

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

Held on Friday, February 13, 2015,
immediately following the Closed Session meeting
in the Norman D. Hébert, LL.D. Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Prof. A. Shepard (*Chair*); Prof. M. O. Ahmad; Prof. A. Akgunduz; Ms. E. Alguire; Dean A. Asif; Dr. B.-A. Bacon; Dr. G. Beaudry; Me P. Blais; Mr. S. Brown; Prof. P. Caignon; Prof. J. Capobianco; Prof. S. Carliner; Dr. G. Carr; Ms. A. Chevalier; Prof. S. Chlopan; Prof. R. Courtemanche; Prof. J. Didur; Prof. I. Dostaler; Prof. D. Douglas; Prof. Marcie Frank; Mr. C. Fuentes; Prof. B. Gabriel; Prof. E. Griffiths; Dean S. Harvey; Prof. N. Ingram; Prof. C. Jackson; Mr. K. Koochekian; Ms. J. Lelièvre; Prof. G. Leonard; Dean B. Lewis; Ms. L. Marshall-Kiparissis; Ms. M. Miller; Mr. A. Muller; Prof. M. Mulrennan; Mr. M. Palynchuk; Mr. B. Prunty; Prof. R. Reilly; Mr. K. Riad; Dean A. Roy; Ms. E. Saboureau; Prof. J. Segovia; Prof. Y. Shayan; Prof. J. Sloan; Mr. T. Smith; Prof. T. Stathopoulos; Prof. M.-L. Wholey; Dean C. Wild; Mr. T. Wilkings; Dean P. Wood-Adams

Non-voting members: Ms. J. Beaudoin; Mr. P. Beauregard; Mr. R. Côté; Me B. Freedman; Mr. P. Kelley; Ms. R. Marion; Ms. L. Ostiguy; Mr. B. Tucker

ABSENT

Voting members: Prof. A. Agarwal; Prof. Mariana Frank; Prof. J. Grant; Prof. L. Katsanis

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

R-2015-2-4 *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 January 16, 2015

It was noted that in the second line of the last paragraph of item 7 on page 5, the word *Review* should be replaced by *Advisory*.

R-2015-2-5 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of January 16, 2015 be approved, as amended.*

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

During the course of his remarks, Prof. Shepard spoke of the following:

- The Admission Information Day will be held on February 14 to welcome prospective students and help them with admission-related questions.
- This morning's announcement of the appointment of Paul Shrivastava, JMSB's David O'Brien Distinguished Professor of Sustainable Enterprise, as the executive director of Future Earth, a new UN global research platform, with hubs in Montreal, Boulder, Paris, Stockholm, and Tokyo. The organization links 64,000 researchers around the globe on topics related to environmental issues and sustainable development.
- A team of Concordia alumni, coached by District 3, received backing from the Y Combinator, the world's biggest business accelerator.
- The recent appointment of Robert Beauchemin as Chief Executive Officer of KnowledgeOne.
- His active lobbying of the provincial government against any further budget cuts. The University has yet to receive any news about the budget parameters for 2015/2016.

At the President's invitation, Associate Vice-President, Registrarial Services and University Registrar Bradley Tucker provided an update on the implementation of the new student information system (SIS) which went live on January 26.

He described the main issues that were brought to his attention in connection with accessing applications, issuing admission letters, names of courses different than in SIMS, courses missing from student records, and incorrect charges on student account statements. For each issue, Mr. Tucker explained how they have been - or are in the process of being - addressed or resolved.

He assured Senators of his commitment to continue supporting and working out any problems in connection with the SIS implementation. Following the update, Mr. Tucker responded to questions.

4. Update on Academic Plan (Document US-2015-2-D3)

Drs. Bacon and Ostiguy summarized the content of the written report and answered questions.

CONSENT5. Committee appointments (Document US-2015-2-D4)

R-2015-2-6 *The committee appointments, outlined in Document US-2015-2-D4, were approved.*

6. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2015-2-D5)6.1 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science – Minor in Multidisciplinary Studies in Science (Document US-2015-2-D6)

R-2015-2-7 *The undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts in Science, outlined in Document US-2015-2-D6, were approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-2-D5.*

6.2 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science6.2.1 Department of Education (Document US-2015-2-D7)6.2.2 Department of Physics (Document US-2015-2-D8)

R-2015-2-8 *The graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts in Science, outlined in Documents US-2015-2-D7 and D8, were approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-2-D5.*

6.3 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science – Centre for Engineering in Society (Document US-2015-2-D9)

R-2015-2-9 *The graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Document US-2015-2-D9, were approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-2-D5.*

