



Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., in the Princess Patricia Room, Mount Royal Club, 1175 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal.

**PRESENT:**

Burgoyne, John Ashley  
 Chadha, Roshi  
 Cobbett, Stuart (*Vice-Chair*)  
 De Grandpré, Lili  
 Flood Consedine, Morna  
 GowriSankaran, Kohur  
 Guitton, Daniel  
 Harpp, David Noble  
 Maldoff, Eric  
 Meighen, Michael  
 Munroe-Blum, Heather  
 Peeters, Jan  
 Pekeles, Gary

Pound, Richard W.  
 Rabinovitch, Robert (*Chair*)  
 Sheff, Gerald  
 Turner, Kay  
 Vandal, Thierry  
 Vroom, Ann  
 Youster, Allan

**Resource Persons**

Dowie, Vaughan  
 Levin, Richard I.  
 Masi, Anthony C.  
 Mendelson, Morton J.

Roy, François R.  
 Thérien, Denis  
 Weinstein, Marc

Susan Aberman  
 Victoria Meikle

Pelletier, Johanne  
 (*Secretary*)  
 Joyce Donohue (*Secretariat*)  
 Black, Lee (*Secretariat*)

**REGRETS:** Darren Entwistle, Kathy Fazel, Trevor Garland, Hana Goto, Michael Richards.

**GUESTS:** Daniel Simeone

The meeting began in closed session.

**Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Mr. Daniel Simeone, president-elect of the Post-Graduate Students' Society.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

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

**3. Contract of Affiliation with the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC)**

Dean Richard Levin informed the Board that the present phase of the affiliation process had been difficult, with 3 iterations since the putative agreement in December; however, this contract will be the template for contracts negotiated with 3 other health care institutions. He noted some of the important items in the negotiations: the definition of who can be Chief of Service, appointment of an executive for education, and research and education standing committees. He also noted that there was an affirmation of the licensing agreement for the use of the McGill name that is prohibitive in terms of using the name outside of Canada or for any purpose other than running an academic medical center and a new means for considering proposals to use the name in the future.

Dean Levin stated that there was still 1 item being discussed: the manner of nomination of the CEO of MUHC. He noted that 1 of 3 members of the nominating committee would be from McGill and that MUHC approved of this as long as there was representation of the MUHC on the advisory committee on the appointment of the Vice-Principal and Dean. He informed the Board that while there was some debate about this request, 2 members of the oversight committee considered this request reasonable.

The Chair added that there was concern by the oversight committee at first about branding, but that McGill having final approval abated these concerns. He also noted that some members of the McGill University Health Network had asked for representation on the advisory committee.

Dean Levin informed the Board that the contracts for the 3 other health care institutions would be negotiated simultaneously once negotiations for the MUHC contract were complete.

**4. Principal's Task Force on Diversity, Excellence and Community Engagement**  
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The Principal presented this item to the Board, noting that it had already been presented to Senate. She stated that this Task Force offers an opportunity to embrace the public purpose of the University and create a counterpart to the Principal's Task Force on Student Life and Learning. She noted that McGill has a history of engaging with a broad array of ideas and it has an international character but also a Quebec identity.

The Principal informed the Board that membership of the Task Force will be drawn from different segments of the University, including students, faculty, and administrative and support staff, and will be open to participation by a broad range of groups. She stated that the goal was to complete the work of the Task force, in draft format, within 18 months.

Ms. Vroom asked how this Task Force would work in relation with the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity. The Principal responded that members of that Committee will have the ability to have their views heard, and the Task Force relies on people making their views known.

Mr. Pound asked why only McGill 'insiders' were to be on the Task Force, and not alumni or others who could benefit the recommendations. The Principal responded that there was a need for internal reflection, and that other Canadian provinces as well as the United States have been thinking about these issues for much longer.

The Board discussed opening up Task Force participation to the non-McGill community. Some members expressed a preference for outside input, while others noted the difficulties that could stem from permitting such participation until later in the process. The Principal thanked the Board for their comments and informed them that the goal was to have the first meeting of the Task Force shortly.

**Other Business**

Me. Maldoff, Governor and Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee, informed the Board that the annual Board survey had been mailed out with a return date of June 19. He also noted that the Nominated and Governance Committee had presented a skills matrix for new Governors, which had been approved by the Board, and the Committee expected to bring nominations forward for open Board seats in the Fall. The Principal asked whether the matrix was available on the Board website and the Secretary-General stated it could be made available.

The Chair recognized the Chancellor, Richard W. Pound, and his commitment to the University by actions and deeds, as well as his assistance to the Chair. The Chair noted that there will be an event in the Fall for the McGill community to express its appreciation.

*On motion duly proposed and seconded, it was resolved that the Board of Governors express its appreciation for the distinguished service and commitment of the Chancellor, Richard W. Pound, to McGill University and the McGill community.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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