



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NOTICE OF MEETING

April 11, 2019

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Board of Governors of Concordia University will take place **at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2019**, in Room GM 410 (Board of Governors Meeting Room), located on the 4th floor of the Guy-Metro Building, 1550 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, on the SGW Campus. Refreshments and light fare will be provided.

Kindly confirm your attendance to Evelyne Loo as soon as possible at evelyne.loo@concordia.ca or at 514-848-2424, ext. 4814.

Members of the University community who wish to view the meeting are invited to go to the observers' room EV 002.301, Located on Floor S2 of the Engineering, Computer Science, and Visual Arts Integrated Complex.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Tessier".

Danielle Tessier
Secretary of the Board of Governors

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

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 4 p.m.
Room GM 410 (Board of Governors Meeting Room)
SGW Campus

Time	Item	Presenter/s	Action
4:00	1. Call to order	N. Hébert	
	1.1 Adoption of the Agenda	N. Hébert	Approval
	CONSENT AGENDA	N. Hébert	
	2. Adoption of March 13, 2019 Minutes		Approval
	3. Collection and discontinuance of fee levies from all undergraduate students (<i>Document BG-2019-3-D1</i>)		Approval
	4. Collection and discontinuance of the collection of fee levies from undergraduate students in the Faculty of Fine Arts (<i>Document BG-2019-3-D2</i>)		Approval
	5. Requests for the use of the Concordia name (<i>Document BG-2019-3-D3</i>)		Approval
	REGULAR AGENDA		
4:05	6. Business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda		

4:10	7.	President's report (<i>Document BG-2019-3-D4</i>)	A. Shepard	Information
4:20	8.	Presentation on concerns of international students regarding tuition fee deregulation (<i>Document BG-2019-3-D5</i>)	S. Hough-Martin	Information
4:35	9.	Other business		
4:40	10.	Adjournment	N. Hébert	

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

Held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 4 p.m.
in Room GM 410 (Board of Governors Meeting Room)
located on the 4th floor of the Guy-Metro Building,
1550 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West
on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Governors: Norman Hébert jr., *Chair*, Helen Antoniou, Françoise Bertrand, *Vice-Chair*, Patrice Blais, Antoinette Bozac, Ken Brooks, Stéphane Brutus, Jarrett Carty, Gina. P. Cody, Daniel Cross, Adriana Embiricos, Sophie Hough-Martin, Tony Loffreda, Frédérica Martin, *Vice-Chair*, Michael Novak, Georges Paulez, Suzanne Sauvage, Alan Shepard, *President and Vice-Chancellor*, Ted Stathopoulos

Alternate Governor: Eunbyul Park

Also attending: Philippe Beauregard, Graham Carr, William Cheaib, Paul Chesser, Denis Cossette, Roger Côté, Anne-Marie Croteau*, Christophe Guy, Frederica Jacobs, Patrick Kelley*, Lisa Ostiguy, Anne Whitelaw

* *in attendance for item 9 only*

ABSENT

Governors: Jeff Bicher, William Bukowski, Rana Ghorayeb, Chaim Kuhnreich, Philippe Pourreaux

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1.1 **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

R-2019-2-1 *That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.*

CONSENT

2. Adoption of January 23, 2019 Minutes

R-2019-2-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of the Open Session of January 23, 2019 be approved.*

3. Membership of the President Search Committee (Document BG-2019-1-D1)

R-2019-2-3 *That the Board of Governors ratify the following membership for the President Search Committee:*

Chair

Norman Hébert jr.

