

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Held on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 4 p.m.  
in Room GM 410 (Board of Governors Meeting Room)  
located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Guy-Metro Building,  
1550 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West  
on the SGW Campus

**PRESENT**

Governors: Norman Hébert jr., *Chair*, Helen Antoniou, Françoise Bertrand, *Vice-Chair*, Jeff Bicher, Patrice Blais, Antoinette Bozac (*via telephone*), Ken Brooks, William Bukowski, Jarrett Carty, Gina P. Cody (*via telephone*), Daniel Cross, Adriana Embiricos, Sophie Hough-Martin, Tony Loffreda (*via telephone*), Frédérica Martin, Michael Novak, Georges Paulez, Alan Shepard, *President and Vice-Chancellor*, Ted Stathopoulos

Non-voting observer: Jonathan Wener, *Chancellor*

Also attending: Philippe Beauregard, Sylvie Bourassa, Graham Carr, William Cheaib, Paul Chesser, Denis Cossette, Roger Côté, Frederica Jacobs, Lisa Ostiguy, Anne Whitelaw

**ABSENT**

Governors: Stéphane Brutus, Rana Ghorayeb, Chaim Kuhnreich, Kim Thuy Ly Thanh, Philippe Pourreaux, Suzanne Sauvage

Alternate Governor: Eunbyul Park

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Hébert called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1.1 **Adoption of the Agenda**

Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2019-5-4 *That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.*

**CONSENT**

2. Adoption of May 28, 2019 Minutes

R-2019-5-5 *That the Minutes of the meeting of the Open Session of May 28, 2019 be approved.*

3. Memberships of Advisory Search Committees (Document BG-2019-5-D2)

This document is provided for information.

4. Amendments to Policy on Contract Review, Signing and Required Approvals (BD-1)  
(Document BG-2019-5-D3)

R-2019-5-6 *That the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Policy on Contract Review, Signing and Required Approvals (BD-1), as outlined in Document BG-2019-5-D3.*

5. Sundry fees report (Document BG-2019-5-D4)

This report is submitted for information.

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6. Business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda

There was no business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda.

7. President's report (Document BG-2019-5-D5)

Prof. Shepard indicated that following the death of an employee a few years ago, he had made several personal interventions to the City to improve pedestrian safety. Concordia enlisted a retired SPVM officer to observe and identify pedestrian and traffic concerns on the SGW Campus. The President referred to the appendix to his written report, which outline the recommendations for safeguards for improving areas where foot traffic, cyclists and vehicles intersect. He will have the report translated and forwarded to the Mayor.

The President noted that over 6,600 students recently graduated and specified that a great number of them crossed the stage to receive their diploma at last week's convocation ceremonies.

He concluded by thanking the Chancellor, the Board of Governors and his wonderful leadership team for their support, and in particular, Mr. Hébert, who is a great Board Chair, advisor, leader and teammate.

8. Presentation on Summer@Concordia (Document BG-2019-5-D6)

Dr. Whitelaw noted that while for many universities across Canada, summer is a quiet time, Concordia is doing things differently, by making better use of its outstanding facilities, giving access to its residence space and opening up the University to the public.

During the course of her presentation, she apprised the Board of some of the exciting programs and activities put in place since 2018 under the banner of *Summer @Concordia* to make our campus as vibrant in the summer as in fall and winter, including:

- All faculties offering a mix of undergraduate and graduates courses as well as online and continuing education courses during both summer terms. These include special intensive weeklong graduate seminars that constitute deep dives into specific subjects and which attract a significant international student population and strengthen Concordia's research ties with universities around the globe.
- Taking advantage of Montreal's numerous cultural attractions and festivities during the summer, Concordia also offers a range of professional development and executive education activities that align with our lifelong learning goals. She explained that that new this year, the Academic Leadership Institute is launching a program to provide best practices for academic leaders – an area that is ripe for development. Led by the Vice-Provost for Faculty Development and Inclusion, the institute has garnered great interest from emerging leaders across the country – to the point where there are plans to welcome a second cohort in August.
- Our Field Schools are opportunities for us to bring the world to Concordia but also to bring Concordia to the world, by taking our students to Japan, Prague, Columbia and Iceland for innovative and intensive learning experiences.
- Youth and children's programs are another area where Concordia can showcase its strengths by offering summer camps across a range of subject areas to youth from 6 to 16, such as the JMSB Young CEO program and the very popular GIRLset and the Loyola sports camps.
- Areas to continue developing are academic and professional conferences as well as festivals and events. This year Concordia will host for the second time, the École d'été of the Institut du Nouveau Monde at the end of August. As it is every year, Concordia is also the main venue for the Fantasia film festival a testament to our strong cinema program and the quality of our facilities. We are fortunate to be able to host visitors from outside Montreal in the historic Grey Nuns, one of the most attractive and affordable accommodations in the heart of downtown Montreal.

Dr. Whitelaw concluded her presentation by noting that the scope for expansion is wide and identifying the three priorities over the next year for launch in 2020 as follows:

- 1) Expand the number and range of intensive international graduate summer schools to all Faculties so that Concordia fully inhabits its status as the home for innovative, interdisciplinary research year-round.
- 2) Expand the number and range of professional development courses during the summer months, to align more strategically with the numerous summer festivals and events taking place in Montreal; and
- 3) Expand on the almost unlimited potential for growth in summer camps.

9. Other business

Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2019-5-7     *That the Board of Governors express its deep and sincere appreciation to Alan Shepard for his leadership, dedication and outstanding contributions to Concordia University during his tenure as President and Vice-Chancellor.*

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.



Danielle Tessier  
Secretary of the Board of Governors