

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

Held on Friday, October 11, 2019
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: Graham Carr (*Chair*); Ali Akgunduz; Amir Asif; Leslie Barker; Pascale Biron; Elizabeth Bloodgood; Catherine Bolton; Christopher Brett; Sue Callender; Sally Cooke; Mark Corwin; Frank Crooks; Anne-Marie Croteau; Ricardo Dal Farra; Alex De Visscher; Linda Dyer; Ariela Freedman; Vince Graziano; Christophe Guy; Jarrad Hass; Geoffrey Little (*Acting for Guylaine Beaudry*); Helena Osana; Gilles Peslherbe; Martin Pugh; Patrick Quinn; Marguerite Rolland; André Roy; Timir Baran Roy; Bayan Abu Safieh; Anmol Singh; Matt Soar; Reza Soleymani; Robert Soroka; Ron Stern; Alex Stojda; Marlana Valenta; Victoria Videira; Jean-Philippe Warren; Anne Whitelaw; Paula Wood-Adams; Radu Zmeureanu

Non-voting members: Philippe Beauregard; Johanne Beaudoin; Roger Côté; Nadia Hardy; Tom Hughes; Candace Jacobs; Ilze Kraulis (*Acting for Stéphanie de Celles*); Melodie Sullivan (*Acting for Frederica Jacobs*)

ABSENT

Voting members: Shimon Amir; Matthew Barker; Arshdeep Singh Bhatia; Rebecca Duclos; Mehdi Farashahi; Chris Kalafatidis; Colin Philip; Catherine Russell; Anmol Singh

Non-voting members: Paul Chesser, Denis Cossette; Isabel Dunnigan

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

R-2019-5-4 *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 September 13, 2019

R-2019-5-5 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of September 13, 2019, 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

During the course of his remarks, the President commented on the following:

- The 30th Shuffle, held on September 27, was the most successful ever, raising \$130,000 and counting.
- The recent launching of the new hub "*Réussir en français*", an initiative of the Département d'études françaises in collaboration with the Office de la langue française and the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, which provides opportunities for students and other members of the Concordia community to learn or improve their French language skills.
- The Advisory Group on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion has published its report which makes recommendations falling into the five key areas of Policy and Processes; Hiring; Training and Education; Leadership and University Responsibility; and Campus Culture.
- The wonderful event held on September 24 to celebrate the first anniversary of the naming of the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science.
- The opening of the Art Hive on the Loyola Campus, thanks to the continued support of the Rossy Foundation.
- The new moveable Learning Square, on the SGW Campus, is going up and scheduled to be completed in January 2020.
- Work continues on the Applied Science Hub on the Loyola Campus.
- More than 40,000 members of the Concordia community have completed the mandatory sexual violence training.
- The Office of Sustainability hosted Concordia's first Sustainability Action Week from September 23 to 27, while the Security Department, in collaboration with EH&S and IITS, organized the University's third Campus Safety Awareness Week from September 30 to October 4.
- The launching of a new initiative, with MEES support, for a shared library services platform for all 16 Quebec universities, giving full access across the university network. He saluted the work of Guylaine Beaudry who successfully led this project.

4. Academic update (Document US-2019-5-D2)

As complementary information to her written report, Dr. Whitelaw congratulated Michael Kenneally, Principal of the School of Irish Studies, and Rhona Richman Kenneally, Professor in the Department of Design and Computation Art and Fellow of the School, who have been chosen to receive Ireland's prestigious Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad for 2019.

She also apprised Senators of her attendance at the fifth Annual National Building Reconciliation Forum with Donna Goodleaf and Heather Igloliorte. This year's theme was "*Working Together to Advance Healing & Reconciliation*".

CONSENT

5. Committee appointments (Document US-2019-5-D3)

R-2019-5-6 *That the committee appointments, outlined in Document US-2019-5-D, be approved.*

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6. Annual report from the Ombuds Office (Document US-2019-5-D4)

Ombudsperson Amy Fish presented the highlights of the annual report, including some key statistics. To illustrate the type of concerns and issues the Ombuds Office deals with on a regular basis, Ms. Fish provided three examples, two involving undergraduate students and one involving a former graduate student.

She was pleased to inform Senate that she had encountered no major problems throughout the year and underlined the University's commitment to openness and fairness.

7. Annual report from the Office of Rights and Responsibilities (Document US-2019-5-D5)

Director and Senior Advisor Lisa White summarized the mandate of the Office of Rights and Responsibilities (ORR) and presented the highlights of the annual report, including some key statistics.

To illustrate the type of situations that ORR deals with on a regular basis, Ms. White shared three narratives, the first involving two students, the second involving two students, one of whom was also a casual employee, and the third involving a group of students and a professor.

8. Question period

No questions were asked.

9. Other business

Dr. Carr informed Senators that one meeting of Senate will be held on the Loyola Campus during this academic year, probably the March meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate