

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Friday, December 14, 2018, at 2 p.m.
in the Norman D. Hébert, LLD Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Alan Shepard (*Chair*); Sarah Abou-Bakr; Sami Al-Hanbali; Ali Akgunduz; Paul Allen; Amir Asif; Reena Atanasiadis; Leslie Barker; Pascale Biron; Christophe Brett; Graham Carr; Mikaela Clark-Gardner; Mark Corwin; Frank Crooks; Christine DeWolf; Rebecca Duclos; Mehdi Farashahi; Marcie Frank; Vince Graziano; Christophe Guy; Sophie Hough-Martin; Brigitte Jaumard; George Kanaan (*Acting for Anne-Marie Croteau*); Eunbyul Park; John Potvin; Martin Pugh; André Roy; Daniel Salée; Francesca Scala; Safa Sheikh; Ali Sherra; Matt Soar; Robert Soroka; Christopher Trueman; Paula Wood-Adams; Radu Zmeureanu

Non-voting members: Joanne Beaudoin; Philippe Beauregard; Paul Chesser; Roger Côté; Tom Hughes; Ilze Kraulis; Anne Whitelaw

ABSENT

Voting members: Shaina Ali; Guylaine Beaudry; Rory Blaisdell; Mathilde Braems; Sally Cooke; Jill Didur; Rim Hamila; Jean-Gabriel Lacombe; Sarah Mazhero; David Morris; Zenobia Pais; Virginia Penhune; Rashmikaa Sethu Madhavan; Marc Steinberg; Ron Stern; Nafisa Tabassum Jamal; Jean-Philippe Warren

Non-voting members: Denis Cossette; Isabel Dunnigan; Emmet Henchey; Frederica Jacobs

1. Call to order

The President called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Referring to the letter from Ellie Hummel, he urged Senators to give generously to the Student Emergency and Food Fund.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

R-2018-8-1 *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 November 9, 2018

R-2018-8-2 Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of November 9, 2018 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 acknowledged his appointment as President of Western University effective July 1, 2019. He said that he deeply valued being Concordia's President, noting his respect for the University's mission, history and future direction. He expressed gratitude for the respect, love and support that the University community has shown him during his tenure.

He welcomed Paul Chesser, appointed Vice-President, Advancement as of December 1.

He continued his remarks by noting that undergraduate and graduate applications for the Winter term are strong. He apprised Senate that the space previously occupied by the Concordia Bookstore on the ground floor of the Webster Library Building has been transformed into Concordia's 4th SPACE, a curated public space, recently opened. It will be officially inaugurated on January 18, 2019.

He was pleased to report that JMSB has been ranked 95th in the world and fourth in Canada in Bloomberg Businessweek's business schools ranking.

The President also made a series of announcements regarding prizes, awards and research chairs. He also reported that the Centraide campaign had surpassed its goal of \$160,000 and thanked campaign co-chairs Philippe Beauregard and Nadia Bhuiyan as well as campaign manager Suzanne Kaye.

4. Academic update (Document US-2018-8-D1)

As complimentary information to his written update, the Provost congratulated Muthukuraman Packirisamy who became the first Quebec-based researcher to be named a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors as well as Geneviève Cadieux who received the prestigious Prix du Québec 2018 Paul-Émile Borduas Award for visual arts.

5. Standing Committee reports

5.1 Finance (Document US-2018-8-D2)

5.2 Library (Document US-2018-8-D3)

5.3 Research (Document US-2018-8-D4)

There were no questions in relation to these reports, which are provided for information.

CONSENT**6. Committee appointments** (Document US-2018-8-D5)

R-2018-8-3 *That the committee appointments, outlined in Document US-2018-8-D5, be approved.*

7. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2018-8-D6)**7.1 Undergraduate curriculum proposals - Faculty of Arts and Science**

7.1.1 Updating of degree requirements (Document US-2018-8-D7)

7.1.2 Updating of Co-op requirements (Document US-2018-8-D8)

7.1.3 Department of Biology (Document US-2018-8-D9)

7.1.4 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (Document US-2018-8-D10)

7.1.5 Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics (Document US-2018-8-D11)

7.1.6 Department of Economics (Document US-2018-8-D12)

7.1.7 Department of Education (Document US-2018-8-D14)

7.1.8 Department of English (Document US-2018-8-D15)

7.1.9 Département d'Études françaises (Documents US-2018-8-D16 and D17)

7.1.10 Department of Geography, Planning and Environment (Document US-2018-8-D19)

7.1.11 Department of Journalism (Document US-2018-8-D20)

7.1.12 Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Document US-2018-8-D21)

7.1.13 Department of Physics (Document US-2018-8-D22)

7.1.14 Department of Political Science (Document US-2018-8-D23)

7.1.15 Department of Sociology and Anthropology (Document US-2018-8-D24)

7.1.16 School of Community and Public Affairs (Document US-2018-8-D25)

R-2018-8-4 *That the undergraduate curriculum proposals in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2018-8-D7 to D12, and D14 to D25, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-8-D6.*

