



Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors held on April 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., in the main Dining Room, second floor, Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish Street, Montreal.

PRESENT:

Cobbett, Stuart (*Chair*)
Critchley, Ronald
Entwistle, Darren
Fazel, Kathy
Gagnier, Daniel
Généreux, Claude
Guitton, Daniel
Harpp, David Noble
Maldoff, Eric
Munroe-Blum, Heather
Neilson, Ivan
Pekeles, Gary

Raz, Amir
Simeone, Daniel
Steinberg, H. Arnold
(*chancellor*)
Turcotte, Martine
Vroom, Ann
Youster, Allan

Resource Persons

Dowie, Vaughn
Levin, Richard
Masi, Anthony C.

Mendelson, Morton J.
Roy, François R.
Roy, Yves
Rozen, Rima
Weinstein, Marc

Susan Aberman

Stephen Strople (*Secretary*)
Edyta Rogowska (*Secretariat*)

Invited Guest: Mathieu Laperle, Director of Food and Hospitality Services

REGRETS: Roshi Chadha, Lili De Grandpré, Morna Flood Consedine, Alexandra Kindrat, Michael Meighen, Michael Richards, Gerald Sheff, Thierry Vandal

The meeting began in open session at 4:10 p.m. The Chair of the Board welcomed the new member-at-large to the Board, Ms. Martine Turcotte and acknowledged the presence of Yves Roy, the Student Observer. Governor Simeone introduced Ms. Alexandra Bishop, indicating that as next year's President of the Post Graduate Student Society, Ms. Bishop will be replacing him on the Board of Governors starting September 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 February 15, 2010

[09-10 BR:03]

On a motion duly proposed and seconded, the minutes of the open session of February 15, 2010 were approved.

3. Principal's Remarks

The Principal informed the Board that Mr. Roy, who is stepping down as the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance) will continue working on special projects at the University until June 6, 2010, and noted that effective April 16, 2010, Mr. Michael Richards will be Interim Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance). The Chair of the Board will fill Mr. Richards' position as Chair of the Building and Property Committee for the interim period.

The Principal provided the Board with an update on recent Campaign McGill activities that she attended in Vancouver, New York and the San Francisco Bay Area. She noted the positive outcome of the Campaign and acknowledged Governor Entwistle’s contributions to the success of the Vancouver alumni event.

The Principal spoke on the Canadian Excellence Research Chair (CERC) competition. She informed the Board that although four applications from McGill reached the final round of the competition, and two received final approval, it had not been possible to entice either one of the candidates to take an appointment at McGill before the deadline established under the CERC program. Both candidates received strong counter-offers to remain at their existing institutions. The Principal also pointed out the lack of female candidates in the competition. The Principal acknowledged the work of both the Provost and the Interim Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations) in supporting the application process. She also acknowledged the role that Chancellor Steinberg and Governor Maldoff have played in the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

The Principal provided the Board with an update on the federal and provincial budgets. She informed the Board of the new taxation scheme that was announced for postgraduate scholars and noted that the provincial government has said that it will introduce new tuition regulations in 2012.

The Principal announced that three medals for exceptional academic achievement will be awarded to candidates in science and medicine at the spring convocation ceremonies.

4. Report Card on Student Life and Learning [GD09-47]

Morton J. Mendelson, Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) presented the Report Card on Student life and Learning. He informed the Board that space in the McLennan Library is being renovated to have integrated services that will better serve the students. It is expected that renovations will be completed by May or June 2010. He also noted that the Report Card highlights measures taken to strengthen academic advising.

Governor Gagnier noted the importance of implementing a change that would empower staff to become front line providers of excellent service. To that end, it was noted that staff should be trained appropriately (as academic advisors, mentors or peer advisors) in order to better address student questions. It was suggested class sizes be reduced so that students have a better chance of getting to know their professors. Prof. Mendelson indicated that class sizes tend to decrease after the first year and pointed out that the ratio of undergraduate students to tenure track faculty at McGill is lower than at other G13 universities. Prof. Mendelson indicated that next year’s focus will be to improve advising by further engaging with faculties and deans.

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

- 5. **Approval of Minutes (closed session) of February 15, 2010** [09-10 CR:05]
- 6. **Preliminary 2010-2011 Budget Report** Verbal Report
Provost *Information*

7. **Report on Campaign McGill** [GD09-48]
Vice-Principal, Development and Alumni Relations Presentation
8. **Reports of the Nominating and Governance Committee**
- 8.1 Meeting of March 1, 2010 [GD09-25]
Chair, Nominating and Governance Committee Approval
- 8.2 Meeting of April 12, 2010 [GD09-50]
Chair, Nominating and Governance Committee Approval/
to be distributed
9. **Financement-Québec Funding for the Molson Stadium Expansion Project** [GD09-26]
Vice-Principal, Administration and Finance Approval
10. **Report from Senate** [GD09-40]
Principal Approval
- 10.1 Policy on the Conduct of Research
- 10.2 Code of Conduct for Users of McGill Computing Facilities
11. **Laboratory Supplies Contract** [GD09-41]
Vice-Principal, Administration and Finance Approval
12. **Food Services Contract** [GD09-42]
Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) Approval
13. **Report on Promotion and Tenure** [GD09-43]
Principal Approval
14. **Report of the Executive Committee** [GD09-44]
Chair, Board of Governors Information
15. **Report of the Human Resources Committee** [GD09-45]
Interim Chair, Human Resources Committee Information
to be distributed
16. **Report of the Joint Senate Steering/Executive Committee** [GD09-46]
Principal Information
17. **2010-2011 Governance Dates for the Board of Governors
Senate and Committees** [GD09-49]
Secretary-General Information/
to be distributed
18. **Other Business**
- NEXT MEETING:** **Tuesday, May 25, 2010 (4:00 – 7:00 p.m.)**
Location TBA