

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held on Wednesday, November 15, 2000, immediately following the Closed Session,
in Room AD-307, Loyola Campus

Attendance

Present: Mrs. Lillian Vineberg, *Chairwoman*, Dr. Steven Appelbaum, Ms. Barbara Barclay, Ms. Joanne Beaudoin, Mr. Alain Benedetti, Dr. June Chaikelson, Mr. Mario Ciaramicoli, Me Rita de Santis, Mrs. Marianne Donaldson, Mr. Brian Edwards, Mr. Rob Green, Mr. Peter Kruyt, Ms. Christine Lengvari, Dr. Frederick Lowy, *Rector and Vice-Chancellor*, Sister Eileen McIlwaine Ph.D., Mr. Alex G. Potter, Mr. Richard Renaud, *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. Rabih Sebaaly, Ms. Sabrina Stea, Mr. Ivan Velan, Mr. Jonathan Wener

Officers of the University: Prof. Marcel Danis, Mr. Larry English, Dr. Jack Lightstone

Observer: Me Pierre Frégeau

Absent: Dr. William Byers, Mr. Alex Carpini, Mr. Charles G. Cavell, Dr. Terrill Fancott, Ms. Nicole Fauré, Mr. Leo Goldfarb, Mr. Ned Goodman, Mr. George Hanna, Mr. Peter Howlett, Dr. Christine Jourdan, Mr. Paul Kefalas, Mr. Ronald Lawless, Dr. Loren Lerner, Mrs. Hazel Mah, Mr. Eric Molson, *Chancellor*, Mr. John Parisella, *Vice-Chairman*, Mrs. Miriam Roland, Ms. Nisha Sajjani, Mrs. Marianna Simeone

Guests: Mr. John Economides, Dr. Leonard Ellen, Dr. Henry Habib, Mr. Donald McNaughton, Mr. Claude Taylor (Governors Emeriti); Me Bram Freedman (Assistant Secretary-General and General Counsel), Mr. Garry Milton (Executive Director, Rector's Cabinet)

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

BG-2000-9-D5	Financial Statements for the year ended on May 31, 2000
BG-2000-9-D5.1	Summary of the <i>Rapport financier annuel</i> for the year ended May 31, 2000
BG-2000-9-D5.2	<i>Etat du traitement</i> (Statement of salaries)
BG-2000-9-D6	Letter from the Faculty of Fine Arts regarding the election of a faculty representative
BG-2000-9-D7	Letter from Electoral College regarding the election of a representative to the Benefits Committee
BG-2000-9-D8	Recommendation of Senate regarding the composition of the Fine Arts Faculty Council
BG-2000-9-D9	Agreement with COPIBEC
BG-2000-9-D10	Memo regarding the performance contract

1. **Call to Order**

The Open Session was called to order at 8:50 p.m.

1.1 **Chairwoman's remarks**

The Chairwoman congratulated Mr. Mario Ciaramicoli who, together with David-John Palazzo, won third place at the Western Canadian Robot Games in June 2000.

Mrs. Vineberg welcomed *Governors Emeriti* John Economides, Leonard Ellen, Henry Habib, Donald McNaughton and Claude Taylor.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous meeting (October 18, 2000)

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Appelbaum, Edwards), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-83 *THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the previous regular meeting of the Board, held on October 18, 2000, be approved.*

2. Business arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Presentation

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed to defer Mr. Renaud's presentation on the building fund campaign to the next meeting.

4. Approval of recommendations of the Audit Committee

4.1 Approval of the Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2000

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Benedetti, Sebaaly), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-84 *THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2000, reported on by Concordia's external auditors Samson, Bélair, Deloitte Touche, and as outlined in Board Document BG-2000-9-D5, be approved; and*

THAT any two members of the Board of Governors be designated to sign the Financial Statements on behalf of the University.

4.2 Approval of the Rapport financier annuel for the year ended May 31, 2000

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Benedetti, Sebaaly), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-85 *THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the "Rapport financier annuel" of Concordia University for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2000, as summarized in Board Document BG-2000-9-D5.1, be approved;*

THAT the Chair of the Board of Governors, Mrs. Lillian Vineberg, and the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Frederick Lowy, be designated to sign the "Rapport financier annuel" on behalf of the University; and

THAT the University be authorized to submit the said "Rapport" to the Ministry of Education of Québec.

4.3 Approval of the Etat du Traitement (Statement of salaries) of senior administrators

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Benedetti, Sebaaly), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-86 THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the État du Traitement (Statement of Salaries) set out in Board Document BG-2000-9-D5.2 be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education of Québec.

4.4 Approval of the projected audit fees for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2000

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Benedetti, Sebaaly), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-87 THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the audit fees for the fiscal year ending on May 31, 2000 be approved and that payment of said fees be authorized.

4.5 Appointment of external auditors for the fiscal year beginning on June 1, 2000 and ending on May 31, 2001

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Benedetti, Sebaaly), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-88 THAT, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, Samson, Bélair, Deloitte Touche be reappointed as the University's external auditors for the fiscal year ending on May 31, 2001.

5. Election of a representative of the Faculty of Fine Arts to the Corporation of Concordia University

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Beaudoin), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-89 THAT Prof. Loren Lerner be elected as a representative of Faculty of Fine Arts to the Corporation of Concordia University, for the period beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2001.

