

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

Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 4 p.m.
Room GM 410 (Board of Governors meeting room) SGW Campus

PRESENT

Governors: Helen Antoniou (Chair), Françoise Bertrand, Kenneth Brooks, Graham Carr (President and Vice-Chancellor), Jarrett Carty, Gary N. Chateram, Gina P. Cody, Roy Cross, Selvadurai Dayanandan, Pat Di Lillo, Adriana Embiricos (attended remotely), Kim Fuller, Rana Ghorayeb (attended remotely), Claude Joli-Cœur (attended remotely), Eduardo Malorni, Claudine Mangen (attended remotely), Frédérica Martin (Vice-Chair), Georges Paulez (attended remotely), Shalini Peruka, Suzanne Sauvage, Robert Soroka (attended remotely), Ted Stathopoulos

Alternative Governor: Lauren Perozek

Also attending: Philippe Beauregard, Sylvie Bourassa (attended remotely), Paul Chesser, Denis Cossette, Michael Di Grappa, Frederica Jacobs (attended remotely), Karan Singh, Lisa Ostiguy (attended remotely), Anne Whitelaw, Paula Wood-Adams

ABSENT

Governors: Caroline Jamet, Philippe Purreaux

Non-voting observer: Jonathan Wener

1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and reminded the Governors that the Open Session meeting was being recorded and would be posted on the website for one week, following the meeting.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

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

R-2022-5-1 That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT

2. Approval of April 14, 2022 Minutes

R-2022-5-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2022, be approved.*

3. Governance and Ethics Committee recommendation: Amendments to the By-Laws (Document BD-2022-5-D1)

R-2022-5-3 *That, on recommendation of the Governance and Ethics Committee, the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Concordia University By-Laws.*

4. Environment Legislation & Health & Safety (EH&S) Compliance Q1 (2022) Report (Document BG-2022-5-D2)

This report was provided for information.

5. Collection of a new undergraduate student fee levy (Document BG-2022-5-D3)

R-2022-5-4 Mental Health Office

That, the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to collect a fee levy of \$0.45 per credit for a Mental Health Services Office, from all CSU members, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the fall 2022 (2222) term in accordance with the University's tuition, Refund and Withdrawal Policy.

6. Collection of a graduate student fee levy (Document BG-2022-5-D4)

R-2022-5-5 CSU Advocacy Centre

That, the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to collect a fee levy of \$3.00 per semester (an increase of \$0.50 per semester from \$2.50 per semester) to increase support hours for graduate students at the CSU Advocacy Center and to be paid directly to the Concordia Student Union (CSU) Advocacy Center instead of the Graduate Student Association (GSA), from all graduate students, annually adjusted to the Consumer Price Index of Canada, to be implemented with registration for the fall 2022 (2222) term in accordance with the University's tuition, Refund and Withdrawal Policy.

7. Professional liability waiver for an in-house architect (Document BG-2022-5-D5)

R-2022-5-6 *Considérant que Sabina Kuepper, architecte, est au service exclusif de l'Université Concordia;*

Considérant que Sabina Kuepper, 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 Sabina Kuepper dans l'exercice de ses fonctions.

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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-2022-5-D6)

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

- He informed the Board that for purposes of continuity, the mask mandate on campus will remain in place for the remaining part of the first summer semester.
- G. Carr conveyed to the Board that summer registration numbers are up and fall numbers are showing encouraging results compared with this time last year.
- G. Carr reminded the Board of the upcoming in-person convocation ceremonies, which have not been held since the fall of 2019. With a graduation class for the winter semester of 5825 students, the numbers are comparable to spring graduations prior to the pandemic. He invited Board members to attend the convocation ceremonies. Convocation will also be an opportunity to award honorary doctorates to an exceptional lineup of recipients.
- G. Carr informed the Board that the women's hockey team of Concordia had been invited to the National Assembly by Premier Legault since winning the national championship.
- Given the positive turn in the public health situation, G. Carr informed the Board that more activities were being held in person.
- He reminded the Board that the Concordia submitted a written brief signed by the University, CUFA and CUPFA regarding the proposed Bill 32 (Bill on Academic Freedom). He also mentioned that representatives of universities, through BCI, were invited by the government to give an oral presentation in opposition to the proposed Bill.
- Concerning the proposed Bill 96, G. Carr conveyed his concerns around how anglophone institutions are unfairly targeted as though they are responsible for what people perceive as the decline in French.

- G. Carr shared with the Governors the decision of the provincial government to deregulate international student fees, for those attending universities in the regions. This is in addition to the \$80 million in targeted funding that was granted to universities in the regions to support the recruitment of international students.
- The *Stratégie québécoise de recherche et d'investissement en innovation* was released by the Government of Québec. With specific provisions of labs-to-market pathways, talent development, commercialization in universities, green energy and social innovation, G. Carr noted that Concordia is well placed to benefit owing to its strengths and investments in the past.
- G. Carr shared information regarding high-profile events, such as the workshops and panels on misinformation and disinformation in the media as well as the launch of the Art Volt program, partially funded by the Peter N. Thompson Family Foundation.
- G. Carr informed the Board that Tuesday, May 24th will be the announcement of a major gift to Concordia by the Fondation Sandra and Alain Bouchard and the Fondation Famille Mongeau, for the Concordia Arts in Health Centre. He thanked P. Chesser and his team for all of their work.
- G. Carr congratulated Concordia graduate Samira Nasr, the first woman of color to be the editor in chief of Harper's Bazaar magazine, under whose leadership the magazine won its first ever national magazine award.
- G. Carr apprised the Board of activities on the international front, such as the visit to Concordia of delegates generals from the Americas, and of Moroccan researchers and government officials. He also informed the Board of the invitation from Global Affairs Canada for Concordia to present at the 7th India-Canada Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee meeting.

10. Finance Committee recommendations:

10.1 Administrative fee (Document BG-2022-5-D7)

R-2022-5-7 Whereas the current Administrative fee being charged to all students is \$11.70 per credit; and

Whereas the government has allowed the University to increase this fee up to 2.64% for 2022-23;

Be it resolved:

That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the collection of an increased Administrative fee of \$12.01 per credit from all students, to be implemented with registration for the fall 2022 (2222) term, in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

10.2 Technology Infrastructure fee (Document BG-2022-5-D8)

R-2022-5-8 *Whereas the current Technology Infrastructure fee being charged to all students is \$5.52 per credit; and*

Whereas the government has allowed the University to increase this fee up to 2.64% for 2022-23; Be it resolved:

That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the collection of an increased Technology Infrastructure fee of \$5.67 per credit from all students, to be implemented with registration for the fall 2022 (2222) term, in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

11. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the meeting.

12. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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Secretary of the Board of Governors