

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

Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 4 p.m.
Room GM 410 (Board of Governors meeting room) SGW Campus

PRESENT

Governors: Helen Antoniou (Chair), Kenneth Brooks (attended remotely), Graham Carr (President and Vice-Chancellor), Jarrett Carty (attended remotely), Gina P. Cody, Daniel Cross, Selvadurai Dayanandan (attended remotely), Rana Ghorayeb, Caroline Jamet (attended remotely), Claude Joli-Cœur (Vice-Chair), Frederica Martin (Vice-Chair), Duraichelvan Raju, Ted Stathopoulos, Robert Soroka, 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, Anne Whitelaw

Alternate Governor: Nassim Boutalbi

ABSENT

Governors: Francis Baillet, Françoise Bertrand, Gary N. Chateram, Pat Di Lillo, Adriana Embiricos, Kim Fuller, Fawaz Halloum, Claudine Mangen, Paul John Murdoch, Philippe Pourreaux

Non-voting observer: Jonathan Wener

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

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

R-2023-4-1 That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT

2. Approval of May 18, 2023 Minutes

R-2023-4-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2023, be approved.*

3. CUPFA & CUCEPTFU health plans (Document BG-2023-4-D1)

R-2023-4-3 *Renewal effective September 1, 2023 for CUPFA and CUCEPTFU health plans*

That, on recommendation of the Part-Time Employee Benefits Committee, the Board of Governors approve the renewal of Group Insurance Plans, effective September 1, 2023, with the following conditions:

- No premium adjustment for both the Comprehensive and RAMQ plans;*
- Maintain the Health Care large claims pooling threshold at \$25,000 and no change in the pooling fees and other fees charged by Sun Life; and*
- Transfer of the surplus generated in plan year 2022-2023, i.e. \$61,711, for investment by the Concordia University Foundation as part of the surpluses held for the CUPFA & CUCEPTFU Health Care policies.*

Continuation of the telemedicine service Lumino Health Virtual Care effective September 1, 2023 for CUPFA and CUCEPTFU members

That, on recommendation of the Part-Time Employee Benefits Committee, the Board of Governors approve the continuation of the telemedicine service Lumino Health Virtual Care for CUPFA & CUCEPTFU members, for a one-year period beginning on September 1, 2023, to be funded from the surpluses available for the CUPFA & CUCEPTFU Health Care policies.

4. Amendments to the Mandate and Memberships of Senate Committees (Document BG-2023-4-D2)

R-2023-4-4 *That, following approval and recommendation of Senate, the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Membership and functions of Standing Committees of Senate, as provided for in the attached document.*

5. Request for the use of Concordia's name (Document BG-2023-4-D3)

R-2023-4-5 *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 request by the following group to use the Concordia name and logo:*

- Association of Graduate Students in Psychology*

6. Tribunal Pool nomination (Document BG-2023-4-D4)

R-2023-4-6 *That the appointment of Barry Robinson as a member of the Administrative and Support Staff Tribunal Pool for a term beginning on September 1, 2023, and ending on August 31, 2025, be approved.*

7. Environmental Legislation & Health & Safety (EH&S) Compliance Report
(Document BG-2023-4-D5)

8. Sundry Fee report (Document BG-2023-4-D6)

These reports were provided for information purposes only.

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9. 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.

10. President's report (Document BG-2023-4-D7)

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

- Dr. Carr began by noting that everyone was looking forward to Convocation next week. A record number of students are registered for Convocation, including over 500 for some of the ceremonies. He thanked everyone who was involved in the organization of the ceremonies and again thanked faculty, staff for their work during the academic year.
- Announcement of new Zone d'Innovation for the Green Energy Transition in the Mauricie region of Québec took place recently; it was an opportunity to meet with Premier Legeault, Ministers Fitzgibbon and Boulet, as well as Minister François-Philippe Champagne from the Government of Canada. Several hundred people were in attendance, and it was a great opportunity to promote Concordia as a leader in battery development.
- British minister of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, George Freeman, was hosted at Loyola Campus recently. This visit was a result of the relationship between Concordia and the UK government around synthetic biology that was cultivated around 2014.
- Earlier this week at the Conference de Montréal, the Concordia Africa Initiative was announced. Dr. Carr thanked W. Cheaib for all of his work in bringing this initiative into fruition, as well as Hawa Keita, the Lead on the Initiative. The African continent is the youngest continent of the world, and it is an enormous, brimming pool of talent.

Over the last years, Concordia has been working with the Association of Universités Africaines Francophones, the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and others to develop a strategy for promoting youth entrepreneurship, developing leadership and mobility opportunities between African and Canadian universities, and fostering leadership development within African universities. The most recent meeting focused on the entrepreneurship piece. There was a pitch session for young African entrepreneurs which attracted over 400 participants. The top five participants (from Kenya, Sénégal, Nigeria, Morocco) were invited to present their businesses at the Conference de Montréal. This was a nice contrast to the recent work in extending Concordia's reach to Shawinigan and the Mauricie; in addition to expanding its reach within Québec, Concordia is also extending its reach globally to Africa.

- Dr. Carr also shared his participation at the National Conference of U Sports. This year, a young member of Concordia's Men's Hockey Team, Tyler Hylland, who was a member of the Canadian National Hockey team at the University Games in Lake Placid this winter, delivered the motivational speech. He shared a remarkable story of courage and determination to represent the Stingers and Canada despite the sudden death of his mother at the height of the Varsity season and just prior to the world championships.

C. Wong spoke to the opportunity that franco-African countries could bring to Concordia's international strategy. Dr. Carr agreed and noted that while the original pitch had been pan-African, the new thrust was now going to be the African countries of the Francophonie.

11. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the meeting.

12. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Secretary of the Board of Governors