

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

Friday, November 1st, 2019
EV 2.309

PRESENT:

Chair: Asif, A.

Voting members: Ait Mohamed, O.; Akgunduz, A.; Alecsandru, C.; Bagchi, A.; Ben Hamza, A.; Chen, M.; Contreras, I.; De Visscher, A.; Debbabi, M.; El Ayoubi, C.; Fayyaz, F.; Ge, H.; Gopakumar, G.; Goyal, N.; Gueheneuc, Y.-G. ; Hashtrudi Zad, S.; Lucia, W.; Maistre, M.; Manirov, V.; Mariotti Lapointe, J.; Narayanan, L.; Paraschivoiu, M.; Nourani, H.; Ordonselli, S.; Pugh, M.; Shayan, Y. R.; Silber, J.; Singh, M.; Soliman, A.; Stathopoulos, T. ; Stojda, A.; Terekhov, D.; Thiel, S.; Youssef, A.; Zeng, Y.

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

Observers: Allaire, V.; Clarke, A.; Gosselin, G.; Himmo, M.; Martel, C.

ABSENT:

Voting members: Agarwal, A.; Butler, G.; Carr, G.; Fancott, T.; Hammad, A.; Mehmet Ali, M.; Shiri, N.; Whitelaw, A.; Ye, Z.; Zahangir Kabir, M.

Observers: De Melo, D.; Fiorentino, N.; Miatello, M.

1. Call to order of the Open Session

The Chair called the open session of the meeting to order 2:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 2019-06-01

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (S. Thiel / M. Paraschivoiu), it was passed that the Agenda be adopted as submitted.

Vote: Carried unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of Open Session ECFC 2019-05 – October 4th, 2019

Motion 2019-06-02

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. Stojda / A. De Visscher), it was passed that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

Vote: Carried unanimously

4. Chair's Remarks

- The organizers and participants in the October Open House were thanked for their hard work. The School attracted 7000 attendees with the student societies making a great impression.
- Fall convocation will be held on November 18 at 7:30pm at Place des Arts. Faculty members are encouraged to attend.
- The Saputo family is contributing \$10M to the SHIFT Center for Social Transformation. Dr. Govind Gopakumar is representing GCS on the advisory committee.
- On October 23 it was announced that Dr. Lingyu Wang is the holder of the new \$1.8M Industrial Research Chair NSERC/Ericsson in Software-Defined Networking and Network Functions Virtualization Security.
- Also on October 23, Concordia's jurist-in-residence Morton Minc hosted the second lecture of the Law Meets Engineering series. Elliot Lifson, Vice Chairman of Peerless Clothing Inc., discussed business strategy. The next lecture is on November 27 at 5:30 p.m. in EV 2.260 and will feature labor lawyers Marissa Frishman and Claudia Desjardins Belisle.
- The Iron Ring ceremony will be held on November 8 at 5 p.m. at the Grey Nuns building. All obligated engineers are invited to attend.
- Twenty-five of our students will be interning in the Mitacs and Ericsson Global Artificial Intelligence Accelerator. The accelerator is an international hub, with links in India, Sweden, and the US. The GCS delegation is the largest from the Montreal area.
- An invitation for faculty members to participate in the November 18 Teaching Day (1-3 p.m. in EV 2.260) was sent. This semester's topic will be "Practical Strategies on Decolonizing the Engineering and Computer Science Curriculum." The workshop is being organized by Nancy Acemian.
- Congratulations to Dr. Anjali Awasthi and her team for the awards they received at the Fourth North American International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (IEOM), in Toronto from October 23-25.
 - Dr. Awasthi won the IEOM Recognition Award.
 - Chinedu Egbunu, PhD student in CIISE, and Dr. Awasthi finished in first place in the IEOM Lean Six Sigma and Supply Chain Competitions Award.
 - Malakeh Saberi, a PhD student, and Dr. Awasthi finished in first place in the IEOM Simulation Competition Award
- Dr. Rolf Wuthrich, co-director of Concordia's Centre for Advanced Manufacturing, invited any faculty member interested in Industry 4.0 to join the Innovation 4.0 Network.
 - The Innovation 4.0 Network was founded this year by Concordia University, École de technologie supérieure, Université Laval, McGill University, Polytechnique Montréal, Université de Sherbrooke, Université du Québec à Montréal and Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.
 - On November 6, the network is holding the [First International Innovation 4.0 Forum](#) at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

