



US-2004-5

UNIVERSITY SENATE

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF MAY 21, 2004

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Dr. J. W. O'Brien (Speaker); Dr. F. Lowy; Prof. M. Danis; Mr. M. Di Grappa; Mr. L. English; Dr. J. Lightstone; Ms. A. Beck; Prof. W. Bukowski; Prof. T. Byrnes; Mr. W. Curran; Prof. M. Doyle; Dean N. Esmail; Prof. J. Grant; Mr. B. Hamideh, Prof. A.M. Hanna; Ms. L. Healey; Ms. V. Hoang; Prof. E. Jacobs; Mr. K. Khilkevitch; Mr. R. Luppicini; Prof. C. MacKenzie; Mr. A. McAusland; Prof. D. Morin; Dr. R. J. Oppenheimer; Dean E. Sacca; Mr. M. Schulz; Dean M. Singer; Prof. P. Thornton; Dean J. Tomberlin; Prof. R. Tremblay; Prof. C. Trueman; Prof. C. Vallejo; Prof. D. Vivian; Dr. T. Vo-Van

ABSENT: Dr. C. Bertrand; Me Suzanne Birks; Ms. K. Childs; Prof. A. Dutkewych; Prof. V. S. Hoa; Dean C. Jackson; Mr. D. O'Driscoll; Prof. D. Peltier-Rivest; Ms. N. Pomerleau; Prof. C. Ross; Prof. H. Shulman; Mr. A. Spiro; Mr. L. Tsang

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. O'Brien at 2:21 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

R-2004-5-6 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Hanna), it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda be approved, as submitted.*

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of May 7, 2004

R-2004-5-7 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Singer, Hamideh), it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of May 7, 2004 be approved, subject to a correction to the attendance.*

4. Business arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Report from the Academic Programs Committee (Document US-2004-5-D4)

5.1 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2004-5-D5 and D6)

R-2004-5-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Hamideh), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science set out in Documents US-2004-5-D5 and D6 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2004-5-D4.*

Dean Singer pointed out that the approval of the doctoral program in Political Science was a historic moment. He related how in six years, under the leadership of Dr. Reeta Tremblay, the department went from almost closing to being one the three largest and best political science departments in Canada. This proposal is the culmination of all the work and effort put into rebuilding the department.

While recognizing this accomplishment, GSA representative Rocci Luppicini referred to a recent study conducted by Dr. Martha Crago that showed graduate students were dropping out of their programs due to institutional factors. He enquired if Concordia had any statistics in this area. A discussion ensued, further to which the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Sacca, agreed to compile the data and submit a report to Senate Steering Committee at a later date.

5.2 Major graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Documents US-2004-5-D7 and D8)

R-2004-5-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Esmail), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science set out in Documents US-2004-5-D7 and D8 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2004-5-D4.*

5.3 Major graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business (Documents US-2004-5-D9 to D12)

R-2004-5-10 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Sacca, Morin), it was unanimously resolved that the major graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business set out in Documents US-2004-5-D9 to D12 (revised), be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2004-5-D4.*

5.4 Minor graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Document US-2004-5-D13)

Minor graduate curriculum changes are submitted for information purposes only.

5.5 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Documents US-2004-5-D14 to D21)

R-2004-5-11 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Singer, Beck), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science set out in Documents US-2004-5-D14 to D21 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2004-5-D4.*

5.6 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science (Document US-2004-5-D22)

R-2004-5-12 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Esmail, Hanna), it was unanimously resolved that the major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science set out in Document US-2004-5-D22 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2004-5-D4.*

5.7 Minor undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science (Document US-2004-5-D23 and D24)

Minor undergraduate curriculum changes are submitted for information purposes only.

6. Proposal for independent departmental status for the Creative Arts Therapies program (Document US-2004-5-D25)

R-2004 -5-13 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lightstone, MacKenzie), it was unanimously resolved that, upon recommendation of the Fine Arts Faculty Council, Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve the establishment of the Department of Creative Arts Therapies and the renaming of the Department of Art Education and Art Therapy to the Department of Art Education, as detailed in Document US-2004-5-D25.*

7. Proposal for a revised Senate membership (Document US-2004-5-D26)

Dr. Lightstone felt that Steering Committee's proposal was in line with the general views expressed by Senators at the April 2 meeting with respect to the overall size of Senate, maintaining the same proportionality of representation of faculty members and the additional representation of part-time faculty members and graduate student representatives.

Thus, under the proposal, one full-time faculty seat would be added to each of Arts and Science and Fine Arts while one part-time faculty seat would be added to each of the John Molson School of Business and Engineering and Computer Science. Graduate students would gain two seats while undergraduate students would gain one seat. Finally, the Vice-Rector, Services, currently a non-voting member, would become a voting member of Senate. Dr. Lightstone conveyed Steering Committee's view that the part-time faculty members should be appointed by their Faculty Councils in the same manner as their full-time counterparts. However, since part-time faculty members are currently elected by CUPFA, an adjustment to the collective agreement would be required to enable the implementation of this proposal. Until that time, Dr. Lightstone opined that an approval in principle should be sought. Prof. Peluso, who was granted speaking privileges, indicated that the logistics to fulfil this requirement could be worked out.

A discussion ensued, further to which Ms. Beck, seconded by Ms. Hoang, moved that the Vice-Rector, Services be removed as a voting member and that another additional

undergraduate student be added to the proposal. This motion was defeated with a majority, further to which the following motion was adopted:

R-2004-5-14 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lightstone, Singer), it was resolved with a majority that, upon the recommendation of Senate Steering Committee, Senate approve in principle a revised membership of Senate, as stipulated in Document US-2004-5-D26.

Dr. Lowy mentioned that in the Fall a follow-up will be made with CUPFA, further to which a formal motion for a revised composition will be presented to Senate and to the Board of Governors.

8. Remarks from the Rector

Dr. Lowy announced that the Board of Governors, at its May meeting, had appointed Dr. June Chaikelson as Interim Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, for a period of one year or until such time as a permanent successor will have been named.

The Rector then expressed his gratitude to Dr. Jack Lightstone, attending his last Senate meeting in his capacity as Provost, for his valued contribution to Senate during the last ten years. Dr. Lowy pointed out his exceptional leadership in the academic sector, and more particularly, his instrumental role in the academic planning process.

9. Items for information

Dr. Truong Vo-Van, the Vice-Provost, Research, informed Senate that the SSHRC consultation report, posted on the University website, has been forwarded to SSHRC. He gave an overview of the new research funding for the year and specified that over 400 grant applications have been submitted. Despite some setbacks, the University has experienced a good success rate, with an overall new funding totaling \$30.8 million. Dr. Vo-Van concluded by announcing the appointment of eight new Canada Research Chairs.

10. Question period

In response to a query by Dr. Tremblay concerning a 15% reduction in grants by the FQRSC, Dr. Lightstone explained that Quebec granting agencies are in a difficult situation. Their budgets have been reduced for the past several years, although applications have skyrocketed in some areas, such as nouveaux chercheurs-créateurs. Unless the money allotted for previously approved grants is reduced, new grantees would suffer. Consequently, the only equitable solution is to reduce commitments made to previous year grantees in order to allow new applicants to obtain their fair share.

11. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the Open Session.

12. Election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Senate

Dr. O'Brien left the meeting, and Dr. Lowy took over as Speaker. The latter confirmed that a call for nominations for a Speaker of Senate had been issued; however, no nominations were received. Steering Steering Committee has nominated the incumbent, Dr. John O'Brien, who has graciously accepted to continue to serve as Speaker for the next academic year.

R-2003-5-15 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Lowy, Singer), it was unanimously resolved that Dr. John O'Brien be acclaimed Speaker of Senate for the 2004-2005 academic year; and*

That Senate express its appreciation to Dr. O'Brien for his masterful chairmanship of Senate during the past year as well as his willingness to continue as Speaker.

Dr. Lowy apprised Senate that a call for nominations had also been issued for a Deputy Speaker of Senate, further to which Mr. Mike Shultz and Dr. R.O. Wills had been nominated in accordance with the general nominations procedures set out in the Enabling Legislation. Pursuant to a vote by secret ballot, distributed to all voting members of Senate as well as those persons eligible to vote in accordance with the voting procedures, Dr. R.O. Wills was elected Deputy Speaker of Senate for the 2004-2005 academic year.

13. Next meeting

The next meeting of Senate will be held on Friday, September 10, 2004, at 2 p.m.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate