

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE

Held on Friday, March 16, 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*); Paul Allen; Amir Asif; Reena Atanasiadis; Guylaine Beaudry; Pascale Biron; Patrice Blais; Rory Blaisdell; Saul Carliner; Graham Carr; Mikaela Clark-Gardner; Frank Crooks; Anne-Marie Croteau; Ricardo Dal Farra; Christine DeWolf; Jill Didur; Charles Draimin; Rebecca Duclos; Vince Graziano; Christophe Guy; Lorraine Oades; Virginia Penhune; John Potvin; Martin Pugh; Omar Riaz; André Roy; Jonathan Roy; Daniel Salée; Francesca Scala; Yousef Shayan; Ali Sherra; Shaumia Suntharalingam; Matt Soar; Robert Soroka; Julia Sutura Sardo; Leyla Sutherland; Sofiène Tahar; Christopher Trueman; Paula Wood-Adams; Jean-Philippe Warren

Non-voting members: Joanne Beaudoin; Philippe Beauregard; Denis Cossette; Roger Côté; Bram Freedman; Emmet Henchey; Tom Hughes; Lisa Ostiguy; Daniel Therrien

ABSENT

Voting members: Steven Brown; Marcie Frank; Chiranjeevi Koduri; Brigitte Jaumard; Tevfik Karatop; David Morris; Mahesh Natarajan; Harald Proppe; Thufile Sirajudeen; Marc Steinberg; Sharon Yonan Renold

Non-voting members: Isabel Dunnigan; Frederica Jacobs

1. Call to order

The President called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

R-2018-2-1 *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 January 19, 2018

Pursuant to comments from Messrs. Blaisdell and Sherra and Ms. Clark-Gardner regarding the content of the Minutes, Ms. Tessier explained that the Minutes do not constitute a verbatim account of who said what and outlined how she proceeds to draft them.

R-2018-2-2 Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of January 19, 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

The President's remarks are summarized as follows:

- Over 4,000 visitors attend the Open House held of February 10. He thanked the many volunteer students, faculty and staff whose participation contributed to that day's success.
- The University recently received a gift of \$3 million from Miriam Roland to establish the Miriam Aaron Roland Graduate Fellowships as well as a donation of \$10 million from Jonathan and Susan Wener to establish the Centre for Real Estate in JMSB.
- The Women's and Men's Hockey teams are advancing to the University national championships.
- Concordia continues to make gains in international rankings, such as the 2018 QS World Rankings by Subject.
- He congratulated Vivek Venkatesh who is the holder of the UNESCO co-chair in Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism.
- He congratulated students who recently won case competitions in JMSB and ENCS and apprised Senators of some upcoming events.

4. Academic update (Document US-2018-2-D1)

The Provost noted that the takeaway theme from his report is the focus on student academic success, through case competitions, essay contests or video competition which, in turn, contributes to the University's visibility at the national and international level. He spoke of some upcoming events listed in the report, including the "Thinking Out Loud" live event on March 20 featuring the first cohort of Public Scholars.

5. Report of Standing Committees

5.1 Academic Planning and Priorities (Document US-2018-2-D2)

5.2 Finance (Document US-2018-2-D3)

5.3 Library (Document US-2018-2-D4)

5.4 **Research** (Document US-2018-2-D5)

No questions were asked in connection with this report.

CONSENT

6. **Amendments to the composition of the Finance Committee** (Document US-2018-2-D6)

R-2018-2-3 *That, on recommendation of Steering Committee, the membership of the Finance Committee be amended by substituting the position of Vice-Provost, Planning and Positioning for that of Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations as a non-voting member.*

7. **Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations** (Document US-2018-2-D7)

7.1 **Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science**

7.1.1 **Department of Education** (Document US-2018-2-D8)

7.1.2 **Department of History** (Document US-2018-2-D9)

7.1.3 **Department of Physics** (Document US-2018-2-D10)

7.1.4 **School of Irish Studies** (Document US-2018-2-D11)

R-2018-2-4 *That the undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2018-2-D8 to D11 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-2-D7.*

7.2 **Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Fine Arts -Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema** (Document US-2018-2-D12)

R-2018-2-5 *That the undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Fine Arts, outlined in Document US-2018-2-D12 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-2-D7.*

7.3 **Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Arts and Science**

7.3.1 **Department of Journalism** (Document US-2018-2-D13)

7.3.2 **Department of Religions and Cultures** (Document US-2018-2-D14)

R-2018-2-6 *That the graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Documents US-2018-2-D13 and D14 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-2-D7.*

7.4 **Graduate curriculum changes – John Molson School of Business**

7.4.1 **Graduate Certificate in Business Administration** (Document US-2018-2-D16)

7.4.2 **Graduate Diploma in Business Administration** (Document US-2018-2-D17)

7.4.3 **Master of/Magisteriate in Business Administration (Executive Option)** (Document US-2018-2-D18)

7.4.4 **Master of/Magisteriate in Science in Marketing** (Document US-2018-2-D19)

R-2018-2-7 *That the graduate curriculum changes in the John Molson School of Business, outlined in Documents US-2018-2-D16 to D19 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-2-D7.*

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8. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2018-2-D7)

8.1 New graduate program – Faculty of Arts and Science and Faculty of Engineering and Computer – Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Department of Physics, Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering – Master of/Magisteriate in Science (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology) / Master of/ Magisteriate in Applied Science (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology) (Document US-2018-2-D15)

Deans Wood-Adams, Roy and Asif presented the highlights of the proposal. This is the first time that Concordia is offering a joint program that involves two Faculties and several Departments. It is an exciting initiative, which builds on the strengths and expertise in both Faculties and will position Concordia University at the forefront in nanoscience and nanotechnology.

On behalf the Finance Committee of Senate, Prof. Atanasiadis gave an oral report indicating the Committee's support of the new program while apprising of the following comments. The projected revenues seem reasonable provided that the expected number of students is admitted. As the projection is based on the Clarder weighting of 4.42 for Engineering Master students, the proposers have taken a conservative approach in estimating revenue (the Clarder weighting for Science Master students is 6.59).

She stated the two concerns raised about student support: Will Engineering students and Science students receive the same financial support? Will the support for other graduate programs in Arts and Science be reduced in order to provide the funding for students in this program especially in the first two years?

In response to the first concern, Dean Wood-Adams indicated that the financial support will be the same in terms of dollars per student but the model will be different in the two Faculties. With respect to the second concern, Arts and Science will adjust its spending on graduate funding to reflect this new program. Graduate student support in both Faculties will come from several sources including faculty operating budgets, SGS scholarships, donor awards and research grants. She added that a working group has been struck that will be looking at developing sustainable graduate student funding for the future.

R-2018-2-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the new graduate program in the Faculty of Arts and Science and Faculty of Engineering and*

Computer Science, outlined in Document US-2018-2-D15 be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2018-2-D7.

9. Clarification regarding the definition of “in good standing” (Document US-2018-2-D20)

Me Blais summarized the background leading to Steering Committee’s clarification of what “in good standing” signifies in relation to retiring professors or librarians’ entitlement to use the Emeritus title.

It was agreed that individuals subject to pending sanctions at the time of their retirement would not automatically be entitled to use the Emeritus title and, if not, would be so informed following a decision made by the Provost. This would include the case where an investigation is ongoing and an individual opts to retire before the investigation is completed.

Mr. Blaisdell asked what would happen in the event that such an investigation at the time of the retirement ultimately resulted in no sanction. The President responded that this would depend on each situation.

10. Question period

No questions were posed.

11. Other business

There was no other business to bring before Senate.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate