

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

Held on Friday, October 4, 2013,
immediately following the Closed Session
in the Norman D. Hébert, LL.D. Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Dr. A. Shepard (*Chair*); Prof. M. Omair Ahmad; Prof. A. Akgunduz; Dr. B.-A. Bacon; Dr. G. Beaudry; Me P. Blais; Prof. S. Carliner; Dr. G. Carr; Prof. J. Chaikelson; Prof. S. Chlopan; Prof. R. Courtemanche; Ms. E. Couto; Prof. J. Didur; Prof. I. Dostaler; Prof. D. Douglas; Prof. L. Dyer; Mr. J. Fiset; Prof. M. Frank; Prof. M. Kin Gagnon; Prof. J. Garrido; Ms. J. Glavina; Prof. J. Grant; Dean S. Harvey; Prof. N. Ingram; Ms. W. Kraus-Heitmann; Ms. K. Korola; Mr. M. Kumar; Prof. B. Layne; Ms. M. Lemieux; Prof. G. Leonard; Dean B. Lewis; Prof. J. Lewis; Dean J. Locke; Prof. D. Morris; Ms. H. Nazar; Prof. C. Nikolenyi; Prof. H. Proppe; Prof. R. Reilly; Mr. L. Sanscartier; Prof. J. Segovia; Prof. Y. Shayan; Prof. M. R. Soleymani; Prof. T. Stathopoulos; Mr. C. Tisshaw; Dean C. Trueman; Mr. J. T. Vaccaro; Dr. V. Venkatesh (*replacing Dean P. Wood-Adams*); Ms. M. Wheeler; Prof. M. L. Wholey; Mr. T. Wilkings

Non-voting members: Ms. J. Beaudoin; Mr. P. Beaugard; Mr. R. Côté; Me B. Freedman; Mr. P. Kelley; Ms. R. Marion; Ms. S. Sarik

Permanent observers: Mr. G. Morrow; Dr. L. Ostiguy

ABSENT

Voting members: Prof. C. Jackson; Dean C. Wild

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Shepard at 2:37 p.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

R-2013-6-7 *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 May 17, 2013

R-2013-6-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of May 17, 2013 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

Dr. Shepard welcomed new and returning Senators. He provided an update on some physical infrastructure projects with respect to the Birks Student Centre, the English Teaching Laboratory, the Grey Nuns' East Wing and the Loyola Hockey Arena.

He thanked the 700 plus participants in last Friday's Shuffle which raised more than \$55,000 for student scholarships as well as Hospitality Concordia who organized the President's BBQ which followed the Shuffle.

He was pleased to announce that for the first time Concordia will be hosting the inaugural lecture of the CBC Massey Lectures, which will be given by Lawrence Hill on October 15, 2013, titled "*Blood: The Stuff of Life*".

4. Standing Committee reports

4.1 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (Document US-2013-6-D2)

Provost Bacon indicated that the report covered the last APPC meeting held prior to his arrival at Concordia. He noted that he wanted to give serious thought to the mandate and also provide an opportunity to the new Dean to evaluate SEL's situation and contribute to its mandate before bringing a formal proposal to Senate.

4.2 Finance Committee

4.3 Library Committee

Those committees have not met since the last Senate meeting.

CONSENT

5. Committee appointments (Document US-2013-6-D3)

R-2013-6-9 *The committee appointments outlined in Document US-2013-6-D3 were approved by consent.*

6. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2013-6-D4)

6.1 Major undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science – Department of Education (Documents US-2013-6-D5 and D6)

R-2013-6-10 *The major undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2013-6-D5 and D6, were approved by consent, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2013-6-D4.*

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7. Research Committee: Recommendation regarding revisions to the Policy on Research Chairs (Document US-2013-6-D7)

Dr. Carr informed Senate that the Concordia University Research Chairs (CURC) program were created in 2000 to ensure retention of highly productive researchers and were granted on an individual basis, not competition-based. This worked effectively but created some operational problems since there was little opportunity to bring in new accomplished researchers at mid-level career.

The Policy was established in 2010. To address concerns of the community, a working group was struck to develop modifications to the Policy. The proposal has been vetted by the Faculty and School Councils as well as the Research Committee which is recommending its approval. The proposed revisions are designed to expand the program to make it competition-based and more accessible to researchers at various stages of their careers. Dr. Carr specified that current CURCs are not affected by the new Policy. Under this new program, 65 CURCs will be granted as opposed to the existing 50 without increasing the \$2 million funding envelope.

Dr. Carr outlined the main changes to the Policy and responded to questions of clarification. In response to a question about CURCs opting to take more in research funding than the salary stipend provided in article 5 of the Policy, Dr. Carr replied that there is precedent if individuals requested this exception. Further to a proposal that article 5 be amended accordingly, Dr. Shepard and Me Freedman indicated that we would need to look into the advisability of enshrining that in the Policy as opposed to considering requests on an exceptional basis.

R-2013-6-11 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Research Committee, Senate approve the Policy on Research Chairs (Policy VPRGS-7) outlined in Document US-2013-6-D7.*

8. Items for information

8.1 ACFAS conference – May 2014

Dr. Carr was pleased to announce that the University will be hosting, for the first time, the 82nd annual ACFAS (Association francophone pour le savoir) congress from May 12 to 16,

2014. This is the largest multidisciplinary conference of knowledge and research of la francophonie. The congress will bring together between 5,000 and 6,000 delegates under the theme *La Recherche: Zones de Convergence and Diversité* and provides great visibility for Concordia within Quebec.

Dr. Carr also apprised Senators that in June Concordia will be hosting the 2014 ENCUESTRO conference, entitled *MANIFEST! Choreographing Social Movements in the Americas*, which will bring together more than 800 people for a program of lectures, discussions, exhibitions and workshops that explore the intersection of performance and politics. This will take place from June 21 to 28, 2014, and it will be the first time that it is held in Canada.

8.2 Annual report of the Academic Hearing Panel (Document US-2013-6-D8)

This report is produced annually as a requirement under the Academic Code of Conduct.

Further to comments and questions about the data behind the statistics provided in the report, speaking privileges were granted to Dr. Cathy Bolton, Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, who indicated that her office is collecting and analyzing the data regarding all charges of academic misconduct. Work is in progress and a presentation will be given to Senate in due course.

9. Question period

A concern was raised about the new submission process for Tri-Council fellowships, and how the University would manage the internal selection process. More specifically, as to when would the new requirements be disseminated to departments. Dr. Venkatesh, acting for Dean Wood-Adams, acknowledged the concern and outlined the process to be proposed by the School of Graduate Studies. Dr. Shepard asked that the School of Graduate Studies issue a clear memo outlining the steps and stages for all involved. Dr. Venkatesh replied that the memo will be sent to select Graduate Program Directors for feedback prior to its widespread dissemination.

10. Other business

There was no other business to bring before Senate.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 1, 2013, at 2 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate