

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

Friday, May 20, 2022
following the meeting of the Closed Session
via Zoom video conferencing

PRESENT

Voting Members: Graham Carr (Chair), Leslie Barker, Joanna Berzowska, Elizabeth Bloodgood, Catherine Bolton, Carolyn Boulanger, Lovina Angela Brown, Queenie Hui Jing Chen, Demetre Christopoulos, Anne-Marie Croteau, Alexandra Dawson, Selvadurai Dayanandan, Alex De Visscher, Mourad Debbabi, Larry Deck, Effrosyni Diamantoudi, Riya Dutta, Linda Dyer, Mary Esteve, Mehdi Farashahi, Annie Gérin, Marina Ghali, Nicolka Gorel, Hannah Jamet-Lange, Moshe Lander, Eduardo Malorni, Peter Morden, Duraichelvan Raju, Lourdu Reddy Allam, Pat Riva, Pascale Sicotte, Reza Soleymani, Robert Soroka, Craig Townsend, Guylaine Vaillancourt, Jean-Philippe Warren, Deeva Wazir, Anne Whitelaw, Shaina Willison, Paula Wood-Adams, Radu Grigore Zmeureanu

Non-voting members: Isabel Dunnigan, Nadia Hardy, Tom Hughes, Frederica Jacobs, Ilze Kraulis, Émilie Martel

Also attending: Asli Isaaq, Elijah Olise, Amadou Saakho, Karan Singh

ABSENT

Voting members: Ciprian Alecsandru, Shimon Amir, Boutaina Chafi, Sally Cooke, Ariela Freedman, Abdelwahab Hamou-Lhadj, Mitch Mitchell, Prady Cassandra Ngouma Wa, Satinder Pal Singh, Rosemary Reilly

Non-voting members: Philippe Beauregard, Paul Chesser, Denis Cossette, Michael Di Grappa, Candace Jacobs

1. Call to order

The President called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

R-2022-4-4 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda of the Open Session be approved.*

1.2 Adoption of April 8, 2022 Minutes

R-2022-4-5 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of April 8, 2022, be adopted.*

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:

- This being the last Senate of the year, G. Carr took the opportunity to congratulate all graduating Senators.
- He welcomed three incoming undergraduate student representatives, Elijah Olise, Asli Isaaq and Amadou Saakho, who joined the meeting as guests.
- He thanked all the Senators whose terms are ending for their service to the academic life of the University.
- G. Carr congratulated the spring graduates and reminded Senate that the University is planning in-person convocation in June and August to honor the graduates from the previous two years.
- G. Carr made note that yesterday was Global Accessibility Awareness Day and as part of the University's commitment, the revised Accessibility Policy is now in effect. He thanked L. Ostiguy, L. White and S. Gabriele for their work on this important file.
- G. Carr informed Senate that Concordia, jointly with CUFA and CUPFA, submitted a brief on the academic freedom Bill 32, expressing opposition to the Bill.
- G. Carr informed Senate of the release of the *Stratégie Québécoise de recherche et d'investissement en innovation*.
- G. Carr apprised Senate of the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, which measure the performance of universities against the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Of the 1400 universities ranked from around the world,

Concordia ranked 48th for its work to reduce inequality, 20th for climate action and 5th for work in the area of smart cities.

- G. Carr shared information regarding the launch of the Art Volt program which is supported by the Peter N. Thomson Family Innovation Fund. Art Volt is a platform containing a wide array of programs aimed at supporting recent Fine Arts alumni. G. Carr congratulated the Faculty of Fine Arts and everyone who worked on this initiative.

4. Academic update (Document US-2022-4-D2)

In addition to her written report, A. Whitelaw informed Senate that four working groups of Future Concordia had made outstanding recommendations. She noted that two more working groups were yet to make presentations.

A. Whitelaw also informed Senate that the University will be extending the extraordinary late DISC into the next academic year.

CONSENT

5. Academic Programs Committee - Report and recommendations
(Document US-2022-4-D3)

R-2022-4-6 That the Academic Programs Committee - Report and recommendations (Document US-2022-4-D3) be approved.

- 6. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee report** (Document US-2022-4-D4)
7. Library Committee report (Document US-2022-4-D5)
8. Research Committee report (Document US-2022-4-D6)

These reports were provided for information.

9. Committee appointments (Document US-2022-4-D7)

R-2022-4-7 That the committee appointments be approved.

10. Graduate calendar regulation changes (Document US-2022-4-D8)

This report was provided for information.

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11. Membership and Powers of the Faculty and School Councils
(Document US-2022-4-D9)

A. Whitelaw introduced the item explaining that with the creation of the new School of

Health, modifications to the document were required to include a new Council for the School of Health. Other minor revisions were also made.

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

R-2022-4-8 That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the revisions to the Membership and Powers of the Faculty Councils and the Council of the School of Graduate Studies

12. Abolition of the Senate Finance Committee (Document US-2022-4-D10)

G. Carr introduced this item which had been discussed at the last meeting of Senate. G. Carr reminded Senate that the Finance Committee of Senate had been in abeyance since 2019, as the role of the Senate Finance Committee with regard to program costing is now subject to a new process. He explained that the matter is brought to Senate for formal approval.

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

R-2022-4-9 Whereas the Senate Finance Committee recommended to Senate in 2019 to reconsider whether there is a need for the Senate Finance Committee to exist;

Whereas the Senate Finance Committee's activities have been suspended since 2019;

Whereas a new process for the review and approval of costing related to new programs has been implemented since 2019 and has proven to be effective.

Be it resolved:

That Senate abolish the Senate Finance Committee, effective immediately.

13. Question period

There were no questions asked during the question period.

14. Other business

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

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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