

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 4 p.m.
Room GM 410 (Board of Governors meeting room), SGW Campus
and via Zoom video conferencing

PRESENT

Helen Antoniou (C)	Shahir Guindi (remote)	Vanessa Massot
Theresa Bianco (remote)	Claude Joli-Coeur (V.C)	Miranda Melfi (remote)
Ken Brooks (remote)	Shoshana Kalfon (remote)	Geneviève Morin
Graham Carr (P and Vice-C)	Mehdi Kharazmi	Christine Panet-Raymond
Jarrett Carty (V.C)	Martin Lefebvre	Rahul Ravi
Pat Di Lillo (remote)	Catherine Loubier (remote)	Robert Soroka (remote)
		Ted Stathopoulos

Alternate: Ali Salman

Non-Voting Observer: Gina Cody (remote)

Also attending:

Philippe Beauregard	Effrosyni Diamantoudi	Frederica Jacobs (remote)
Paul Chesser	Michael Di Grappa	Pascal Lebel
		Kathleen Lizé

ABSENT

Governors:

Gary N. Chateram (remote)	Kim Fuller	Paul John Murdoch
Adriana Embiricos	Rana Ghorayeb	

LEGEND:

C: Chair

P and Vice-C: President and Vice Chancellor

V.C: Vice Chair

Remote: joined via Zoom/Teams

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1.1. Approval of the Agenda

R-2026-5-1 *That the Agenda be approved as presented.*

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of March 26, 2026 Minutes

R-2026-5-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of Open Session from March 26, 2026 be approved.*

3. Fees:

3.1 Student fee levies (Document BG-2026-5-D1)

R-2026-5-3 *That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to increase the Recreation and Athletics undergraduate student fee by \$1.27 per credit for the next three years (an increase from \$2.92 to \$4.19 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, and to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2026 (2262) term in accordance with the university's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.*

R-2026-5-4 *That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to increase the CURE Concordia fee-levy from \$0.08 to \$0.32 per credit (an increase of \$0.24), indexed annually to inflation with the Consumer Price Index, implemented with registration for the Fall 2026 (2262) term in accordance with the university's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.*

R-2026-5-5 *That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to increase Queer Concordia fee from 0.02c per credit to 0.29c per credit (indexed with inflation), implemented with registration for the Fall 2026 (2262) term in accordance with the university's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.*

R-2026-5-6 *That the Board of Governors authorize for the Fine Arts Student Alliance (FASA) to reallocate \$0.15 from their existing \$2.16 per credit fee, to the Concordia University Centre for Creative Reuse (CUCCR), to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2026 (2262) term in accordance with the university's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.*

3.2 Supplementary Course Fee – Business and Climate Action (Document BG-2026-5-D2)

R-2026-5-7 *That, subject to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the \$500 supplementary course fee for optional activities related to the course Business & Climate Action, offered by the John Molson School of Business.*

3.3 MBA Investment Management option (GIIM) tuition fee (Document BG-2026-5-D3)

R-2026-5-8 *That, subject to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors authorize the implementation of the revised tuition fee structure related to the MBA-IM program as detailed in the appended document.*

4. Recommendation of Senate: Name of academic unit (Document BG-2026-5-D4)

R-2026-5-9 *That, on recommendation of Senate, the Board of Governors approve that the Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering (CIISE) be renamed as the Department of Cybersecurity and Intelligent Systems Engineering.*

5. Report on compliance with environmental legislation and health and safety regulations (Q1-2026 Report) (Document BG-2026-5-D5)

This report was for information only.

6. 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.

7. President's report (Document BG-2026-5-D6)

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

- Dr. Carr noted that, as the winter semester has ended and we are already two weeks into the summer term, it is important to highlight the various accomplishments during this period of challenges.
- On May 13th, a \$15M gift was announced by businessman, philanthropist and commercial astronaut, Mark Pathy, which also aligned with the creation of the Mark Pathy Space Institute (approved by the Board in March 2026). The Institute will serve as a hub for research, student training and industry partnerships, and is intended to be a spark for entrepreneurship, startups and commercialization in what will arguably become the fastest growing sector of the global economy. The creation of the Institute makes Concordia the only university environment in Canada where all four domains of space research - robotics, propulsion, human space health and sustainability - coexist within a single research ecosystem.
- Dr. Carr noted that this gift is particularly significant because M. Pathy has no links to Concordia. He was drawn to Concordia because of student achievements in space

competitions and because of the University and the Gina Cody School's vision to become a leader in Canada in space research and development.