5. Associate Dean Remarks

Dr. Ali Akgunduz

- Summer at Concordia: the University is looking to bring more people to the campus during the summer. There are a number of programs running already as seminars and summer camps, but the University is also looking for international exposure and exchange, and more conferences; funding may be granted both for research and teaching within this kind of activity. Ideas from both faculty members and students are welcome.

- In collaboration with AITS, the University is developing new provotrack software. The expected timeline is about two years. Faculty members from computer science and software engineering will be asked for their input.

Dr. Mourad Debbabi

No remarks.

Dr. Marius Paraschivoiu

- Researchers have received the course remissions letters related to graduate student supervision
- Chairs, Associate Chairs and Programs Directors are invited to a one-day workshop on Engineering Future Cities through Technological Stewardship: working together to create the cities we want. The workshop is being held on November 22 on campus and is organized by the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Dean Asif for Dr. Anjali Agarwal

- Student Academic Services, in collaboration with AITS, is working to develop an online Student Request Form for undergraduate students as an alternative to submitting paper copies. The intent is to launch the online process during the winter 2020 term.

6. Presentation

Vincent Allaire, Communications Manager, was welcomed to Council to present the annual Strategic Communications Plan. The Plan was developed in accordance with Concordia's Strategic Directions, the GCS Strategic Plan, as well as keeping in mind the priorities of the departments and researchers.

7. Curriculum Changes

a) Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2020-21 Academic Year, Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (ECFC 2019-06-02)

Motion 2019-06-03 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Debbabi / L. Narayanan), it was passed that the document ECFC 2019-06-02 be adopted with minor changes.*

- *Page D2 of curriculum (FC 2019-06 / Page 25), Proposed Text section, correct English grammar.*

Vote: Carried unanimously

b) Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2020-21 Academic Year, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECFC 2019-06-03)

Motion 2019-06-04 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Debbabi / Y.R. Shayan), it was passed that the document ECFC 2019-06-03 be adopted with minor changes:*

- *Page D1 of curriculum (FC 2019-06 / Page 39), item 1, remove "A minimum of";*
- *Page D1 of curriculum (FC 2019-06 / Page 39), item 3, remove "The remaining".*

Vote: Carried unanimously

c) Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2020-21 Academic Year, Centre for Engineering in Society
(ECFC 2019-06-04)

Motion 2019-06-05 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Debbabi / G. Gopakumar), it was passed that the document ECFC 2019-06-04 be adopted as a slot course with the following changes:*

- *Page 5 of the curriculum (FC 2019-06 / Page 45), bulleted list, remove "Bachelor's";*
- *Page 6 of the curriculum (FC 2019-06 / Page 46), 3-bullet list, bullet 2 and bullet 3, "Students admitted to the program" to be changed to "Students admitted to the course";*
- *Page 7 of the curriculum (FC 2019-06 / Page 47), to update the evaluation table;*
- *To convert first person sentences into third person phrases using "The instructor".*

Vote: Carried unanimously

8. Ratification and Approval of Elections (ECFC 2019-06-05)

Motion 2019-06-06 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Paraschivoiu / T. Stathopoulos), it was passed that document ECFC 2019-06-05, Ratification of Elections for the Academic Programs Committee and NSERC & CIHR Doctoral Committee, be approved as submitted.*

Vote: Carried unanimously

9. Committee Reports (ECFC 2019-06-06)

Reports were submitted for the following committees:

- Board of Governors
- Council of the School of Graduate Studies

10. Other Business

Council discussed possible future presentations.

11. Adjournment at 3:40 p.m.

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