



Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors held on Monday September 22, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., Founders Room, University Club, 2047 Mansfield Street, Montreal.

PRESENT:

Burgoyne, John Ashley
de Grandpré, Lili
Fazel, Kathy
Garland, Trevor
Goto, Hana
GowriSankaran, Kohur
Guitton, Daniel
Meighen, Michael
Munroe-Blum, Heather

Pekeles, Gary
Pound, Richard W.
Rabinovitch, Robert (*Chair*)
Richards, Michael
Ruocco, Maria
Turner, Kay

Resource Persons

Dowie, Vaughan
Levin, Richard I.
Masi, Anthony C.
Mendelson, Morton J.
Roy, François R.
Thérien, Denis
Weinstein, Marc
Caponi, Albert
Pouliot, Adrien

Pelletier, Johanne (*Secretary*)

REGRETS: Roshi Chadha, Stuart Cobbett (*Vice-Chair*), Darren Entwistle, Morna Flood Consedine, Eric Maldoff, Jan Peeters, Jeremy Reitman, Gerald Sheff, Thierry Vandal.

The meeting began in open session.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed all to the first meeting of the Board of Governors of the 2008-09 academic season. He introduced Mr. Vaughn Dowie, Interim Vice-Principal (Public Affairs) as well as the newest student members/observers of the Board, Mr. John Ashley Burgoyne (PGSS), Ms. Kay Turner (SSMU) and Ms. Hana Goto (MCSS).

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Discussion

2.1 Principal's Remarks (including the Principal's Report)

[GD08-01]

The Principal presented highlights from the *Principal's Report*, including:

- McGill's distinctive mission;
- Diversity of students, faculty and staff;
- Faculty's international character;
- Creation of the Student Life and Learning portfolio;
- Improvements in student advising;
- Training for front line student services staff;
- Recent gifts;
- Research, scholarship and discovery;
- Graduate studies and enhanced recruitment;

- Public citizenship and outreach;
- Sustainability;
- Campus renewal and upgrading;
- Campaign McGill.

The Principal briefly reported on proposed provincial legislation on University governance (specifically relating to the form and function of University boards). The Principal noted that members of the senior executive team and members of the Board (the Chair, Chancellor and Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee) had been active with her in developing the McGill position and liaising with CREPUQ on a common position.

Members of the Board were invited to convey any comments or questions on the *Report* to the Principal via the Secretary-General.

3. Approval

3.1 Approval of the Minutes (open session) May 23, 2008 [07-08: BR-04]

On motion duly proposed and seconded, the minutes of the open session of the meeting of May 23, 2008 [07-08: BR-04] were approved.

4. Information

4.1 Board Member Orientation Package [GD08-02]

The Secretary-General noted that a Board of Governors Orientation package was distributed as part of the meeting documents. She informed the Board that she would follow up with individual members in the event there were questions on this package.

4.2 Notice/Reminder: Joint Senate/Board meeting on Intellectual Property

The Provost reminded members of the upcoming meeting of the Joint Senate/Board (October 27, 2008). The focus of this meeting is Intellectual Property. A working group has been active in developing the theme for the meeting and encouraged all Board members to attend.

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

5. Discussion

5.1 Contract of Affiliation with the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) [GD08-03]

6. Approval

6.1 Approval of Minutes (confidential session), May 23, 2008 [07-08 CR:05]

6.2 Report from the Nominating and Governance Committee [GD08-04]

6.3 Amendments to the Statement of Investment Policy [GD08-06]

6.4 Draft McGill University Financial Report (Audited Financial Statements) [GD08-05]

6.5 Appointment of External Auditors [GD08-07]

6.6 CSST matters

6.6.1 Signing Authority, CSST Claims for 2009 [GD08-08]

6.6.2 Authorization for access to CSST Data [GD08-09]

7. Information

7.1 Report from the Executive Committee

[GD08-10]

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