



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Hexagram Members
September 15, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
EV 11. 705, Concordia University, Montreal.

Present

<p>Regular members coapplicants Michel Boulanger Sandeep Bhagwati Barbara Clausen Mario Côté Ricardo Dal Farra Jean Décarie Jean Dubois Martine Époque David Howes Lynn Hughes André Éric Létourneau Armando Menicacci Louis-Claude Paquin Christopher Salter Gisèle Trudel</p> <p>Collaborators, students, regular members non- coapplicants Lorella Abenavoli Dany Beaupré Catherine, Béliveau Isabelle Choinière</p>	<p>Nina Czeglédy Radhantha Gagnon Orit Halpern Nina Czeglédy Radhantha Gagnon Orit Halpern Rilla Khaled Martin L'Abbé Natalie Lafortune Paul Landon Cécile Martin Cynthia Noury Denis Poulin Éric Raymond Leila Sujir Observateurs</p> <p>Excused absences: Raymonde April Yan Breuleux Tagny Duff Toby Heys Robert Saucier François-Joseph Lapointe</p>	<p>Unexcused absences: Thierry Bardini Gwenaël Bélanger Joanna Berzowska Michael Blum Nancy Bussièeres Alexandre Castonguay Juan Carlos Castro Owen Chapman Mia Consalvo Thomas Corriveau Hélène Doyon Chantal duPont Ghyslain Gagnon Monika Gagnon Ying Gao Alice Jim Brigitte Kerhervé Angela Konrad Anick La Bissonnière Louise Lamarre Thomas Lamarre pk Langshaw Barbara Layne Patrick Leroux Marie-Christine Lesage Jonathan Lessard</p>	<p>Jason Lewis Krista Lynes Erin Manning Brian Massumi Elizabeth Miller Michael Montanaro Marielle Nitoslawska Alain Paiement Diane Poitras Marisa Portolese Martin Racine Anne Ramsden Sylvie Readman Nicolas Reeves Jean-François Renaud Margot Ricard Luis Rodrigues Claire Savoie Kim Sawchuk Bart Simon Mark Steinberg Jeremy Stolow Mark Sussman Kelly Thompson Eldad Tsabary Kathleen Vaughan Bill Vorn</p>
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1. Election of a chair and a secretary for the meeting

On a motion by André Éric Létourneau, seconded by Jean Dubois, Louis-Claude Paquin was appointed chair of the meeting and Natalie Lafortune took the minutes.

2. Reading and adoption of the agenda

On a motion by Gisèle Trudel, seconded by Barbara Clausen, the agenda was adopted with additional items 6a "Mid-term evaluation issues" and 6b "Milieux's impact on Hexagram."

3. Reading and adoption of the minutes of the AGM of May 6, 2015

On a motion by David Howes, seconded by Barbara Clausen, the minutes of the AGM of May 6, 2015 were adopted as presented. The chair mentioned the quality of the minutes.

4. Presentation of the 2015-16 annual report

The Hexagram network activities from May 2015 to April 2016 mentioned in the annual report were presented by Co-Directors André Éric Létourneau and Christopher Salter.

Cynthia Noury presented the FRQSC's responsible research-creation conduct project (*La conduite responsable en recherche-création : Des outils créatifs et pertinents pour répondre aux enjeux d'une pratique en effervescence*), which involves creative and relevant tools that can be used to handle issues in

a dynamic practice and is part of the FRQSC's program of concerted action toward responsible research-creation conduct (*Action concertée sur la conduite responsable en recherche-cr ation*) in which Hexagram researchers participate, including Andr  Eric L tourneau as Co-director and Cynthia Noury as a student member.

Natalie Lafortune gave a review of the grant competition and the entire 2015-16 annual report.

Dany Beaupr  reported on the CFI Committee's activities and Jean D carie described the past and future activities of the Hexagram-UQAM centre. It was suggested that members be informed more regularly of new equipment acquisitions and the system for accessing new equipment.

