

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION**  
**COUNCIL OF THE GINA CODY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Friday, February 21, 2020  
EV 2.309

**PRESENT:**

**Chair:** Asif, A.

**Voting members:** Agarwal, A.; Akgunduz, A.; Ben Hamza, A.; Butler, G.; Chen, M.; Contreras, I.; De Visscher, A.; Fancott, T.; Fayyaz, F.; Ge, H.; Goyal, N.; Lucia, W.; Maistre, M.; Manirov, V.; Mariotti Lapointe, J.; Mehmet Ali, M.; Narayanan, L.; Nourani, H.; Paraschivoiu, M.; Pugh, M.; Silber, J.; Shiri, N.; Soliman, A.; Terekhov, D.; Thiel, S.; Zahangir Kabir, M.; Semic, R. (for Shayan, Y. R.); Boudiffa, M. (for Stojda, A.); Ronci, D. (for Ordonselli, S.)

**Non-Voting members:** Howse, E.; Kraulis, I.; Pawelek, P; Udvud, E.

**Observers:** Clarke, A.; Gosselin, G.; Himmo, M.

**Guests:** Khaner, T.

**ABSENT:**

**Voting members:** Ait Mohamed, O.; Alecsandru, C.; Bagchi, A.; Carr, G.; Debbabi, M.; El Ayoubi, C.; Gopakumar, G.; Hammad, A.; Hashtrudi Zad, S.; Gueheneuc, Y.-G.; Ordonselli, S.; Shayan, Y. R.; Singh, M.; Stathopoulos, T.; Stojda, A.; Whitelaw, A.; Ye, Z.; Youssef, A.; Zeng, Y

**Non-voting members:** Little, G.

**Observers:** Allaire, V.; De Melo, D; Fiorentino, N.; Martel, C.; Miatello, M.; Latimer, J.

1. **Call to Order of the Open Session**

The Chair called the open session of the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

*Motion 2020-02-01      Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Pugh / L. Narayanan), it was passed that the Agenda be adopted as submitted.*

*Vote: Carried unanimously*

3. **Approval of the Minutes of Open Session ECFC 2020-01 – January 17, 2019**

*Motion 2020-02-02      Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. De Visscher / A. Soliman), it was passed that the Minutes be approved as submitted.*

*Vote: Carried unanimously*

#### 4. Chair's Remarks

- EngComm took place from February 18-22, 2020. It involved teams of engineering and commerce students from 16 internationally recognized academic institutions. During the five day competition, each delegation competed in three cases.
- The Dean's Awards will be held March 23. This year we have a great number of students with outstanding academic results to honor.
- The next Law Meets Engineering lecture topic is *Latent Defects; Frequent Sources of Litigation. How to Minimize Risk*. It will be taking place on February 25 at 5:30 pm in EV 2.260. The previous lecture given by Ms. Kathy Baig, President of OIQ, was a great success with more than 200 people in attendance.
- The Teaching Day on Decolonizing the engineering and computer science curriculum was held on February 18.
- Last night the Royal Society of Canada celebrated the class of 2019 at an event hosted by Concordia University. Two members of Concordia University were welcomed to the Society: Dr. Guylaine Beaudry, Vice-Provost of Digital Strategy and University Librarian, and Dr. Alice Jim, Professor in the Department of Art History.

#### 5. Associate Dean Remarks

Ali Akgunduz

- Following up from the CEAB meeting on Ottawa, beginning next year the number of Accreditation Units assigned to engineering students will drop from 1950 to 1850 which will lead to about a three course reduction in our curriculum requirements. Coupled with the Cégep increase in credits from 225 to 450, a gain of three or four courses, we'll need to make some fundamental changes in our engineering programs in the next few years.
- At this time of year there is always an increase in the number of Academic Code of Conduct cases submitted, particularly by invigilators. Professors are requested to consult with invigilators regarding any infringements of the code of conduct in their exams to ensure appropriate measures are taken.

Marius Paraschivoiu

- The deadline for Excellence in Teaching Awards nominations is March 9. This is the twenty third annual awards for professors and the fifth annual awards for TAs.

Anjali Agarwal

- At the workshop on decolonizing the engineering and computer science curriculum some courses were identified as including Indigenous components. There are still other opportunities to include more Indigenous components in core courses.

#### 6. Presentation: T. Khaner, Associate Director, Institute for Co-operative Education

#### 7. Presentation: Summer@Concordia, A. Clarke, Advisor, Strategic Initiatives & Special Projects, A. Akgunduz, Associate Dean, Academic Programs.

8. Curriculum Changes (ECFC 2020-02-01)

- a) Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2020-21 Academic Year, Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering (ECFC 2020-02-01)

*Motion 2020-02-03* Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. Akgunduz / A. Ben Hamza), it was passed that the document ECFC 2020-02-01 be adopted with the following changes:

- the title of the course to be discussed;
- the course description to be modified into full sentences.

*Vote: Carried unanimously*

- b) Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2020-21 Academic Year, Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (ECFC 2020-02-02)

*Motion 2020-02-04* Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. Akgunduz / A. Soliman), it was passed that the document ECFC 2020-02-02 be adopted with minor changes:

- the course description to be modified into full sentences.

*Vote: Carried unanimously*

- c) Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2020-21 Academic Year, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECFC 2020-02-03)

*Motion 2020-02-05* Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. Akgunduz / G. Butler), it was passed that the document ECFC 2020-02-03 be adopted without changes.

*Vote: Carried unanimously*

- d) Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2020-21 Academic Year, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECFC 2020-02-04)

*Motion 2020-02-06* Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. Akgunduz / L. Narayanan), it was passed that the document ECFC 2020-02-04 be adopted without changes.

*Vote: Carried unanimously*

9. Ratification of TA Evaluation Form (ECFC 2020-02-05)

*Motion 2020-02-07* Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. Akgunduz / J. Silber), it was passed that the document ECFC 2020-02-05 be adopted with the following changes:

- the questions to be rephrased into statements

*Vote: Carried with one vote against (G. Butler)*

10. Ratification of Elections (ECFC 2020-02-06)

*Motion 2020-02-08* Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Paraschivoiu / A. Akgunduz), it was passed that the document ECFC 2020-02-06 be adopted as submitted.

11. Ratification of Selection Committee (ECFC 2020-02-08)

*Motion 2020-02-09 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Paraschivoiu / A. Akgunduz), it was passed that the document ECFC 2020-02-06 be adopted as submitted.*

12. Committee Reports (ECFC 2020-02-07)

Reports were submitted for the following committees:

- School of Graduate Studies

13. Other Business

14. Adjournment at 4:32 p.m.

Erica Howse  
Secretary of Faculty Council  
Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science