- The announcement of the gift and the Institute was serendipitous as it aligned with the visit of the crew from Artemis II, including Canada's Jeremy Hansen and backup astronaut, Jenni Gibbons to Montreal.
- Dr. Carr thanked the entire University Advancement team, including Paul Chesser, Dean Debbabi for work done at the Gina Cody School, and the Government Relations team, for inviting 4 members of parliament, including a minister to the event. He underscored the need to continue to leverage the University's extraordinary research and achievements to attract more people, particularly when the next capital campaign is launched.
- Dr. Carr spoke about the launch of the School of Performance at an event organized at *Places des Arts*. The School of Performance is the first school of its kind in Québec, integrating theater, contemporary dance and music. This initiative speaks to the talent within Fine Arts at the University and the University's ability to reposition its assets during these challenging times. The event featured performances from alumni and students from the new School of Performance.
- The following night, more student performers – musicians, dancers, and actors – were featured at the gala dinner of the first annual Volt-Age conference. The conference on electrifying society was held at *Palais des Congrès* and attracted 365 national and international participants, including 110 graduate students, 80 industry partners, plus researchers from Concordia and partner universities. Premier Fréchetton gave an opening video address.
- A month ago, the University conferred an honorary doctorate on Gina McCarthy, the former head of the US Environmental Protection Agency and White House Advisor on Climate in the Obama and Biden administrations. G. McCarthy is a major champion of climate action and economic investment in the green energy transition. The conferral ceremony was attended by representatives from all levels of government present, including two former federal cabinet ministers
- A couple of weeks ago, one part-time faculty member hosted a panel event that welcomed back to campus Minister Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services of Canada, and a graduate of Concordia. Minister Gull-Masty was in dialogue with Ghislain Picard, former chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Québec and Labrador, and an Indigenous expert in residence in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

- These events are important opportunities to attract many public officials from all levels of government to Concordia to showcase the University's outstanding work, demonstrating how it aligns with policy priorities and positioning Concordia as a solution provider to the complex issues of our times.
- Dr. Carr then highlighted some other achievements:
 - Two Concordia PhD students, Célia Bensiali-Hadaud and Guillaume Jabbour were among only 18 recipients of the Trudeau scholarships (valued at \$250K). Concordia was one of only four universities to have two winners. Bensiali-Hadaud works on inclusive urban policies and immigration; Jabbour works on music and the Palestinian diasporic experience.
 - Professor Steven High, Department of History, one of the world's foremost practitioners of oral history and the social history of industrial decline in North America, was named a Trudeau Fellow, one of only five in Canada and the only one from Québec, with the fellowships are valued at \$300K
 - Mia Scroggins-Hadley (M. Ed Educational Psychology) was one of 30 Canadian and International students to win the prestigious McCall MacBain Scholarship, and the second Concordian to win the award since its inception in 2021.
 - Wendy Mbog, étudiante en génie, won *Déli ta langue*, the national competition in French-language public speaking (eloquence) in Canada.
 - Concordia's Moot Law Society won two major moot law competitions held in Ottawa in March, beating out teams from some of Canada's foremost law programs.
 - JessyMaude Drapeau, the captain of the women's hockey team, has been nominated by RSEQ for the Lois and Doug Mitchell Award as USports top female athlete of the year.
 - The University was named by MediaCorp as one of Canada's Greenest Employers for 2026.
- The STRIVE Task Force report on identity-based violence, which included a few recommendations, was released in mid-April. The University is framing the mandate for and creating an implementation committee to make the recommendations

actionable. Dr. Carr thanked everyone who participated in the working groups, who were part of a university-wide steering committee, who answered questionnaires and provided testimony to support the work of STRIVE.

- He noted that it was extremely important for the community to have the opportunity to share their views and experiences and that he was confident that the recommendations would make the University community stronger and more tolerant going forward.

8. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the Open Session.

9. Adjournment

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

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Karan Singh
Secretary of the Board of Governors