7.2 Undergraduate curriculum proposals - Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science

7.2.1 Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (Document US-2018-8-D26)

7.2.2 Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering (Document US-2018-8-D27)

R-2018-8-5 *That the undergraduate curriculum proposals in the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Documents US-2018-8-D26 and D27, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-8-D6.*

7.3 Undergraduate curriculum proposals - Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic Affairs (Document US-2018-8-D28)

R-2018-8-6 *That the undergraduate curriculum proposals in the Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic Affairs, outlined in Document US-2018-8-D28, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-8-D6.*

7.4 Graduate curriculum proposals – Faculty of Arts and Science

7.4.1 Department of Applied Human Sciences (Document US-2018-8-D29)

7.4.2 Department of Biology (Document US-2018-8-D30)

7.4.3 Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Applied Physiology (Document US-2018-8-D31)

R-2018-8-7 *That the graduate curriculum proposals in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2018-8-D29 to D31, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-8-D6.*

8. Revisions to the membership of the Council of the John Molson School of Business (Document US-2018-8-D32)

R-2018-8-8 *That, on recommendation of the Council of the John Molson School of Business, Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the membership of the Council of the John Molson School of Business, as outlined in Document US-2018-8-D32.*

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9. Undergraduate curriculum proposals - Faculty of Arts and Science

9.1 Department of Education (Document US-2018-8-D13)

Dean Roy apprised Senators that a concern had been raised at the Steering Committee meeting regarding the removal of the course EDUC 450 (*The Inclusive Classroom: Educating Exceptional Children*) from the Minor in Education. He explained that this course is a requirement by government for accreditation of students in the three teacher education programs. Since there are now only two sections scheduled per year, the removal from the Minor will ensure timely degree completion for those students. Department Chair Sara Kennedy added that the Department is looking into finding ways to allow Minor students to take an alternate course which covers similar content.

A discussion ensued, during which Prof. Barker spoke against the removal of the course, arguing that the course or some equivalent should be retained, in keeping with the University's mission. She made the point that students in the Minor may also intend to work with children, and that this removal is counterintuitive and being proposed at the wrong time.

Ms. Clark-Gardner reiterated the concern that she had raised at Steering Committee. While appreciating the circumstances mentioned above, she suggested that the removal of the course for Minor students should come into effect once an appropriate alternative is in place. She referred to a recent news report which indicates that Quebec schools get a failing grade with respect to addressing students with special needs, restating the

importance for all students to learn about how to create an inclusive classroom for students with disabilities.

As an alternative, Prof. Kennedy indicated that course EDUC 360 (*Introduction to Inclusive Practices*) was perhaps more suited for Minor students and could be opened up for them.

R-2018-8-9 Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved by a majority that the undergraduate curriculum proposals in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Document US-2018-8-D13, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-8-D6.

9.2 New undergraduate programs - Faculty of Arts and Science - Department of Geography, Planning and Environment - Minor and Certificate in Geospatial Technologies (Document US-2018-8-D18)

Dean Roy introduced these new programs which will provide in-depth training enabling students to handle technologies aligned with the market. Prof. Biron, Chair of the Department, added that these programs respond to a growing demand from students for stand-alone programs focused on geospatial technologies. She explained that the Minor is geared toward current Concordia students while the Certificate is mainly intended for professionals interested in additional lifelong learning opportunities.

R-2018-8-10 Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the new undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Document US-2018-8-D18, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee, in Document US-2018-8-D6.

10. Research Committee recommendation regarding strategic research plan (Document US-2018-8-D33)

Dr. Guy presented the highlights of the University's Canada Research Chair (CRC) and Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Strategic Research Plan 2018-2023, explaining that it is required for the Canada Research Chairs program, the Canada Foundation for Innovation programs and others, as well as for allocations of major internal research resources.

He summarized the process which was initiated in February 2017, noting that the plan was developed in consultation with the Faculty and School Councils and tenured- and tenure-track faculty and librarians. Final feedback on the draft was received in October 2018, further to which the Research Committee of Senate approved both the long and short versions of the plan.

Dr. Guy conveyed that the plan is a guide to the University's research activities for the next five years, based on Concordia's nine strategic directions, and establishes a framework of commitments and strategic level of research allocation.

For the first time, the plan incorporates the best practices in equity, diversity and inclusion. The section on research and research-creation strengths has the following major research themes:

- Health, Development and Well-being of the Person across the Lifespan and in Society
- Arts, Culture, History and Identity
- People, Organizations and Society
- Enabling and Disruptive Technologies and their Foundations
- Advanced Materials and their Applications
- Natural Systems and Sustainability

The plan includes a commitment to prioritize and support building on research and research-creation regarding Indigenous issues.

R-2018-8-10 Upon motion duly move and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Research Committee of Senate, Senate approve Concordia University's Canada Research Chair (CRC) and Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Strategic Research Plan 2018-2023.

11. Question period

No questions were asked.

12. Other business

There was no other business to bring before Senate.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate