McGILL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS



Minutes of Open Session

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 09-10 BR:05

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors held on May 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., in the main Dining Room, second floor, Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish Street, Montreal.

PRESENT:

Raz, Amir

Chadha, Roshi
Cobbett, Stuart (Chair)
Critchley, Ronald
De Grandpré, Lili
Entwistle, Darren
Flood Consedine, Morna
Généreux, Claude
Guitton, Daniel
Harpp, David Noble
Munroe-Blum, Heather
Neilson, Ivan
Pekeles, Gary

Richards, Michael Roy, Yves Sheff, Gerald Simeone, Daniel Steinberg, H. Arnold (Chancellor) Turcotte, Martine Vandal, Thierry Youster, Allan Resource Persons
Dowie, Vaughan
Levin, Richard
Masi, Anthony C.
Mendelson, Morton J.

Rozen, Rima Weinstein, Marc

Stephen Strople (Secretary-

General)

Edyta Rogowska (Governance

Officer)

Invited Guests: Jeffrey Ives, Director, Office of the Budget; Victoria Meikle, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor; Jim Nicell, Associate Vice-Principal (University Services).

REGRETS: Kathy Fazel, Daniel Gagnier, Alexandra Kindrat, Eric Maldoff, Michael Meighen, Ann Vroom.

The Chair of the Board informed members that he, along with the Secretary-General and staff from the Secretariat, attended, at the beginning of May, the 24th National Association of University Board Chairs and Secretaries Conference in Toronto. He noted that the conference was well-organized and included various representatives from Canadian universities across the country.

The Chair also informed the Board that the campus become a car-free zone as of May 28, 2010.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

Governor Pekeles referred to the organization of the agenda into open and closed sessions and suggested that some thought be put into re-examining what items of business should be discussed in closed session.

2. Approval of the minutes (open session) of April 12, 2010

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On a motion duly proposed and seconded, the minutes of the open session of April 12, 2010 were approved.

3. Principal's Remarks

The Principal informed the Board that the provincial government is considering passing legislation that would limit increases in salary rates for University staff and eliminate performance bonuses.

The Principal presented her views on the draft of the tuition framework that members of CREPUQ are working on. In summary, she noted that CREPUQ is committed to working with the provincial government on drafting a framework on funding that would be appropriate for Quebec's universities.

In reference to Bill 100, the Principal noted that the Premier encouraged the Minister of Education to work with the University in order to develop a funding framework based on mutual interests and a shared understanding of the tough financial and economic situation facing the government.

The Principal informed the Board that the University would proceed with implementing the tuition fees for the MBA program in the fall and stated that an update would follow.

The Principal noted that the G-13, a group of leading research-intensive universities in Canada, met with the Prime Minister to discuss a wide range of subjects affecting the university environment.

The Principal reported that the University was unsuccessful in hiring two of the candidates that it attempted to recruit through the Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERC) competition.

The Principal notified the Board of the upcoming G-8 and G20 summits that will be held in Toronto and stated that sustainability would be an important topic on both summit agendas.

The Principal ended her remarks by encouraging Governors to attend the Convocation ceremonies that would begin on May 28, 2010 at the Macdonald campus.

Governor Vandal requested an update on the recruitment of the genomics director. Dr. Levin reported that the chosen candidate had been working with the University in recruiting staff to the McGill University and Génome Québec Innovation Centre (MGQIC). It is expected that he would sign the proposed contract of employment by July 15, 2010.

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

4.	Approval of Minutes (closed session) of April 12, 2010	[09-10 CR:06]
5.	Report of the Finance Committee	[GD09-51]
6.	Report of the Nominating and Governance Committee	[GD09-52]
7.	Report of the Investment Committee	[GD09-53]
8.	Report of the Building and Property Committee	[GD09-54]
9.	Report from Senate	
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10.	Report of the Audit Committee	[GD09-57]
11.	Report on Promotion and Tenure	[GD09-58]
12.	Report on Appointments with Tenure	[GD09-59]
13.	Other Business	Verbal report

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