6.4 Graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business – Goodman Institute of Investment Management (Document US-2015-2-D10)

R-2015-2-10 *The graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business, outlined in Document US-2015-2-D10, were approved as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-2-D5.*

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7. Academic Programs Committee: Recommendation regarding revisions to the *Academic Code of Conduct* (Document US-2015-2-D11)

Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning Cathy Bolton presented the context to the revisions of the *Academic Code of Conduct*, last reviewed in 2008. The implementation of the Code is under the purview of the Secretary-General who initiated the call for review. The Review Committee, chaired by Me Melodie Sullivan and whose membership came from a broad cross-section of the University, held 20 meetings from January 2012 to August 2014. As a final step to the process, presentations of the proposed revisions were made to each Faculty Council and the Council of the School of Graduate Studies for input and comment.

The main changes are as follows:

- Re-ordering of the articles so that they now follow the process as experienced by the student, thereby facilitating the student's understanding.
- The addition of a preamble to emphasize the values of academic integrity.
- Re-wording of article 18 to codify the current practice to include the notion that a behavior may constitute academic misconduct, regardless of intent. However, the intent comes into play when determining the sanction.
- Re-wording of article 25 to remove automatic expulsion as a sanction for a second offence, thereby codifying current practice whereby the Provost can take into account all relevant factors and exercise his/her discretion in applying a sanction for a second offence.
- Modification to article 94 which now specifies that the annual report must detail not only the number but also the type of charges laid under the Code.

The Vice-Provost conveyed the Review Committee's additional recommendations with respect to the creation of a University-wide Integrity Office as well as the creation of guidelines, documents, webpages and tools to promote the understanding and application of the Code.

A discussion ensued, during which Dr. Bolton responded to questions. Some concerns were expressed about intent, more specifically in the context of group work. The point was made that participation was so broad and needed to be better defined, because it is a difficult burden to prove that one has not actively participated. Dr. Bolton said that the idea of participation refers to participation in transgressing the Code and that this becomes clear during the interview between the student and the Associate Dean. However, it also behooves professors to be very clear with students when giving instruction for group work, and that training of the Code Administrators and Chairs of Hearing Panels in this area is paramount.

It was also suggested that future code reforms should explore the impact of delays on students and provide the possibility of combining sanctions. Dr. Bolton noted that the Review Committee was cognizant of the difficulty and agreed that a quick and efficient process is always the desired outcome.

R-2015-2-11 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Academic Programs Committee, Senate approve the Academic Code of Conduct (the "2015 Academic Code"), as outlined in Document US-2015-2-D11, effective as of the Summer 2015 (2015/1) term; and*

That any incident having occurred prior the beginning of the Summer 2015 (2015/1) term be dealt with under the provisions of the former Academic Code of Conduct (the "2008 Academic Code"), regardless of the date of the filing of the incident report.

8. Proposal regarding student term limits on Senate (Document US-2015-2-D12)

The proposal, an initiative of the student academic caucus, was presented by Mr. Wilkings. Referring to the background document, he explained that students are transient in nature, and the proposal aims to safeguard institutional memory while constructively strengthening student representation and participation. Therefore, Senate's approval is being sought to allow student Senators to serve for three consecutive one-year terms, as fully detailed in the Document D12.

R-2015-2-12 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that Senate approve the revision to the number of terms for undergraduate and graduate students serving on Senate and accordingly recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the amendments to Article 62 of the By-Laws, as outlined in Document US-2015-2-D12.*

9. Update on strategic directions

The President mentioned the three ongoing activities to engage the University in the strategic directions conversation: the Idea Cafés, which are small-group discussion, the Working Groups which are examining eight different themes and a speaker series entitled *The Future of the University and the Future of the Learning*, the first two of which were recently held and well attended.

Prof. Shepard encouraged Senators to attend the speaker series and convey their ideas, specifying that this high-level overview engagement phase will continue until June, and in the Fall the academic and administrative units will be asked to determine their own plans.

Brief updates on discussions so far were presented from the following Working Groups:

- The future of learning, by Philippe Caignon;
- International strategy, by Jill Didur; and
- Public/community engagement, by Ali Akgunduz and Terry Wilkings.

For more details on the Working Groups, Senators are invited to visit the website at: <http://www.concordia.ca/about/strategic-directions/advisory-committee/idea-groups.html>

10. Question period

No questions were asked.

11. Other business

Mr. Riad suggested that the speaker series be recorded and live-streamed, that, in keeping with the External Governance Review Committee's recommendation with respect to the Board meetings, the Closed Session of Senate also be held after the Open Session, and that compostable bins be made available in all buildings across the campuses.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate