

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AND OF THE CORPORATION

Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 4 p.m.
Room GM 410 (Board of Governors meeting room) SGW Campus

PRESENT

Governors: Helen Antoniou (Chair), Françoise Bertrand, Kenneth Brooks, Graham Carr (President and Vice-Chancellor), Jarrett Carty, Gary N. Chateram (attended remotely), Gina P. Cody (attended remotely), Daniel Cross, Selvadurai Dayanandan (attended remotely), Pat Di Lillo, Adriana Embiricos (attended remotely), Kim Fuller, Rana Ghorayeb, Fawaz Halloum, Caroline Jamet, Claude Joli-Cœur (Vice-Chair), Claudine Mangen (attended remotely), Frederica Martin (Vice-Chair) (attended remotely), Paul John Murdoch, Duraichelvan Raju, Robert Soroka (attended remotely), Cathy Wong (attended remotely)

Also attending: Philippe Beauregard, Dominique Bérubé, William Cheaib, Paul Chesser, Denis Cossette, Michael Di Grappa, Nadia Hardy, Frederica Jacobs, Lisa Ostiguy (attended remotely), Anne Whitelaw

Alternate Governor: Nassim Boutalbi

Non-voting observer: Jonathan Wener (attended remotely)

ABSENT

Governors: Francis Baillet, Philippe Pourreaux, Ted Stathopoulos

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously RESOLVED:

R-2023-2-1 That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT

2. Approval of February 16, 2023 Minutes

R-2023-2-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2023, be approved.*

3. In-house architect – liability insurance waiver (Document BG-2023-2-D1)

R-2023-2-3 *Considérant que ELIO CHOQUETTE, architecte, exerce sa profession d'architecte au service de l'Université Concordia;*

Considérant que ELIO CHOQUETTE, architecte, dans le cadre de son emploi à l'Université, ne pose des actes professionnels que pour le compte de l'Université Concordia;

IL EST RÉSOLU de déclarer aux fins du Règlement sur la souscription obligatoire au Fonds d'assurance de la responsabilité professionnelle de l'Ordre des architectes du Québec (chapitre A-21, r. 13) que l'Université Concordia se porte garante et s'engage à prendre fait et cause et à répondre financièrement des conséquences de toute erreur ou omission de ELIO CHOQUETTE dans l'exercice de ses fonctions d'architecte pour l'Université Concordia.

4. Approval for the use of Concordia's name (Document BG-2023-2-D2)

R-2023-2-4 *That, subject to the conditions set out in the Policy on the Use of Concordia University's Name, Logo and Related Insignia, and the Governance of its Visual Character and Digital Presence (SG-4) and its related Procedures, the Board of Governors approve the following requests to use the Concordia name:*

- *Stronger than Stigma – Concordia Chapter*
- *Concordia Product Management Club*

5. Collection of new undergraduate student fee levies (Document BG-2023-2-D3)

R-2023-2-5 *Student Services fee levy*

That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to collect an increased fee levy of \$11.11 per credit (an increase of \$0.85 per credit from \$10.26 per credit) to support the Student Success Centre, Campus Wellness and Support Services, the Dean of Students Office and the Financial Aid and Awards Office, from all undergraduate students, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2023 (2232) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy. This fee cannot be opted out of.

R-2023-2-6 ***Hive Café Loyola Free breakfast program***

That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.35 per credit (an increase of \$0.25 per credit from \$0.10 per credit), from all undergraduate students registered in the Faculty of Arts and Science, in order to cover the expenses related to the implementation of a free breakfast program.

This program will operate a minimum of 4 days per week out of the Loyola Hive and offer 'grab and go' breakfast options for Arts and Science Federation Association Members beginning in Fall 2023.

Be it further resolved that this levy be adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, and to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2023 (2232) term in accordance with the university's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.

R-2023-2-7 ***Art Matters Festival fee***

That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to collect an increased Art Matters Festival fee from \$0.50 per credit to \$0.70 per credit (an increase of \$0.20 per credit), to be collected from all undergraduate students registered in the Faculty of Fine Arts, and to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2023 (2232) term in accordance with the University's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.

6. Environmental Legislation & Health & Safety (EH&S) Compliance Q4 and 2022 Report (Document BG-2023-2-D4)

This report was for information only.

A Board member wanted some additional information on the increase of injuries and near injuries mentioned in the report. M. Di Grappa informed the Board that protocols had been updated to ensure that all injuries were reported and that he would come back to the Board with more details on this specific question.

7. Finance Committee recommendation: Revisions to the Travel and Conference Policy (CFO-3) (Document BG-2023-2-D5)

R-2023-2-8 *That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Travel and Conference Policy (CFO-3).*

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8. Business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda

There was no other business to bring before the meeting that was not included on the Agenda.

