

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

Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 4 p.m.
Room GM 410 (Board of Governors meeting room)
SGW Campus

PRESENT

Governors:

Helen Antoniou (C)	Pat Di Lillo	Philippe Pourreaux
Ken Brooks	Adriana Embiricos	Duraichelvan Raju
Graham Carr (P and Vice-C)	Kim Fuller	Rahul Ravi (zoom)
Jarett Carty	Claude Joli-Coeur (V.C)	Robert Soroka
Gary N. Chateram (zoom)	Shoshana Kalfon	Ted Stathopoulos
Daniel Cross	Catherine Loubier (zoom)	Cathy Wong (zoom)
Selvadurai Dayanandan (V.C)	Harley Martin	Roula Zaarour

Nassim Boutalbi (Alternate) (zoom)

Also attending:

Philippe Beaugard	Nadia Hardy	Pascal Lebel
Denis Cossette	Frederica Jacobs	Anne Whitelaw

ABSENT

Governors:

Rana Ghorayeb	Caroline Jamet	Paul John Murdoch
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1. Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

LEGEND:

C: Chair

P and Vice-C: President and Vice Chancellor

V.C: Vice Chair

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

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

R-2024-5-1 *That the Agenda be approved, including the items on the Consent Agenda.*

CONSENT

2. Approval of April 4, 2024 Minutes

R-2024-5-2 *That the Minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2024, be approved.*

3. Approval of the use of Concordia's name (Document BG-2024-5-D1)

R-2024-5-3 *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) and its related Procedures Handbook, the Board of Governors approve the following request to use the Concordia name:*

- *Egyptian Students' Association at Concordia University*

4. Student fee levies

4.1 Collection of undergraduate fee levy – Organe (Document BG-2024-5-D2A)

R-2024-5-4 *That, the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to collect the Organe Fee Levy of \$0.06 per credit from all undergraduate students and to re-implement the same for the fall 2024 term.*

4.2 Suspension of graduate student fee levy – Coop Bookstore (Document BG-2024-5-D2B)

R-2024-5-5 *That, the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to continue suspension of the collection of the Coop Bookstore fee levy collected by the University for the fall 2024 term.*

4.3 Discontinuation of graduate student fee levy – CSU Legal Information Clinic (Document BG-2024-5-D2C)

R-2024-5-6 *That, the Board of Governors authorize Concordia University to discontinue the collection of the CSU Legal Information Clinic fee that is charged to graduate students, effective fall 2024.*

5. Renewal of the Copibec Agreement (Document BG-2024-5-D3)

R-2024-5-7 *ATTENDU QUE la « Convention concernant la reproduction d'œuvres littéraires dans les établissements d'enseignement d'ordre universitaire (2021-2024) » est venue à échéance le 31 mai 2024;*

ATTENDU l'entente intervenue avec COIBEC sur le texte de la Convention concernant la reproduction d'œuvres littéraires dans les établissements d'enseignement d'ordre universitaire (2024-2027);

ATTENDU l'approbation par le Conseil d'administration du BCI du texte de la Convention concernant la reproduction d'œuvres littéraires dans les établissements d'enseignement d'ordre universitaire (2024-2027) et la recommandation du Conseil d'administration du BCI de sa ratification par les conseils d'administration de chaque établissement universitaire;

ATTENDU l'intérêt pour l'Université Concordia, comme établissement d'enseignement de niveau universitaire, d'adhérer à la Convention concernant la reproduction d'œuvres littéraires dans les établissements d'enseignement d'ordre universitaire (2024-2027) aux fins de sa mission d'enseignement et de recherche;

IL EST RÉSOLU :

d'approuver l'adhésion de l'Université Concordia à la Convention concernant la reproduction d'œuvres littéraires dans les établissements d'enseignement d'ordre universitaire (2024-2027), selon le document BG-2024-5-D3 joint à la présente résolution; et

d'autoriser la Secrétaire générale à signer, pour et au nom de l'Université Concordia, la Convention concernant la reproduction d'œuvres littéraires dans les établissements d'enseignement d'ordre universitaire (2024-2027).

6. Environmental Legislation & Health & Safety (EH&S) Compliance Q1-2024 Report
(Document BG-2024-5-D4)

This report was for information only.

7. Finance Committee recommendations:

7.1 Administrative Fee (Document BG-2024-5-D5)

R-2024-5-8 *Whereas the current Administrative fee being charged to all students is \$12.37 per credit; and*

Whereas the government has allowed the University to increase this fee up to \$12.74 for 2024-25;

Be it resolved: That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the collection of an increased Administrative fee of \$12.74 per credit from all students, to be implemented with registration for the fall 2024 (2242) term, in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

7.2 Technology Infrastructure Fee (Document BG-2024-5-D6)

R-2024-5-9 *Whereas the current Technology Infrastructure fee being charged to all students is \$5.84 per credit; and*

Whereas the government has allowed the University to increase this fee up to \$6.01 for 2024-25;

Be it resolved: That, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Governors approve the collection of an increased Technology Infrastructure fee of \$6.01 per credit from all students, to be implemented with registration for the Fall 2024 (2242) term, in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.