External members of the Board

Helen Antoniou

Françoise Bertrand

Jeff Bicher

Full-time faculty members

Reena Atanasiadis (JMSB)

Heather Igloliorte (FA)

Jennifer McGrath (A&S)

Radu Zmeureanu (GCS)

Part-time faculty member

Nick Papatheodorakos

Administrative and support staff

Joanne Beaudoin

Graduate student

Chaim Kuhnreich

Undergraduate student

Mikaela Clark-Gardner

4. Professional liability waiver for an in-house architect (Document BG-2019-2-D2)

R-2019-2-4 *Considérant que Shawn Moscovitch, architecte, est au service exclusif de l'Université Concordia;*

Considérant que Shawn Moscovitch, architecte, ne pose des actes professionnels que pour des édifices destinés à l'usage exclusif de l'Université Concordia et non destinés à la revente;

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 garant et s'engage à prendre le fait et cause et répondre financièrement des conséquences de toute erreur ou omission de Shawn Moscovitch dans l'exercice de ses fonctions.

5. Requests for the use of the Concordia name (Document BG-2019-2-D3)

R-2019-2-5 *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), the Board of Governors approve the following requests to use the Concordia name:*

- *Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy Concordia Chapter*
- *Queer Engineers Concordia*
- *Revolutionary Student Movement Concordia*

6. Collection of undergraduate student fee levies (Document BG-2019-2-D4)

R-2019-2-6 **CSU Operating**

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$2.31 per credit (increase of \$0.20 per credit from \$2.11 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Operating fee, to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 term (2019/1), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

CSU Advocacy Center

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.30 per credit (increase of \$0.06 per credit from \$0.24 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Advocacy Center, to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 term (2019/1), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

CSU Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency Fund

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an decreased fee levy of \$0.39 per credit (decrease of \$0.36 per credit from \$0.75 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Student Space, Accessible Education and Legal Contingency Fund, to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 term (2019/1), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

CSU Clubs

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.30 per credit (increase of \$0.10 per credit from \$0.20 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, from all undergraduate students to support the CSU Clubs, to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 term (2019/1), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

REGULAR

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

There was no business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda.

8. President's report (Document BG-2019-2-D5)

As complementary information to his written report, the President thanked the many volunteers who helped make the February 16 Open House a great success, which was attended by more than 4,500 guests on both campuses. He informed the Board that Concordia is advancing on its Indigenous Directions Leadership Group action plan, the internal launch having occurred this morning.

He noted that JMSB teams continue to shine in case competitions and added that the Engineering and Commerce Case Competition is especially noteworthy because it brings together students from two faculties. He also reported that three start-ups sponsored by Concordia's District 3 Innovation Center finished among the top 10 at this year's IBM Watson AI XPRIZE milestone competition.

Prof. Shepard apprised the Board that he is travelling to meet alumni around North America to principally cultivate gifts for the Campaign for Concordia.

He congratulated men's and women's basketball teams for advancing to the Canadian national championships for the first time in many years as well as the men's hockey team for their victory over the McGill Redmen at the 32nd annual Corey Cup game in February.

He concluded his report by underlining the many research grant recipients, and of particular note Shimon Amir, Professor in the Department of Psychology, for receiving a five-year CIHR grant worth \$745,000; and Nadia Bhuiyan, Vice-Provost, Partnerships and Experiential Learning and Professor in the Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Aerospace Engineering for her \$1.4 million NSERC research grant.

9. Finance Committee recommendation: Tuition fee increase in the Goodman Institute of Investment Management programs (Document BG-2019-2-D6)

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Novak indicated that the Finance Committee reviewed this proposal at its meeting of January 24 and is recommending Board approval thereof. He explained that at the inception of these programs, the tuition fees were deregulated. He reminded Governors that privatized programs do not receive any grants from the government.

The Dean of the John Molson School of Business, Anne-Marie Croteau, apprised Governors that the tuition for the three Goodman Institute of Investment Management (GIIM) privatized programs has not been increased since 2012, and that all students currently pay \$54,000 for the three-year GIIM programs.

Based on benchmarking of similar programs at other universities, it is proposed to increase tuition for domestic students (Quebec and rest of Canada) entering in the Fall 2019 to \$66,000, for those entering in the Fall 2020 to \$69,000, and those entering in the Fall 2021 to \$72,000. For international students, the proposed increases for the same period would be \$81,000, \$84,000 and \$87,000, respectively, based on the average differentiator between domestic and international students currently charged by competitors. All

students currently registered, whether domestic or international, will not be affected by these increases and continue to pay \$54,000.

Dean Croteau conveyed the rationale for the proposed increases, which will help to cover the cost related to course development and delivery, increased rent in Toronto, marketing and recruitment (especially in Toronto), additional career development and services to students as well as the creation of more scholarships. She explained that international students require a lot of assistance with respect to their language skills and cultural training to ensure that they are full prepared for the job market. She also indicated that pricing certainty is key, especially for international students.

The GIIM programs are unique to Concordia and provide a niche, in that they offer the most integrated program of MBA/CFA curriculum preparation and are seen as amongst the top CFA partner programs offered in Canada.

Following the presentation, Dean Croteau and Mr. Kelley responded to questions of clarification from Governors.

Ms. Hough-Martin expressed hesitation caused by the lack of an itemized breakdown of the costs as well concern with the steep increase well above the Consumer Price Index for the 2012-2019 period which is not justified by financial projections. Mr. Hébert noted that it is not intended to provide a balance sheet when proposing these increases. The point was also made that the profits generated from these programs will benefit the Faculty and the University as a whole.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was RESOLVED (*Hough-Martin requesting that her opposition be noted in the Minutes*):

R-2019-2-7 *That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve an increase in the annual tuition fee for new students registering in the following programs in the Goodman Institute of Investment Management:*

- *Diploma in Investment Management (DIM);*
- *Master of/Magisteriate in Investment Management (MIM); and*
- *Master of/Magisteriate in Business Administration (Investment Management Option) (IMBA)*

as follows:

For students entering the program in the Fall term of 2019 (2019/2)

- *Domestic students (Quebec and rest of Canada), from \$18,000 to \$22,000 per year (representing a total tuition of \$66,000 for the duration of the three-year program)*
- *International students, from \$18,000 to \$27,000 per year (representing a total tuition of \$81,000 for the duration of the three-year program)*

For students entering the program in the Fall term of 2020 (2020/2) and for the duration of the three-year program

- Domestic students (Quebec and rest of Canada), from \$22,000 to \$23,000 per year (representing a total tuition of \$69,000 for the duration of the three-year program)
- International students, from \$27,000 to \$28,000 per year (representing a total tuition of \$84,000 for the duration of the three-year program)

For students entering the program in the Fall term of 2021 (2021/2) and for the duration of the three-year program

- Domestic students (Quebec and rest of Canada), from \$23,000 to \$24,000 per year (representing a total tuition of \$72,000 for the duration of the three-year program)
- International students, from \$28,000 to \$29,000 per year (representing a total tuition of \$87,000 for the duration of the three-year program)

That all students currently registered in the program will continue to pay an annual tuition fee of \$18,000 until the completion of their program.

10. Report on compliance with environmental legislation and health and safety (EH&S) regulations (Document BG-2019-2-D7)

Mr. Côté presented the highlights of the report and responded to questions.

He also reported that a correction and update were required to report. In the executive summary section, reference is made that the “*Internal Non-Compliance citations*” for 2017 were 47 while the number should have read 239 as appropriately reported on the relevant detailed section.

Moreover, in the same executive summary section, the reported “*Regulatory Inspections*” should have read 32 instead of 21 since 11 inspections were recently reported by the Service des incendies de Montreal for Q3. The detailed section information is correct and requires no change.

11. Other business

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

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of the Board of Governors



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OPEN SESSION
Meeting of April 17, 2019**

AGENDA ITEM: Collection and discontinuance of fee levies from all undergraduate students

ACTION REQUIRED: For approval

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors is being asked to approve the collection by the University on behalf of the Concordia Student Union of a fee levy from all undergraduate students, further to a referendum held from April 2 to 4, 2019, as well as the discontinuance of the collection of a fee levy to support an association which is being dissolved.

BACKGROUND: The results of the vote have been validated by the Dean of Students, as outlined in the attached memo.

