

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

Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 4 p.m.
Room GM 410 (Board of Governors meeting room) SGW Campus

PRESENT

Governors: Helen Antoniou (Chair), Francis Baillet, Françoise Bertrand (attended remotely), Kenneth Brooks, Graham Carr (President and Vice-Chancellor), Jarrett Carty, Gina P. Cody (attended remotely), Selvadurai Dayanandan, Adriana Embiricos, Kim Fuller (attended remotely), Fawaz Halloum, Caroline Jamet, Claudine Mangen (attended remotely), Frederica Martin (Vice-Chair), Philippe Pourreaux, Duraichelvan Raju, Robert Soroka, Ted Stathopoulos, Cathy Wong (attended remotely)

Alternate Governor: Nassim Boutalbi

Also attending: Philippe Beauregard, Dominique Bérubé, William Cheaib, Paul Chesser, Denis Cossette, Michael Di Grappa, Frederica Jacobs, Lisa Ostiguy (attended remotely), Anne Whitelaw (attended remotely)

ABSENT

Governors: Gary N. Chateram, Daniel Cross, Rana Ghorayeb, Claude Joli-Cœur (Vice-Chair), Pat Di Lillo, Paul John Murdoch

Non-voting observer: Jonathan Wener

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

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

R-2022-10-1 That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT

2. Approval of October 27, 2022 Minutes

R-2022-10-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2022, be approved.*

3. Audit Committee recommendation: interfund transfers for the year ended April 30, 2022 (Document BD-2022-10-D1)

R-2022-10-3 *That the interfund transfers be approved.*

4. Evaluation Committee for the Vice-President, Advancement (Document BG-2022-10-D2)

5. Report on compliance with environmental legislation and health and safety regulations (Q3-2022 Report) (Document BG-2022-10-D3)

These reports were for information only.

6. Collection of undergraduate student fee levies (Document BG-2022-10-D4)

R-2022-10-4 Le Frigo Vert

That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to increase the Le Frigo Vert Fee Levy from \$0.33 per credit to \$0.46 per credit (an increase of \$0.13 per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be collected from all undergraduate students, and to be implemented with registration for the Winter 2023 (2224) term in accordance with the University's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.

Sustainability Action Fund

That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to increase the Sustainability Action Fund from \$0.25 per credit to \$0.50 per credit (an increase of \$0.25 per credit), to be collected from all undergraduate students, and to be implemented with registration for the Winter 2023 (2224) term in accordance with the University's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.

CSU Operating Fee

That the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to increase the CSU General Operations Fee Levy from \$2.46 per credit to \$2.71 per credit (an increase of \$0.25 cents per credit), annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be collected from all CSU members, and to be implemented with registration for the Winter 2023 (2224) term in accordance with the University's tuition refund and withdrawal policy.

7. Governance and Ethics Committee recommendations:

- 7.1 Approval of revisions to *the Code of Rights and Responsibilities* (BD-3)
(Document BG-2022-10-D5)

R-2022-10-5 *That upon recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the revisions to the Code of Rights and Responsibilities be approved.*

- 7.2 Approval of revisions to the *Policy on the Establishment of Student Tribunal Pools* (BD-6) (Document BG-2022-10-D6)

R-2022-10-6 *That upon recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the revisions to the Policy on the Establishment of Student Tribunal Pools (BD-6) approved.*

- 7.3 Approval of revisions to the *Policy on the Use of Concordia University's Name, and the Governance of its Visual Character and Digital Presence* (SG-4) and related *Handbook*. (Document BG-2022-10-D7)

R-2022-10-7 *That upon recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the revisions to the Policy on the Use of Concordia University's Name, and the Governance of its Visual Character and Digital Presence (SG-4) and related Handbook. be approved.*

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8. 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.

9. President's report (Document BG-2022-10-D8)

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

- G.Carr expressed that it has been heartening to have students on campus and watching all of the in-person activities this past semester. The university is now winding down for the end of term and will be closed starting at end of day Friday, December 23rd, and re-opening on January 9th. Faculty members will have access to their on-campus offices as needed during the break. The only event scheduled during the break is the annual Molson School MBA International Case Competition, scheduled for January 2nd to 6th. Board member Ken Brooks had involved with this event, which is one of the highlights of the year for the University.
- He reminded Board members that a request was sent out with the document package to donate to the Student Emergency and Food Fund (SEFF). Board members are invited to donate if they feel so inclined.

- On the media coverage around the C.P.E. Concordia daycare matter, he clarified that there had been some misinformation about the daycare being closed. The daycare would stay in its space on the SGW campus till August 31, 2025 and the University would continue to provide support in working with the Ministry to help them find an alternative location.
- He congratulated Andrew Molson, who was awarded the Order of Canada at the ceremony held on Wednesday. He also informed the Board of other successful alumni events, including the dinner hosted by Gina Cody and Tom Cody to celebrate the top 50 under 50 ranking of Concordia; Naveed Irshad, CEO of Manu Life Canada hosted an alumni event in Toronto; P. Chesser and a dozen alumni were guests of Alex Leopold, First Vice-president for Global Advisory and Transaction Services at CBRE at a lunch in New York city, which was followed by an end-of-year party that had the largest attendance ever for a Concordia event hosted in New York.
- The previous week, several members of diplomatic corps were on campus for end of year celebration. He noted that Concordia has become the main university host in Montreal for various activities with foreign dignitaries, many of whom were keen to collaborate with Concordia in the areas of research, professional training and student mobility.
- On Wednesday December 14th, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, the Executive Director of UN Habitat was on campus with colleagues from her organization for a two-hour meeting hosted by NextGen Cities Institute. UN Habitat announced at COP27 that they will be opening an office in Montréal in 2023 with a focus on applying AI to address challenges of smart, sustainable urban growth. Concordia was one of the main supporters of this initiative.
- The University also hosted the launch of the Canadian office of the Canada-Asia Business Council at the John Molson School of Business building. The Council promotes trade and other forms of exchanges between Canada and the ASEAN countries, which include Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Brunei. The event saw over 100 attendees from international organizations, industry, NGOs and diplomatic corps, including Jean Charest (honorary Chair), Louis Vachon (co-chair), and Minister Pierre Fitzgibbon and the Assistant Deputy Minister of Global Affairs Canada. Board member Francis Baillet was also present along with former Board member Michael Novak.
- G. Carr thanked W. Cheaib and the team at Concordia International for all the work they had done to bring such visibility to the University.

10. Consolidated financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2022
(Document BG-2022-10-D9)

D. Cossette introduced the item, advising that since the documentation was sent out to the Board the previous week, the external auditors KPMG had confirmed that the audit was now

complete. F. Jacobs explained that email approval would be sought from the Audit Committee and subsequently the Board, in lieu of in person meetings. This would allow the process to be completed before the break for the holidays.

One of the members asked if there was some visibility on the budget situation in the first eight months of the current year. D. Cossette confirmed that the \$15M deficit that was presented in the budget was in line with the actual situation, which stood at \$16M.

11. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the meeting.

12. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

K. Singh
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Secretary of the Board of Governors