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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-2024-5-D7)

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

- Dr. Carr began by marking the end of the winter semester and noting that first summer session is already underway. The past 7 months since the October 7th attack in Israel have been extraordinarily difficult. In the space of a few days, the University community was shaken by the events in the Middle East and then by the decision of the government of Québec penalizing the anglophone universities.
- Dr. Carr thanked the University community, faculty, students and staff, staff associations, Board, alumni and friends who have shown steadfast support to the University and helped the community dealing with an unprecedented reality.
- He acknowledged that, while the University responded to the challenging circumstances as well as possible, there were certainly things that could have been done better. However, no one in the higher education sector believes that perfection is the standard of performance. With what has been happening across North American campuses, he noted with pride that Concordia had delivered its semester to students, without having to move courses online, without cancelling any events or activities that had been sanctioned by the University. While this may not seem a great metric of performance in normal times, these are not normal times.
- Dr. Carr then spoke of the creation of STRIVE, a task force looking at multiple forms of identity-based hatred on campus, including antisemitism and islamophobia and anti-

Muslim hatred, that had been announced the month before. The task force is also looking more broadly at the campus culture and at procedures and processes that are in place to monitor and address problematic behavior. Six working groups plus a steering committee (that also includes heads of working groups) have been formed.

- Task force models have been used effectively at Concordia in the past to: a) provide a forum to allow members of the community to share their experiences and observations; b) provide an inclusive mechanism to allow participation through working groups in seeking and proposing answers; and c) ultimately develop actionable recommendations that are designed to improve our behavior and outcomes as an institution.
- Convocation is around the corner and this year the University will be celebrating the graduation of more than 5,700 students: 4,020 undergrads and more than 1,700 graduate students. This is the largest ever graduate student cohort in Concordia's history, which reflects positively on the growth of research at the University. Dr. Carr noted that there is a need to focus on celebration as some of this year's graduating students began their time at Concordia during COVID and, for some, their studies have also ended with the pall of the Middle East crisis negatively impacting their campus experience. Given these circumstances, he expressed hope that joy and celebration will be expressed at this year's Convocation ceremonies.
- Convocation is also an occasion to recognize the extraordinary collection of individuals who will honor the University community by accepting honorary doctorates from Concordia, which this year will include:
 - Lyse Doucet: one of the most recognized and influential journalists in the world with the BBC;
 - Friederike Otto: a research leader at Imperial College, UK and global influencer on climate change;
 - My Thanh Nguyen: a refugee from Vietnam who became a 2-time graduate of Concordia and is now an entrepreneur, an inventor and a leader in food security and economic development in Southeast Asia;
 - Mallikarjun Tatipamula: chief technology officer at Ericsson Silicon Valley. Ericsson is one of the University's privileged partners for work in telecommunications and artificial intelligence;
 - Poppy Northcutt: NASA's first female engineer who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom Team Award for being part of the team that brought Apollo 13 home and is now a major advocate for women's rights in the US;
 - Luc Maurice: an extraordinary entrepreneur, champion of the longevity economy and donor to the EngAGE research group on aging;
 - Sheila Johnson: musician and entrepreneur; co-founder of Black Entertainment Television, CEO of the Salamander collection of resorts, investor in multiple professional sports franchises, and author of a poignant autobiography on domestic emotional abuse;
 - Fabienne Colas: filmmaker and entrepreneur, champion of the arts and ambassador extraordinary for the Haitian diaspora and Black cultures; and

- Denis Villeneuve: winner of multiple academy awards and one of the most outstanding figures in contemporary cinema.
- Dr. Carr then congratulated the University's women's hockey team, who have won the USports gold for a second time in three years. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and Dr. Carr conveyed specific congratulations to Coach Julie Chu and the team.
- Dr. Carr then noted some student's achievements. Students had already won the Rhodes, Schwartzman and now a McCall-MacBain scholarship. He congratulated a member of the Board of Governors, Harley Martin, who was awarded the McCall-MacBain Scholarship and will begin a master's in public policy at McGill this fall.
- He then went on to congratulate one of the University's faculty members, Rosemary Reilly, professor and department chair in Applied Human Sciences, who has won the coveted 3M National Teaching Fellowship Award. Each year, only 10 individuals in Canada receive this award.
- He then shared some great news: Concordia University is now ranked by Times Higher Education in the top 100 Young Universities in the world; and it is now ranked #1 in North American universities under 50. Last year, the University ranked among the top 150-200 young universities; this year the rank was 80th. This represents a major leap forward as the University prepares to enter its 50th year.
- On a personal note of appreciation, Dr. Carr shared with the Board that on May 1st he gave a talk on knowledge diplomacy at CORIM (Montreal Council on Foreign Relations). Board member Claude Joli-Coeur and many friends from the university were in attendance. The talk followed an interview with Isabelle Hudon, LLD 17, president and CEO of the Business Development Bank of Canada. Dr. Carr then particularly thanked Board member Rana Ghorayeb, who gave closing remarks. Pierre Lemonde, the CEO of CORIM observed about R. Ghorayeb that never in the history of CORIM had the person who thanks the speaker received two rounds of applause.
- Concordia University has also been selected as a recipient for the 2024 Canada's Greenest Employers Recognition Award.
- Finally, the Public Service of Canada has a program where a deputy minister level civil servant is assigned to be a university champion who helps their assigned university navigate the federal government and find ways to open doors. The University has been fortunate for many years to have Sony Perron, former head of Shared Services Canada and current head of the Economic Development Agency of Canada, as its champion. For the first time, the University's new Deputy Minister Champion, Ted Gallivan, happens to be a Concordia University graduate, in Political Science. T. Gallivan is currently the Executive Vice-President, Canada Border Services Agency. Dr. Carr has already met with T. Gallivan and looks forward to collaborating.

10. Other business

There was no other business brought before the Open Session.

11. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Secretary of the Board of Governors