DRAFT MOTION:

World University Service of Canada

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a new fee levy of \$0.09 per credit from all undergraduate students, adjusted annually to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, in support of the World University Service of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 (2019/1) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy.

Association pour la Voix Étudiante au Québec (AVÉQ)

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to discontinue the collection of a fee levy of \$3.61 per term from all undergraduate students, to support the Association pour la Voix Étudiante au Québec (AVÉQ), effective for the Summer 2019 (2019/1) term.

PREPARED BY:

Name: Danielle Tessier
Date: April 10, 2019

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

April 8, 2019

TO: Ms. Danielle Tessier, Secretary, Board of Governors

FROM: Andrew Woodall, Dean of Students

RE: CSU Election results April 2019

In the most recent Concordia Student Union elections held from April 2-4 2019, undergraduate students voted on the following referendum question:

Do you agree to create a new fee levy of \$0.09 per credit, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 (2019/1) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy?

Yes:	2342
No:	1119
Abstain:	1210



Andrew Woodall



Object: Association pour la Voix Étudiante au Québec fee levy

To the Board of Governors,

L'Association pour la voix Étudiante au Québec began its dissolution process in January 2019. The Concordia Student Union has been a member of this association since 2016 and the External Coordinator is currently involved in its dissolution.

The CSU Council mandated the CSU Executives to retrieve as much student money as possible following the closure of the association.

Since it is the best interest of the students to stop paying fees toward an organization that is no longer active, the CSU asks Concordia University to stop collecting those fees.

Camille Thompson-Marchand CSU External and Mobilization coordinator



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AGENDA ITEM: Collection and discontinuance of the collection of fee levies from undergraduate students in the Faculty of Fine Arts

ACTION REQUIRED: For approval

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors is being asked to approve the collection and discontinuance of the collection by the University on behalf of the Fine Arts Student Alliance (FASA) of fee levies from undergraduate students in the Faculty of Fine Arts, further to a referendum held on March 26 and 27, 2019.

BACKGROUND: The results of the vote have been validated by the Dean of Students, as outlined in the attached memo.

DRAFT MOTION:

VAV Gallery

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.85 per credit (increase of \$0.05 per credit from \$0.80 per credit) from all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Fine Arts, for the VAV Gallery, to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 (2019/1) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy.

Concordia Undergraduate Journal of Art History (CUJAH)

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect an increased fee levy of \$0.24 per credit (increase of \$0.12 per credit from \$0.12 per credit) from all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Fine Arts, for the Concordia Undergraduate Journal of Art History (CUJAH), to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2019 (2019/2) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy.

Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante (ASSÉ)

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to discontinue the collection of a fee levy of \$1.50 per term from all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Fine Arts, to support the Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante (ASSÉ), effective for the Fall 2019 (2019/2) term.

PREPARED BY:

Name: Danielle Tessier

Date: April 2, 2019



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

April 2, 2019

TO: Ms. Danielle Tessier, Secretary, Board of Governors

FROM: Andrew Woodall, Dean of Students

RE: FASA Election results March 2019

In the most recent Fine Arts Student Alliance elections held from March 26-27 2019, undergraduate students voted on the following referendum question:

1. Do you agree to increase the VAV Gallery fee levy to \$0.85 per credit (an increase of \$0.05 per credit from \$0.80 per credit), to be implemented with registration for the Summer 2019 (2019/1) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy?

YES 105 NO 5 ABSTAIN 7

2. Do you agree to increase the Concordia Undergraduate Journal of Art History (CUJAH) to \$0.24 per credit (an increase of \$0.12 per credit from \$0.12 per credit), to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2019 (2019/2) term, in accordance with the University's tuition, refund and withdrawal policy?

YES 87 NO 14 ABSTAIN 16

3. Do you agree to discontinue the collection of a fee levy of \$1.50 per term to support l'Association pour une solidarité syndicale étudiante (ASSÉ), effective Fall 2019?

65 votes for the DISAFFILIATION FROM ASSE.

26 votes for VOTE FOR DISSOLUTION IN THE NEXT ASSE CONGRESS.

21 votes for REMAINING AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Therefore, the motion passed. FASA will disaffiliate from ASSÉ, effective Fall 2019.



Andrew Woodall



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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AGENDA ITEM: Requests for the use of the Concordia name

ACTION REQUIRED: For approval

SUMMARY: Associations or groups wishing to use the Concordia name must obtain the permission of the Board of Governors, as 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](#)).

BACKGROUND: The following requests were reviewed by the Dean of Students and the Office of the Secretary-General who are recommending Board approval:

- **Concordia Student Parents Club**, whose goals are to focus on activities to enhance the student experience to best support student-parent life.
- **Concordia University Taekwondo Club**, whose goals and objectives are to offer a continuation of the practice of Taekwondo at Le Gym.

DRAFT MOTION: 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](#)), the Board of Governors approve the following requests to use the Concordia name:

- **Concordia Student Parents Club**
- **Concordia University Taekwondo Club**

PREPARED BY:

Name: Danielle Tessier
Date: April 2, 2019



REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ALAN SHEPARD
PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

APRIL 2019

CONCORDIA

INTRODUCTION

Concordia launched the **Indigenous Directions** action plan on April 4th. With it, we commit to greater inclusivity through decolonizing and Indigenizing our university. Action plan items encompass integration of Indigenous knowledge, strategies and programs for recruitment and retention of Indigenous learners, support services, and much more.

I'm pleased to report new private sources of funding. Concordia's Faculty of Fine Arts received its largest donation to date — one that's further distinguished as the most significant toward a fine arts program in Quebec. On March 14th, the **Peter N. Thomson Family Trust** pledged **\$5.6 million** for student scholarships, field school awards, and an innovation fund.

Our university announced a gift of **\$250,000** from **Greg Rokos**, BComm 82, a graduate of our John Molson School of Business (JMSB), on March 12th. His donation will fund seven bursaries and scholarships annually at JMSB.

TEACHING, RESEARCH, INNOVATION

The Government of Canada's Future Skills Centre is investing **\$2.5 million** to support the new **Future Skills Innovation Network (FUSION)**. As part of FUSION, Concordia will have new competency-building resources needed in a rapidly changing world. Over the next two years, FUSION will benefit approximately 1,500 students through support of skills development, flexible learning formats, and access for underrepresented groups.

Faculty of Fine Arts graduate student **Zinnia Naqvi** won a **\$10,000 New Generation Photography Award**. The honour recognizes and supports artists 30 years of age and under. Naqvi's work will appear in group exhibitions at the Gladstone Hotel during the Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival in Toronto from May 1st until June 9th, and at the Canadian Photography Institute PhotoLab in Ottawa from September 27th to March 22nd, 2020.

Approximately 400 people attended a March 29th gala event at the Oscar Peterson Concert Hall to celebrate **Stingers Athletes of the Year**. Wrestler **Jade Dufour** earned **Female Athlete of the Year**. An exercise science student, Dufour won a gold medal at the 2018 World University Wrestling Championship in Brazil. The **Male Athlete of the Year** was **Ricardo Monge**, a finance master's student who captains the Stingers basketball team; the group won the RSEQ championship on March 2nd, a first since 2011-12. Awards were also given in 10 additional categories.

CEO Magazine named Concordia's John Molson Executive MBA one of the world's best. The program placed 33rd on the **2019 global executive MBA rankings**, and it is one of only three

Canadian programs that qualified. Assessment criteria included quality of faculty, international diversity, class size, accreditation, and faculty-to-student ratio.

Teams of John Molson MBA students took both first and second place at the **HEC Montréal Défi RSE/CSR Challenge**. The bilingual event asks groups of MBA students from around the world to analyze business cases and offer solutions. Issues presented included sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

Concordia Library appointed its first **Wikipedian-in-residence**. Amber Berson, MA 10, a graduate of the university's Department of Art History, will begin in the role on June 1st. The goal of the project is to increase digital literacy and an understanding of Wikipedia's role in society. Berson will offer training, organize edit-a-thons, and build capacity among students, faculty, and staff for work on Wikipedia projects.

When Disciplines Converge was hosted at 4TH SPACE on April 3rd. The pop-up event featured Concordia's 10 **Public Scholars**, each discussing their research — with examples including edible insects, robot-assisted surgery, and the gig economy. The event also marked the year-end for this cohort of Public Scholars, who passed the torch to an incoming group.

On March 15th, 115 people attended the **3-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition** where 23 finalists presented. Graduate student **Newsha Arezi** (Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry) was selected to represent Concordia at the 3MT eastern regional final on April 30th. Humanities PhD student **Emilie St. Hilaire** will represent Concordia at the French version of the competition, **Ma thèse en 180 secondes**, on May 29th.

The Milieux Institute for Arts, Culture and Technology hosted the Concordia Institute of Aerospace Design and Innovation **Aerospace Day** on March 21st. The university's aerospace societies took part in presentations and panel discussions showcasing their work. Participants included Space Concordia, Unmanned Vehicle Systems (UAV) Concordia, the university's chapter of the American Helicopter Society, and Concordia SAE.

On March 14th, the Milieux Institute's Indigenous Futures research cluster hosted its first-ever **Wikipedia edit-a-thon**. Participants received training and support for editing Wikipedia articles, enabling Indigenous participants to manage their representation in cyberspace.

Concordia's **Technoculture, Art and Games Research Centre** hosted **MICROTALKS** on March 27th. Students and faculty shared their work in the PechaKucha ("chit chat" in Japanese) presentation style, where one slide is displayed for only 20 seconds. Topics included robotics, superheroes, and Indigenous culture.

Students, artists, and members of industry and cultural organizations convened on March 23rd and 24th as part of **La Charette: Art + Tech**. Organized by the university's District 3 Innovation

Center, the event was an opportunity for fine arts and engineering students to collaborate on solutions to problems offered by Montreal cultural institutions.

District 3 participated in the first planning session for **AI Commons** — a community that aims to create solutions with artificial intelligence that address the world's important problems. The incubator also took part in **South by Southwest (SXSW)**, which ran from March 8th to 17th in Austin, Texas, to represent the Montreal and Quebec startup ecosystem, meet up with international entrepreneurs, and discuss scaling in a world-class AI hub.

The university was selected to host the third annual **Canadian Men's Rugby Championship** taking place November 20th to 24th at Concordia Stadium. This will be the tournament's Quebec debut. The competition will feature eight teams — two from Western Canada, three from Ontario, an Atlantic entry and two teams from Quebec.

Funding

The School of Graduate Studies created **TOP-UP scholarships** to fund Indigenous graduate students. For the 2019-20 academic year, 10 doctoral scholarships and 20 master's scholarships will be awarded. The awards are valued at \$10,000 for master's students and \$40,000 (over four years) for PhD students. Scholarships will be additional to regular offers from an individual program, department, or faculty.

Four **Canada Foundation for Innovation John R. Evans Leaders Fund** projects totalling **\$975,000** were awarded to Concordia researchers. With matching funds from the Government of Quebec, suppliers in-kind, and Concordia contributions, the total value of the projects will be **\$2,576,729**.

Other sources of funding received:

- Seventeen **SSHRC Insight Grants** totalling **\$2,962,239**
- Four **SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journal** grants totalling **\$343,100**
- Two **NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grants** totalling **\$237,076**
- Ten **NSERC Engage Grants** totalling **\$250,000**
- One **SSHRC Partnership Development Grant** of **\$181,150**
- One **New Frontiers in Research Fund** grant of **\$163,567**
- Two **SSHRC Connection Grants** totalling **\$45,935**

SERVICES SECTOR

About 100 participants attended consultations on March 19th and 22nd regarding Concordia's draft **Sustainability Plan**. For the past two years, working groups have developed five-year

objectives, strategies, and ways of measuring progress with respects to food, waste, and climate action.

