

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

2580 College Street, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 2K3 Tuesday, April 4, 2023 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Room C-156)

MINUTES

Members Present:

Nancy Beattie Director of Constituent College

Alan Kezber (Chair) Government Appointee, Enterprise Sector

François Paradis Government Appointee, Socio-Economic Sector, (Board of

Governors)

Miles Turnbull Government Appointee, University Sector

Monika Mitchell (Vice-Chair) Parent Representative
Antoine Laplante Student Representative
Alexandra Patella Student Representative

Laura Beausse Non-teaching Professionals Representative

Jennifer McLeod Support Staff Representative

Regrets:

Alexandra Lebel Government Appointee, Enterprise Sector Kandy Mackey Government Appointee, School Board Sector

Eva Lettner Parent Representative
Aaron Patella Faculty Representative
Myriam Pruneau Faculty Representative

Also Present:

Brigitte Robert Coordinator, Liberal Arts

Antoine Fortin-Veilleux Registrar & Coordinator of Academic Organization (Interim)

Suzanne Meesen Secretary General Recording Secretary

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and Announcements
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - a. February 9, 2023
- 4) Question Period (15 minutes)
- 5) Business Arising
 - a. Law 14 Implementation Update
 - i. French Exit Exam Competencies
 - ii. Program Grids for Phase 1 (for Fall 2023)
 - iii. Policy on the French Language
 - iv. Updates on Additional Elements
- 6) New Business
 - a. Liberal Arts Program Revision (Resolution)
 - b. Academic Calendar 2023-2024 (Resolution)
 - c. Policy on Mental Health (Information)
 - d. New IPMAP (Information)
 - e. MNP Consultations
- 7) Constituent College Report
- 8) Varia
- 9) Date of Next Meeting (May 23, 2023)
- 10) Adjournment

MINUTES

1) Welcome and Announcements

Alan Kezber welcomed everyone to the meeting and passed along regrets from Kandy Mackey, Alexandra Lebel, Eva Lettner, Aaron Patella and Myriam Pruneau. He also introduced guests Antoine Fortin Veilleux and Brigitte Robert, who would be presenting items during the meeting. Alan also acknowledged the recent tragic passing of our student, Simon Choquette, and added that resources have been made available to students and employees requiring assistance during this difficult time. Nancy spoke to the subject as well and gave additional details, including the news that the student who was in a coma has been confirmed to be out of danger by medical staff.

2) Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without modifications.

Moved: Antoine Laplante Seconded: François Paradis

There was no call for a vote. Motion carried.

3) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. February 9, 2023

The minutes were approved without modifications.

Moved: Miles Turnbull Seconded: Antoine Laplante

There was no call for a vote. Motion carried.

4) Question Period (15 minutes)

There were no questions.

5) Business Arising

- b. Law 14 Implementation Update
 - i. French Exit Exam Competencies

Nancy Beattie shared that the College received the French exit exam competencies in mid-February for non-rights holders and that the French department is working developing generic course plans for these mandatory competencies.

ii. Program Grids for Phase 1 (for Fall 2023)

Antoine Fortin-Veilleux presented on this subject, explaining that all grids for all programs must now be revised in light of requirements of Law 14, and that the revised program grids are now out for consultation in the faculty community. These will be brought to the Governing Board for adoption once this process is completed.

iii. Policy on the French Language

Nancy Beattie addressed the subject of the French Language Policy, which must be revised in accordance with the requirements of Law 14. A draft of the revised policy has been sent to all three constituent colleges for feedback, especially from the

French departments, and will then be sent out for official consultation. The revised policy must be approved by the Board of Governors by the end of May.

iv. Updates on Additional Elements

Nancy Beattie updated the group on the successful hiring of a new Pedagogical Counsellor. The focus of her mandate at this time is to support the College in the implementation of Law 14.

6) New Business

a. Liberal Arts Program Revision (Resolution)

Nancy Beattie began by sharing that the revision of the Liberal Arts program was initiated due to shared courses with the Social Science program which had recently been revised.

Brigitte Robert presented an overview of the highlights of the revision, which include the reworking of pathways, the addition of several complementary courses, and some changes to core prerequisites, all with the purpose of offering students more flexibility. Brigitte also mentioned that the revision had been adopted at the recent meeting of the Commission of Studies.

Nancy thanked Brigitte Robert as well as Sue Meesen for their hard work, especially having completed the revision under a tight timeline.

Resolution No.: LEN-2022-072

700.B0 Liberal Arts Program Revision

WHEREAS the Ministry has revised the 700.80 Liberal Arts program to modify the optional competencies associated with the new Social Sciences (300.A1) program competencies; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Arts program has now revised its program grids to adapt the Liberal Arts optional courses to the new Social Sciences (300.A1) competencies; and

WHEREAS Liberal Arts also updated its optional course offerings to provide more structure and appeal to new students; and

WHEREAS the approval of the Liberal Arts revision is subject to validation in SOBEC; and

WHEREAS the Liberal Arts program endorsed the program revision at its meeting held on March 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Commission of Studies recommended the Liberal Arts 700.B0 program revision to the Governing Board at its meeting held on March 23, 2023;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Governing Board adopt the Liberal Arts program revision for implementation in the Fall 2023 semester; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Liberal Arts program framework shall be updated to integrate the proposed modifications which shall be presented to the Commission of Studies and Governing Board within the upcoming academic year.

Moved: Alexandra Patella Seconded: Laura Beausse

There was no call for a vote. Motion carried.

b. Academic Calendar 2023-2024 (Resolution)

Nancy Beattie explained that the College now produces two versions of the Academic Calendar: an official version which includes only key dates which need to be shared with the Ministry; and a local version which includes other dates and events.

Antoine Fortin-Veilleux explained the Ministerial version of the calendar, which has various requirements from the Ministry. The College decided this year to schedule the Fall reading week during the week of Thanksgiving in order to lose the least amount of class days as possible. The calendar also includes a class make-up day which can be used if needed without needing further approval from the Governing Board.

Antoine added that the local version of the calendar includes events such as the solar eclipse, as well as other dates or events relevant to the community.

Nancy added that much debate has taken place over the Fall Reading Week over the past few years and acknowledged the importance of student voices, especially for this issue which concerns student mental health.

Resolution No.: LEN-2022-073

Academic Calendar 2023-2024

WHEREAS in accordance with the Policy on the Commission of Studies, the annual Academic Calendar was consulted on by the Commission of Studies and recommended to the Governing Board at its meeting held on March 23, 2023;

WHEREAS consultation with relevant College bodies was carried out in the development of the 2023-2024 academic calendar; and

WHEREAS the Champlain College Lennoxville calendar is in conformity with the requirements set out in the *Réglement sur le régime des études collégiales* (RREC);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Governing Board approves the attached sessional academic calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved: Alexandra Patella Seconded: Jennifer McLeod

There was no call for a vote. Motion carried.

c. Policy on Mental Health (Information)

Nancy Beattie addressed this subject, explaining that the College must have a policy by the end of June, followed by an action plan, and that Jean-François Joncas is leading this steering committee. The policy will go to the community for consultation and will be brought to the Governing Board in May for adoption.

d. New IPMAP (Information)

Sue Meesen explained that all colleges must have a policy on evaluation, covering new programs, program revisions, and most importantly evaluation. Consultation on the new IPMAP is nearing completion, will be presented to the Commission of Studies shortly and to the Governing Board in May, with implementation beginning in Fall 2023.

e. MNP Consultations

Nancy explained that the firm MNP has been accompanying the College following the publication of the report on Champlain Regional College. Their work includes a workplace climate survey, which will allow them to analyze the workplace environment at Champlain-

Lennoxville, make recommendations, and support the College throughout upcoming changes which include a new Director General and the continued transition to the new college structure.

7) Constituent College Report

Nancy Beattie highlighted the tragedy this past Thursday night, which took the life of one of our students. She added that the Special Care Counselling faculty members immediately lent their help to support students and employees, and that a grief counsellor was brought in over the weekend at Residence who would remain at the College throughout at least the rest of the week.

The College has been working on an inclement weather clause; a draft has been prepared and Administration will work with the CSA and faculty to firm up the clause conditions.

In conjunction with Special Care Counselling, a memorial scholarship in Olivia Grimes' name is being created, and the College will be in touch with Olivia's family regarding how they would like to be involved.

A consultant was hired regarding the E-envelope (teaching resources) deficit who conducted an analysis of courses, programs, and workloads to identify issues. The consultant provided recommendations. An action plan was subsequently drafted by the College and is out for consultation. Implementation of the action plan will take place over the next 5 years.

A group of German exchange students is currently on campus, this being the first opportunity to resume the exchange since 2019. The partnership has existed since 2017, and our students will be going to Germany in May.

The College was invited to be part of the Abenaki flag raising on the Bishop's University campus, in partnership with Odanak leadership and the Abenaki community.

Interviews will be taking place shortly for the two Academic Dean positions. The College has also found a replacement for Laura Beausse in Admissions, who will begin on Tuesday.

The goodies served at the meeting today are courtesy of AM Bakery which will be operating in our café on the 3rd floor, opening tomorrow.

Alan Kezber has completed his mandate with the Governing Board and shared that this would be his final meeting. Nancy Beattie extended thanks to him for his time and commitment to the Governing Board and to the College.

- 8) Varia
- 9) Date of Next Meeting (May 23, 2023)
- 10) Adjournment

Francois Paradis moved to adjourn at 4:55pm.

The minutes were adopted as presented at the Governing Board meeting on May 23, 2023.

Moved: Alexandra Patella Seconded: Miles Turnbull