all proposals regarding academic development and priorities, supports the academic planning function of the University and makes reports and recommendations to Senate on academic planning and academic priorities.

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (APC)**

Coordinates and makes recommendations to Senate regarding credit and non-credit curricula programs and undergraduate academic regulations.

## **RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Studies and makes recommendations to Senate concerning the development, administration, guidelines and policies regarding research and the support thereof.

## **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Acts as an advisory body to the University Librarian and Senate in connection with library objectives, policies, and budget and the development of its services and collections.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Analyzes the relevant operating and capital budgets to inform the Senate discussion thereof.

## **SPECIAL GRADUATION AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Solicits and reviews nominations and recommends recipients to Senate for the eight special graduation awards.

## **DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR EMERITUS COMMITTEE**

Assesses and reviews nominations and recommends to Senate the awarding of the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

## **ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Oversees and enforces the application of the Code of Ethics and Conduct Applicable to Members of Senate and Members of Committees Established by Senate.

# **MEETINGS**

An informal meeting was held on September 20, 2013 to welcome and orient new members as well as discuss the opportunities and challenges which lied ahead.

Eight regular meetings of Senate were held during the 2013/2014 academic year:

October 4, 2013	February 14, 2014
November 1, 2013	March 14, 2014
December 6, 2013	April 25, 2014
January 7, 2014	May 16, 2014

The summary and highlights of the main topics discussed during the year are summarized hereinafter. The full details are included in the [Minutes](#) which are posted on the Senate website.

## MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE

Following the creation of the position of Deputy Provost in the summer, Senate agreed that the Deputy Provost be granted status of permanent observer for the year and recommended that the position be permanently enshrined into article 61 of the By-Laws as a non-voting member of Senate. Those changes were approved by the Board and ratified by the Corporation in May 2014.

## CHARTER OF VALUES

Following the introduction by the Quebec government in the fall 2013 of a proposed Charter of Secular Values, at its December meeting Senate discussed the tenor of a proposed response and agreed on a process to delegate to Steering Committee, in conjunction with the Board's Executive Committee, the task of approving the final wording of a joint Senate/Board statement affirming its disagreement with some key elements of the Charter.

## ACADEMIC PLAN

In keeping with the commitment to provide regular reports and presentations to Senate throughout the year in connection with the implementation of the [Academic Plan](#), the Provost provided written reports and also summarized these reports orally at each Senate meeting.

At the May 2014 meeting a year-end summary of the reports provided during the year was presented, including updates on the status of over 20 initiatives currently underway.

## STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Input was also sought from Senators on their expectations regarding the upcoming planning exercise and the eventual merger of the Academic Plan with the Strategic Framework which expires in 2014.

## RESEARCH

- In October 2013, a comprehensive review of the research chairs policy established in 2010 was conducted to address operational problems. Following extensive consultation, Senate considered and approved revisions to the [Policy on Research Chairs \(Policy VPRGS-7\)](#).
- Recognizing the increasing importance of the role that research centres play in the University, in January 2014, following a university-wide review, Senate approved modifications to the [Policy on Research Units and Infrastructure Platform \(Policy VPRGS-8\)](#).

## NEW CURRICULA

While Senate approved numerous undergraduate curriculum changes and regulations as well as numerous graduate curriculum changes throughout the year, of special note is the approval of the following new programs and certificates:

- Bachelor of /Baccalaureate in Engineering in Aerospace Engineering: meets the needs of the Quebec aerospace industry which has hired over 800 engineers this past year as well as the large number of students interested in this field of study.

- Bachelor of /Baccalaureate in Arts - Major in Interdisciplinary Studies in Sexuality: aims to foster students' understanding of the role of human sexuality and behaviour as well as providing a strong preparation for various careers and academic programs.
- Graduate Diploma in Visual Journalism: proposes an applied program with the central purpose of producing highly skilled and critically thinking graduates who seek a career in photojournalism or video journalism.
- Master of/Magisteriate in Supply Chain Management: aims to expose students to the trans-disciplinary nature of Supply Chain Management field using an applied research platform.
- Certificate in Science Foundations: provides a solid foundation in traditional sciences and allows students to develop a necessary background for further study in undergraduate degree programs in science.
- Certificate in Science and Technology: serves the needs of independent students who wish to qualify for admission to an engineering or computer science degree program.

### **SCHOOL OF EXTENDED LEARNING**

At its April meeting, Senate approved a revised mandate that will focus the School's activities on continuing education and non-credit language instruction. The academic functions (e.g. advising of mature and independent students) currently covered by the School will be transferred to the Faculties. Once approved by the Board, it will take about one year to implement the changes and modifications which result from the revised mandate.

### **LIBRARY**

Given the central part of the library in academic life, the evolving landscape from print to digital culture and the scope of the project, a detailed presentation was given by the Interim University Librarian and the Vice-President, Services.

Following concerns expressed by the student body regarding the dismantling of some federal libraries, the University Librarian provided a report on the Expert Panel of the Royal Society of Canada on the status and future of libraries and archives.

# MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Senate for the 2013/2014 included:

## VOTING MEMBERS

### EX-OFFICIO

Alan Shepard  
President and Vice-Chancellor

Benoit-Antoine Bacon  
Provost and Vice-President,  
Academic Affairs

Graham Carr  
Vice-President,  
Research and Graduate Studies

Joanne Locke  
Interim Dean,  
Faculty of Arts & Science

Christopher Trueman  
Interim Dean, Faculty of  
Engineering & Computer  
Science

Catherine Wild  
Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts

Steve Harvey  
Dean,  
John Molson School of Business

Paula Wood-Adams  
Dean, School of  
Graduate Studies

Brian Lewis  
Dean,  
School of Extended Learning

Guyline Beaudry  
University Librarian

### FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Patrice Blais

Philippe Caignon

Saul Carliner

June Chaikelson

Richard Courtemanche

Jill Didur

Marcie Frank

José Garrido

James Grant

Norman Ingram

David Morris

Csaba Nikolenyi

Harald Proppe

Rosemary Reilly

### FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Angali Agarwal

Ali Akgunduz

M. Omair Ahmad

Yousef Shayan

Ted Stathopoulos

### FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

David Douglas

Andrew Dutkewych

Christopher Jackson

Christopher Moore

### JOHN MOLSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Isabelle Dostaler

Linda Dyer

Gordon Leonard

Juan Segovia

### SCHOOL OF EXTENDED LEARNING

Scott Chlopan

Mary Lee Wholey

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Jessica Glavina

Katerina Korola

Wendy Kraus-Heitmann

Melissa Lemieux

Melissa Payette

Michael Richardson

Loic Sanscartier

Cameron Tisshaw

Keena Trowell

James Taylor Vaccaro

Melissa Wheeler

Terry Wilkings

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

Firas Al Hammoud

John Fiset

Mohit Kumar

Holly Nazar

## NON-VOTING MEMBERS

### EX-OFFICIO

Philippe Beaugard, Chief  
Communications Officer

Roger Côté, Vice-President,  
Services

Bram Freedman, Vice-President,  
Development and External  
Relations, and Secretary-  
General

Patrick Kelley, Chief Financial  
Officer

Stephanie Sarik, Interim  
University Registrar

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

Joanne Beaudoin

Rachel Marion

## PERMANENT OBSERVERS

Gene Morrow

Lisa Ostiguy

## SECRETARY OF SENATE

Danielle Tessier