6. Election of an administrative and support staff representative to the Benefits Committee

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Beaudoin, McIlwaine), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-90 *THAT, on the recommendation of the Electoral College, Mr. René Lalonde be elected a member of the Benefits Committee for the period beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2001.*

7. **Composition of the Fine Arts Faculty Council**

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Chaikelson), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-91 *THAT, on the recommendation of Senate, the composition of the Fine Arts Faculty Council be revised as set out in Board Document BG-2000-9-D8; and*

THAT Official Document A-32, Membership and Powers of the Faculty Councils and the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, be amended to incorporate this change.

8. **Agreement with COPIBEC**

Me Frégeau inquired if students will be paying more for their course material as a result of this agreement, to which Me Freedman answered “yes” since COPIBEC fees have increased.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, McIlwaine), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-92 *WHEREAS Concordia University recognizes the importance of respecting copyright and wishes to ensure that its operations are carried out in compliance with the provisions of the Copyright Act; and*

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Quebec universities, CREPUQ has negotiated and concluded with COPIBEC a second renewal of a general licensing agreement to structure and facilitate the copying of published works for educational purposes; THAT the Board of Governors authorize the University to enter into the aforesaid licensing agreement with COPIBEC, as fully set out in Document BG-2000-9-D9;

THAT the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Frederick H. Lowy, be authorized to sign, for and on behalf of the University, the said agreement and any document pertaining thereto; and

THAT the Assistant Secretary-General and General Counsel be mandated to take the necessary steps to ensure the full implementation of the said agreement within the University community.

9. **Performance contract update**

Dr. Lightstone commented briefly on the performance contract update memo which had been forwarded to the Governors.

10. **Use of Concordia name**

Mrs. Vineberg explained that further to concerns raised by certain Governors following the October Board meeting, it would be advisable to set up an ad hoc committee, whose

mandate would be to determine criteria regarding the authorization of the use of the “Concordia” name.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Potter, Beaudoin), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R2000-93 *THAT the Ad Hoc Concordia Use of Name Committee of the Board of Governors be established, whose mandate is to determine specific criteria and make recommendations to the Board of Governors regarding the authorization of the use of the “Concordia” name;*

THAT Mrs. Marianne Donaldson, Dr. Christine Jourdan, Mr. Alex G. Potter and Ms. Nisha Sajjani be appointed members of the Committee;

THAT Mrs. Marianne Donaldson be appointed Chairwoman of the Committee; and

THAT the Committee report to the Board of Governors no later than at its March 21, 2001 meeting.

11. Report of the Standing Committees

11.1 Benefits and Pension Committee (November 8, 2000)

The Chair of the Committee being absent, there was nothing to report.

11.2 University Advancement Committee (August 28 and October 19, 2000)

Mr. Richard Renaud, Chair of the University Advancement Committee, reported on the meetings held on August 28 and October 19, 2000. Copy of his extensive notes were handed over to the Secretary of the Board for filing into the record of the meeting.

Mr. Renaud’s report included the following:

- the unveiling, early in 2001, of a monument to recognize donors to the *Campaign for a New Millenium*. There will be a monument on both campuses;
- the total held by the Foundation as at May 31, 2000 was \$56.7 million with an additional \$37.8 million still to be collected in campaign pledges;
- the Annual Giving Campaign, chaired by Peter Kruyt, met and exceeded its goal of \$1.2 million; and
- the two other major areas for which support will be sought over the next year include: funding for the Athletic complex and Jesuit Residence at Loyola, in addition to the Building Fund; and, faculty program specific projects and student awards.

Mr. Renaud also gave some details concerning the Homecoming, held from September 21 to 24, a new information system for various fund raising programs and a presentation by Roger Côté and Dean Claude Bédard on the University’s ability to provide financial support to students.

12. Report of the Rector

Dr. Lowy informed Governors about the ongoing tensions between the Palestinian and Jewish student groups. Some acrimonious encounters have been reported, leaving certain students feeling intimidated.

Dean of Students Donald Boisvert and Advisor on Rights and Responsibilities Sally Spilhaus have made special efforts to bring all sides together through various meetings. The University will issue a release tomorrow stating that Concordia respects free speech in a civil fashion, recognizes and upholds the right of peaceful assembly but will not tolerate any form of harassment, threats of violence or violence, and that any such action will be dealt with. Every measure will be taken so that students can conduct their activities without disruption.

Dr. Lowy added that the CSU has called an assembly to debate a motion with respect to this matter. The University will ensure that there is appropriate security. Concerning this assembly, Me Freedman had just received information that the holding of the assembly will be delayed because a number of students have challenged its validity.

13. Reports of the Vice-Rectors

13.1 Provost and Vice-Rector, Research

Due to the lateness of the hour, Dr. Jack Lightstone waived his report.

13.2 Vice-Rector, Services

Mr. Di Grappa was absent.

13.3 Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations, and Secretary-General

Due to the lateness of the hour, Prof. Danis waived his report.

13.4 Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Larry English was very pleased to report that from the financial standpoint, this has been a great year, Concordia having a surplus of \$2.3 million. Mr. English gave the figures of the other Quebec universities, many of which have recorded a deficit.

14. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to come before the meeting.

15. Question period

No questions were raised.

16. Any other business

In closing, Mrs. Vineberg apprised Governors of the beautiful graduation ceremony held last week at the Molson Center, at which time over 500 students graduated and honorary doctorates were awarded to Mr. John Roth, President and Chief Executive Officer of Nortel Networks Corporation, and Mr. Giancarlo Elia Valori, Chairman of Autostrade S.P.A.

17. Date of next meeting

The Chairwoman announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors would be held at 8 a.m., on Wednesday, December 13, 2000, in Room GM-407-1.

18. Adjournment

The Open Session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by Danielle Tessier, Secretary of the Board of Governors and Senate, for approval by the Board at its meeting of December 13, 2000