9. President's report (Document BG-2023-2-D6)

As complementary information to his written report, G. Carr's remarks are summarized as follows:

- G. Carr started by recounting items that should make us all proud. The University graduated 8000 students this spring, which is a record number for the second year in a row. He congratulated students and the faculty and staff for the encouragement, mentorship, instruction and for graduate students, the research funding to enable our graduates to succeed.
- He listed the stellar honorary doctorate recipients that were announced:
 - Vikas Swarup, former High Commissioner of India to Canada, a globally-respected diplomat and author;
 - Jim McCully, a Concordia graduate who is a leading researcher, innovator and surgeon at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School;
 - Clarissa Desjardins, a biotech trailblazer and Montreal-based entrepreneur who works at the interface of computational and experimental drug discovery;
 - Deborah Estrin, a Cornell-based pioneer in computer science working on the frontiers of immersive health technology;
 - Kathy Baig, a trailblazer for equity and diversity in engineering, formerly head of the *Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec*;
 - Elisapie Isaac, the renowned and multi- award-winning Inuit singer-songwriter;
 - Sandra and Alain Bouchard, for their immense leadership in philanthropy, especially in the areas of the cognitive disability, arts and culture; and
 - Rodolphe Saadé, the Lebanese-born graduate of Concordia who leads one of the world's major shipping companies with a deep commitment to sustainability and humanitarian relief.
- In terms of outreach, in collaboration with the Walrus magazine the University hosted two fantastic events in Toronto (at the Bader theater) and Ottawa (at the National Gallery) with live and virtual audiences of several hundred in both cases. This was a great opportunity to connect with alumni in those cities but also with friends of the Walrus magazine, which is Canada's version of The Atlantic.
- On the research front, he shared the news of Jason Lewis, professor in Computational Design and Arts, who was awarded \$23M under the Government of Canada's New Frontiers in Research Fund. This represents the largest award a Concordia researcher has ever received and there were only 6 awards made across all Canada. Jason Lewis

will lead an international team on the project, “Abundant Intelligences: Expanding Artificial Intelligences through Indigenous Knowledge Systems.”

- Behavior Interactive, a Montreal-based company and the largest independent video game producer in Canada, announced a \$2M gift to the University, to support the recruitment of a research chair and student training opportunities. The video game industry currently contributes \$1.5 billion to the Quebec economy. He congratulated Dean Gérin and P. Chesser and their teams for their work in bringing this partnership to fruition.
- He noted the significant series of announcements highlighting the University’s leadership on sustainability, including the PLAN-NET/ZERO launch in mid-April. The project has garnered a lot of interest. The University had the opportunity to present at two conferences in Toronto, and last Friday, when Mairesse Valérie Plante closed the 2nd annual Montréal Climate Partnership Summit, PLAN-NET/ZERO was one of only two projects that she singled out for special attention and praise.
- Two weeks later, the University finally made the announcement that Concordia had won the largest single institutional research award in its history, a Canada First Research Excellence Fund grant of \$123,160,035 to support a seven-year, nationwide project that the University will lead on electrifying society.
- In addition to the federal funding, the University has already raised more than \$55M in support from Government of Québec, the FRQ, and other public, private, Indigenous partners. He thanked Dean Debbabi, D. Bérubé, Lyes Kadem, Paula Wood-Adams and an extraordinary team of researchers led by Andreas Athienitis, Ursula Eicker, Karim Zaghbi, and Carmela Cuccuzella, in addition to the Office of Research staff who worked tirelessly to put this winning project together. He noted that only 11 Canadian universities were funded, which meant that this was an opportunity to register the University as a world-leading research university.
- He spoke to the fact that the Government of Canada chose the University to be the host institution for the national announcement. The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry was on campus for two hours, together with Ted Hewitt, President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and Chair of the Canada First Research Excellence Fund Steering Committee, Mona Nemer, Chief Scientist of Canada, Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Québec, including a number of local members of parliament, presidents of other universities and the University’s current and past Board chairs. He congratulated P. Chesser, P. Beauregard and D. Bérubé for their help in making the event a success.
- He spoke of follow-up events in Ottawa, noting that a selected group of researchers had travelled there to meet with deputy ministers and associate deputy ministers to present Concordia’s work and expertise on the electrification of society and also in cybersecurity, software engineering and artificial intelligence. The meetings were hosted by Sony Perron, CEO of Shared Services Canada and Taki Sarantakis, who is head of Canada’s School of Public Service. G. Carr underscored the importance of

being more present in the national capital. He also noted the importance of continued engagement with the Government of Québec.

- He informed the Board of the ‘thematic campus’ of the University that was launched in Shawinigan, in the presence of Honorable Pierre Fitzgibbon, Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy for Québec. This thematic campus would open in collaboration with the *Centre National en Électrochimie et en Technologies Environnementales*. Given that Shawinigan has emerged as a leading center of economic activity focused on electrification of transport, the goal with this initiative is to bring a dimension of applied research to the battery development chain of production. Further, he noted that with the widely anticipated announcement by the government of a *Zone d’innovation sur la transition énergétique* in the Mauricie, involving Trois-Rivieres, Bécancour and Shawinigan, the University’s partnership will position it well to play a key role in that initiative.

10. Finance Committee recommendations:

10.1 Administrative Fee (Document BG-2023-2-D7)

Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was approved by more than 2/3rd majority
RESOLVED:

R-2023-2-9 *Whereas the current Administrative fee being charged to all students is \$12.01 per credit; and*

Whereas the government has allowed the University to increase this fee up to \$12.37 for 2023-24;

Be it resolved:

That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the collection of an increased Administrative fee of \$12.37 per credit from all students, to be implemented with registration for the fall 2023 (2232) term, in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

10.2 Technology Infrastructure Fee (Document BG-2023-2-D8)

Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was approved by more than 2/3rd majority
RESOLVED:

R-2023-2-10 *Whereas the current Technology Infrastructure fee being charged to all students is \$5.67 per credit; and*

Whereas the government has allowed the University to increase this fee up to \$5.84 for 2023-24;

Be it resolved:

That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors

approve the collection of an increased Technology Infrastructure fee of \$5.84 per credit from all students, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2023 (2232) term, in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

11. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the meeting.

12. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

K. Singh
Karan Singh
Secretary of the Board of Governors