

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Friday, October 2, 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: Alan Shepard (*Chair*); Anjali Agarwal; Ali Akgunduz; Benoit-Antoine Bacon; Patrice Blais; Stephen Brown; Philippe Caignon; Saul Carliner; Graham Carr; Mikaela Clark-Gardner; Kira Cormier; Richard Courtemanche; Frank Crooks; Effrosyni Diamantoudi; Jill Didur; David Douglas; Charles Draimin; Mariana Frank; Sandra Gabriele; Michael Giesbrecht; Vince Graziano; Khushboo Handa; Steve Harvey; Norman Ingram; Danica Joch; Maidina Kadeer-Ozbek; Rupinder Kaur; Lea Katsanis; Gordon Leonard; Lucinda Marshall-Kiparissis; Marion Miller; Aloyse Muller; Monica Mulrennan; Jithin Nair; Alex Ocheoha; Virginia Penhune; Sonia Poulin (*Acting on behalf of Guylaine Beaudry*); Benjamin Prunty; Rosemary Reilly; André Roy; Yousef Shayan; Johanne Sloan; Ted Stathopoulos; Mark Sussman (*Acting on behalf of Rebecca Duclos*); Sofiène Tahar; Christopher Trueman (*Acting on behalf of Amir Asif*); Terry Wilkings; Paula Wood-Adams

Non-voting members: Joanne Beaudoin; Roger Côté; Isabel Dunnigan; Bram Freedman; Rachel Marion; Lisa Ostiguy; Sonia Trudel; Bradley Tucker

ABSENT

Voting members: Ricardo Dal Farra; Lana Galbraith; David Morris; Nicholas Mouzourakis; Harald Proppe

Non-voting members: Philippe Beaugard

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

R-2015-6-5 *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 September 11, 2015

R-2015-6-6 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of September 11, 2015 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

Prof. Shepard conveyed to Senators the sad news of the passing last Friday of Christopher Jackson, former Dean and long-time faculty member of the Faculty of Fine Arts.

He also reported the following:

- Concordia continues to rise or maintain its position in some international university rankings (QS World University Rankings, Times Higher Education World University Rankings).
- The completion of Phase I of the Webster Library transformation project became official on September 28 with the grand opening of its third floor.
- Ann-Marie MacDonald has been named Concordia's first Richler writer-in-residence.
- A gift announcement of \$1 million from André Desmarais and France Chrétien Desmarais in support of District 3.
- Successful events and activities during last weekend's Homecoming.
- The annual Shuffle, held on September 18, and the annual Golf Classic, held on September 21, respectively raised \$65,000 and \$240,000 towards bursaries and scholarships.
- Fall convocation ceremonies will be held on October 27.
- The third annual eEscape conference will be held on October 14.

4. Academic update (Document US-2015-6-D3)

The Provost provided the highlights of his written report and responded to comments and questions in connection with the content of his report.

CONSENT

5. Committee appointments (Document US-2015-6-D4)

R-2015-6-7 *The committee appointments were approved, as outlined in Document US-2015-6-D4.*

6. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendation (Document US-2015-6-D5)

6.1 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science

6.1.1 Removal of Courses Ending with a Z Designation (Document US-2015-6-D6)

6.1.2 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (Document US-2015-6-D7)

6.1.3 Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics (Spanish) (Document US-2015-6-D8)

6.1.4 Department of Political Science (Document US-2015-6-D9)

6.1.5 Department of Religion (Document US-2015-6-D10)

R-2015-6-8 *The undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2015-6-D6 to D10, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-6-D5.*

6.2 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts – Department of Theatre
(Document US-2015-6-D11)

R-2015-6-9 *The undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts, outlined in Document US-2015-6-D11, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-6-D5.*

6.3 Graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business – Master of/Magisteriate in Business Administration (Executive Option) (Document US-2015-6-D12)

R-2015-6-10 *The graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business, outlined in Document US-2015-6-D12, were approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2015-6-D5.*

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7. Question period

No questions were asked.

8. Other business

The President apprised Senators of his absence at the next Senate meeting. Therefore, the meeting will be chaired by the Provost.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate