

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
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MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Friday, November 29, 2019

EV 2.309

PRESENT:

Chair: Asif, A.

Voting members: Agarwal, A.; Akgunduz, A.; Bagchi, A.; Ben Hamza, A.; Butler, G.; Contreras, I.; De Visscher, A.; Debbabi, M.; El Ayoubi, C.; Fancott, T.; Fayyaz, F.; Ge, H.; Gopakumar, G.; Goyal, N.; Gueheneuc, Y.-G.; Hashtrudi Zad, S.; Lucia, W.; Maistre, M.; Manirov, V.; Mariotti Lapointe, J.; Mehmet Ali, M.; Narayanan, L.; Nourani, H.; Ordonselli, S.; Paraschivoiu, M.; Pugh, M.; Shayan, Y. R.; Shiri, N.; Silber, J.; Soliman, A.; Stojda, A.; Terekhov, D.; Thiel, S.; Youssef, A.

Non-Voting members: Howse, E.; Kraulis, I.; Little, G.; Udvud, E.

Observers: Clarke, A.; De Melo, D.; Fiorentino, N.; Gosselin, G.; Martel, C.

Guests: Bhuiyan, N.; Cossette, D.; Gabriele, S.; Hamel, J.-F.

ABSENT:

Voting members: Ait Mohamed, O.; Carr, G.; Chen, M.; Hammad, A.; Singh, M.; Stathopoulos, T.; Whitelaw, A.; Ye, Z.; Zahangir Kabir, M.; Zeng, Y.

Non-voting members: Pawelek, P.

Observers: Allaire, V.; Himmo, M.; Miatello, M.

1. Call to order of the Open Session

The Chair called the open session of the meeting to order 2:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 2019-07-01 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Pugh / T. Fancott), it was passed that the Agenda be adopted with a minor correction:

- *Agenda item #8 is missing; the numbering of Agenda items after #7 is readjusted to follow the order.*

Vote: Carried unanimously

3. Approval of the Minutes of Open Session ECFC 2019-06 – November 1st, 2019

Motion 2019-07-02 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (A. De Visscher /G. Gopakumar), it was passed that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

Vote: Carried unanimously

4. Chair's Remarks

- The dean announced that he has accepted the role of vice president, research and innovation at York University effective May 1, 2020. Dr. Debbabi has been appointed interim dean pending the results of the search for a new dean.
- On November 12, the Canada Excellence Research Chair team was formally introduced to the public at 4TH SPACE. The CERC chairholder is BCEE Professor Ursula Eicker. Her team includes ECE Assistant Professor Chunyan Lai and BCEE Assistant Professor Mohamed Ouf.
- It was announced earlier this month that Jeremy Clark is the new NSERC/Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton/Catallaxy Industrial Research Chair in Blockchain Technologies. The chair is valued at \$1.38 million over 5 years.
- The Teaching Day on decolonizing the engineering/computer science curriculum has been postponed until January. A new date will be announced soon.
- More than 475 students attended convocation on November 18. Of note, CME graduated its first diploma student.
- The third Law Meets Engineering lecture took place on November 27. Me.s Claudia Desjardins Bélisle and Marissa Frishman shared their knowledge on various facets of labour law. The fourth lecture will be on January 28 and feature Kathy Baig, the president of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, who will speak about ethics.
- The Women in Engineering society is organizing a memorial to recognize the 30th Anniversary of the Polytechnique mass shooting. The event will be held on Friday, December 6, from 12:30 to 1:15 pm in the Library building atrium (LB).

5. Associate Dean Remarks

Ali Akgunduz

- There is a request from undergraduate students to introduce TA evaluations. A template is in development. TA evaluations can later support nominations for the TAs' Teaching Excellence Award.

Marius Paraschivoiu

- On behalf of Centraide, Dr. Paraschivoiu thanked everyone for their participation and help provided in the organization of the events and donations.

Anjali Agarwal

- The EDI Strategic Plan has been presented at three different department councils: ECE, CIISE, MIAE. The others will be in January.
- A half-day event for female CEGEP students interested in engineering and computer science is being organized on January 10. Panel discussions, tours of the School's lab facilities and networking lunch are planned.

6. Presentation: Experiential Learning (ECFC 2019-07-01) N. Bhuiyan, S. Gabriele,

Dr. Bhuiyan, Vice-Provost, Partnerships & Experiential Learning, and Dr. Gabriele, Vice-Provost, Innovation in Teaching & Learning, described a potential Experiential Learning (EL) course. The creation of an open Experiential Learning course would provide a mechanism for recognizing non-credit experiential learning activities on a student's transcript. For example, entrepreneurship, design challenges, event organization, mentorships, student society projects, industry projects, and so on. The need for such recognition has been expressed by faculty and students. The current co-curricular record

is not robust enough to capture the range of activities students are undertaking. This proposed experiential learning course will support the continued growth of experiential learning at Concordia. There was a discussion on the possible approaches to implementation.

7. Presentation: Budget Updates (ECFC 2019-07-02) D. Cossette, J.-F. Hamel

Mr. Cossette, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Hamel, Senior Director of Financial Planning and Budgets, presented the budget process, and described changes which have impacted planning. Mr. Cossette reviewed long-term objectives and perspectives. Mr. Hamel gave detailed explanation on the university operating budget, projected expenses, as well as projected revenues.

8. Ratification of Elections (ECFC 2019-07-03)

Motion 2019-07-03 Upon motion duly moved and seconded (M. Paraschivoiu / A. Stojda), it was passed that document ECFC 2019-07-03, Ratification of Elections be ratified as submitted.

Vote: Carried unanimously

9. Committee Reports (ECFC 2019-07-04)

Reports were submitted for the following committees:

- Report on Arts and Science Faculty Council (ASFC)

10. Other Business

- A discussion on the state of lecture theatres and the availability of teaching equipment was initiated by M. Pugh. The schedule for classes is poorly organized, does not consider the needs of the lecturer and the capacity of the room. Currently, individual cases are addressed to the dean, but a better solution is needed. It is hoped that the situation will improve with the construction of temporary class rooms meant to address growing needs.
- Alex Stojda announced the Society Fair that will be held on January 8 in the EV lobby. Student members will be showing work they have been doing over the past few years. Students will also be available to answer questions about the resources available to students and community members.

11. Adjournment at 4:05 p.m.

Erica Howse
Secretary of Faculty Council
Gina Cody School of Engineering & Computer Science