



Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors held on February 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., in the third floor ballroom, Carrefour Residence, 475 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal.

PRESENT:

Chadha, Roshi	Munroe-Blum, Heather	Mendelson, Morton J.
Cobbett, Stuart (<i>Chair</i>)	Neilson, Ivan	Nicell, Jim
Critchley, Ronald	Pekeles, Gary	Roy, François R.
De Grandpré, Lili	Raz, Amir	Soutar, Ian
Fazel, Kathy	Richards, Michael	Thérien, Denis
Flood Consedine, Morna	Simeone, Daniel	Weinstein, Marc
Gagnier, Daniel	Vroom, Ann	
Genreux, Claude	Youster, Allan	Susan Aberman
Guitton, Daniel		
Harpp, David Noble	Resource Persons	Stephen Strople (<i>Secretary</i>)
Maldoff, Eric	Levin, Richard	Edyta Rogowska (<i>Secretariat</i>)
Meighen, Michael	Masi, Anthony C.	

REGRETS: Darren Entwistle, Alexandra Kindrat, Yves Roy, Gerald Sheff, H. Arnold Steinberg, Thierry Vandal

The meeting began in open session at 4:10 p.m. The Chair of the Board welcomed the new members-at-large to the Board: Mr. Ronald Critchley, Mr. Daniel Gagnier, Mr. Claude G n reux and Prof. Amir Raz.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion duly proposed and seconded, the agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes

2.1 Meeting of November 23, 2009 (open session) [09-10 BR:02]

On a motion duly proposed and seconded, the minutes of the open session of November 23, 2009 were approved.

3. Principal's Remarks

The Principal's remarks focused on the following:

“Qu bec Mission to India”

The Principal informed the Board of Governors that McGill participated in Qu bec's mission to India. Comprised of 130 delegates from various universities and colleges, the provincial government and representatives from different business sectors, the mission provided McGill the possibility to advance international research and academic collaborations with several research and educational institutions based in India. In particular, McGill signed four memorandums of understanding (MOU)s with various research institutions in the fields of neuroscience, food and water security and biofuels and bioproducts.

The Principal informed the Board of Governors that she has also met with the High Commissioner to India and representatives from the *Times of India* to discuss the

internationalization of postsecondary education, the work of Quebec, Canada and McGill in India.

The Principal also participated in the “Delhi Sustainable Development Summit” where she engaged in discussions on sustainability. She finished by stating that the mission provided the University with an opportunity to uphold a good working relationship with India.

Self-funded MBA model

The Principal noted that governors have received the press articles regarding McGill’s decision to move to a self-funded model for the University’s MBA program. She undertook to keep them informed of further developments.

Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERCs) Competition

The Principal informed the Board that McGill had four proposals reach the final stage of the competition. She noted that no women were included in the thirty-six candidates in the competition and indicated that women are underrepresented at this level. A final decision is expected soon.

Olympic Games

The Principal informed the Board that fourteen McGill students and alumni are involved in the Olympic Games and announced that a McGill student has won Canada’s first gold medal. She added that two members of the McGill Martlet’s women’s hockey team represent Canada in the Olympic hockey competitions.

Council for Advancement and Support of Education

The Principal announced that Ms. Honora Shaughnessy, Senior Executive Director, Alumni Relations, McGill University was one of the 2010 winners of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) awards.

The Inaugural Jeanne Sauvé Address

The Principal reminded the Board of the Inaugural Jeanne Sauvé Address that is to be delivered by the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, the Governor General of Canada on Thursday February 18, 2010. The topic of the address will be youth engagement in the twenty-first century.

The Principal welcomed questions from the Board of Governors. A question was posed regarding the number CERC of applications McGill has submitted in relation to other Canadian universities. The Principal informed the Board that the University of Alberta and the University of Toronto have submitted five proposals each, Université Laval has submitted three and Université de Sherbrooke and Université du Québec à Trois Rivières have each submitted one proposal. She noted that McGill’s submission of four proposals is a highly respectable achievement.

A McGill student reporter asked for comment on how the changes in the health benefit plans have been received by McGill staff. The Chair of the Board answered that further time is needed for the full analysis but the reaction thus far has been positive.

The Board of Governors moved into Closed Session to consider the following matters:

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 Minutes (closed session) of November 23, 2009 [09-10 CR-03]
- 4.2 Minutes (closed session) of December 7, 2009 [09-10 CR-04]

5. Update on the Glenn Project

Vice-Principal (Health Affairs), Dean (Faculty of Medicine)

Verbal Update

6. Report on Advisory Committees

One or more recommendations for approval by the Board of Governors are anticipated at the meeting. Document numbers have been assigned for convenient reference. (Documents to be distributed)

- 6.1 Provost [GD09-24]
Principal

- 6.2 Vice Principal, Research and International Relations
Principal
Information

- 6.3 Deans
Provost /Principal

- 6.3.1 Agricultural and Environmental Sciences [GD09-27]

- 6.3.2 Engineering [GD09-28]

- 6.3.3 Law [GD09-29]

- 6.3.4 Management [GD09-30]

- 6.3.5 Science [GD09-31]

- 6.4 Libraries
Provost *Verbal Update*

7. Report of the Nominating and Governance Committee

Chair, Board of Governors

[GD09-32]

Approval

8. Report of the Building and Property Committee

Chair, Building and Property Committee

[GD09-33]

Approval/to be distributed

9. Report of the Human Resources Committee

Interim Chair, Human Resources

[GD09-34]

Approval/to be distributed

10. Report of the Finance Committee

Chair, Finance Committee

[GD09-35]

Information