The Faculty of Fine Arts and Quebec YMCA are finalizing an **arts day camp** for those aged five to 17. This new camp is a first for the faculty and will stimulate creativity and self-expression. There will be an estimated 140 participants who will receive at least 20 hours of artistic exploration per week at Concordia. The camp will be held during the months of July and August.

Concordia was selected to host the **Canadian Higher Education Information Technology Conference (CANHEIT)** from June 16th to 19th, 2020. CanHEIT brings together staff, managers, and senior administrators who are responsible for the management and evolution of campus information systems, learning systems, and digital infrastructure.

ADVANCEMENT & EXTERNAL RELATIONS

A gift of **\$25,000** from Concordia graduate **Donald Kamenz**, BEng 87, will create the Kamenz Entrance Scholarship in Aerospace Engineering at Concordia's Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science.

An anonymous donor made a **\$30,000** gift in support of Concordia's Faculty of Arts and Science.

Alumni engagement:

Concordia celebrated the **John Molson School of Business's MBA 50th anniversary** with an industry panel on mergers and acquisitions, featuring **Jacob Serebrin**, BA 17, business reporter for the *Montreal Gazette*, as moderator.

The **Concordia President Alumni Tour** started February 19th in Florida. Stops have included London, UK, San Francisco, New York City, Washington, DC, Vancouver, and Calgary. The final event will be on April 30th in Toronto. So far the tour has reconnected more than 100 alumni.

BG-2019-3-D5

Deregulation of International Student Tuition

Transparency for Students



There are many pervasive myths about international students at Concordia and across Canada.

MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Myths about International Students

International students should pay more tuition because they don't pay taxes.

Myths about International Students

FACT: *International students contribute significantly to both provincial and federal economies.*

They pay taxes both as consumers, and as future residents. They also pay income taxes if they are employed in a Canadian job.

- 51-60% of international students in Canada plan to apply for permanent residency.
- In 2014, Quebec international students generated about \$1.5 billion in tax revenue.

Myths about International Students

International students who come to Canada for university are typically well-off, so they have no trouble paying extra tuition.

Myths about International Students

FACT: *Many international students report difficulties in finding part-time jobs, and financial aid is not always sufficient to cover their basic living costs.*

A 2018 study revealed that almost half of international students feel “very concerned” about their ability to afford housing.

- This was found to be especially true in cases where international students were racialized.

Myths about International Students

International students pay less to attend university in Canada than they do in other countries.

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FACT: *Canada is actually on the expensive side, compared to many other countries.*

The average cost of international student tuition in European countries is about \$12,997/year.

- That's almost \$7000 more a year than the average \$19,802 an International student at Concordia will pay.

International Students at Concordia

According to the Concordia website, 18% of all students enrolled in course for credit are international students.

International students are at the heart of Concordia student life, and the diversity of our students is what attracts many students to study at our school.

The Hall Building features Article 26 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights which declares that higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit.

EQUAL ACCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Shared Priorities: Education

All members of the Board value higher education, and access to higher education.

The Hall Building has Article 26 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights on its windows: the right that higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit. We have a duty as an institution to uphold that value.

Take Pride

Students take pride in Concordia. Concordia takes pride in its students. Together, we can push the government to prioritize post-secondary education.

Without provincial funding our institution will crumble, and deregulating international tuition is the first step to defunding the entire system – a devastating blow for all.

The Petition

Over one thousand students have signed a petition asking for Concordia to:

- Publicly oppose the Quebec government's decision to privatize education for international students;
- Encourage other universities to follow suit;
- Implement a tuition freeze, so that education can remain equally accessible.

Go Beyond

Students, domestic and international, are asking for Concordia to open up a larger conversation.

Together, as students and an institution, we can tell the government that education *must be prioritized*, no matter where our students are coming from.

Thank you for your time!