Christopher Salter explained the context that led to the creation of Milieux: end of CFI grants at Concordia, problems with the dynamic and the models adopted for research and the researchers' desire for independence in managing their research groups. Around three-fourths of Milieux members are Hexagram members. The research-creation funds of Concordia's Office of Research are now distributed among the three clusters with the most Hexagram members. Negotiations are underway on granting equipment access to UQAM members and these measures will be detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) framework agreement.

To help everyone better understand the Hexagram structure, a recent version of its organizational chart was presented (appended). Gis le Trudel pointed out that Milieux should be represented in the organizational chart and raised questions about Hexagram-Concordia's status in Milieux. She also mentioned that these changes were not sufficiently communicated to members.

Lynn Hugues, until recently interim Co-Director of Milieux, explained that Hexagram-Concordia is now a virtual network without an infrastructure or office and is linked to financial support from Concordia's Office of Research.

Andr  Eric L tourneau explained that upon beginning his duties, information on the institute's creation was unavailable, especially since after Christopher Salter left on sabbatical, there was no official spokesperson to communicate with the Hexagram network. The situation was clarified to some extent at the meeting on April 14, 2016 between the Directors of the Milieux clusters and Dominique Michaud of Concordia's Office of Research. At that time, he explained that Sandeep Bhagwati agreed to act as interim Hexagram Network Co-Director, which helped establish a relationship with Milieux.

Armando Menicacci wondered if the funding granted to Hexagram by Concordia does not deprive the network of a source of income. Jean Dubois wondered if, beyond infrastructures and budgets, collaboration is still desired as in the past. Barbara Clausen asked whether Milieux members will invest more time and effort in the federal or provincial funds.

5. Presentation of the 2015-2016 budget

Presentation of the 2016-2017 budget projections adopted by the Executive Committee (appended) and submitted to the FRQSC.

6. Prospects in 2016-2017

Co-Director Andr  Eric L tourneau reminded those in attendance that the funding requested by Hexagram's Strategic Cluster was based on the selection of members who could request it as co-applicants in line with the criteria of the Strategic Cluster Grant Program: promotion of research, openness to collaboration, etc. After a preparatory meeting for the mid-term evaluation in September 2017 with Jean-Pierre Richer of UQAM's Office of Research, Jean Dubois, then Vice Dean of Research at UQAM's Faculty of Visual Arts and Media, Jean D carie, Hexagram-UQAM Director, and Andr  Eric L tourneau, Hexagram Network Co-Director, noticed that there should be more collaboration between members. Since Mr. Richer believes that collaboration is an important criterion in the mid-term evaluation, the Executive Committee voted for the following measure: All projects or collaborative activities will need to be initiated by at least two co-applicant members.

Collaborative activities may take many different forms: co-supervised research between universities, network organization (committees); participation in and organization of programming activities or preparation of group funding requests.

The discussions during the AGM raised various questions: How should these collaborative activities be reported and presented in the annual report and communicated to members?

Members should also be responsible for at least one activity every year (involvement in a committee, activity, co-supervised project, etc.).

One prospect for 2016 and beyond is the desire for members who propose projects to manage the organization of activities. Concordia's Co-Director reminded those in attendance of the various types of funding offered by Hexagram:

- 1) Sponsorship. Maximum of \$1,500 in funding. Minimum of two co-applicant members. The researchers must provide Hexagram with visibility and event documentation. Applications are reviewed by the Co-Directors and Programming Committee members.
- 2) Co-production. Minimum of two co-applicant members. Maximum of \$5,000 including promotion and documentation of Hexagram members in attendance. Ideally accompanied by additional funds or resources. Applications are reviewed by the Co-Directors and Programming Committee members.
- 3) Production. Strategic activities initiated by the Directors or the Executive Committee.

Final project reports will now need to include an impact analysis on the research axes, the network and the knowledge resulting from the activity.

However, since the Hexagram network has an international reputation and a network ethos that puts it in the vanguard of research-creation specific to this research framework, members should be motivated to get involved.

A memo should be sent to members to inform them of these policies and directions.

- two co-applicant members
- encourage collaboration
- relations between Milieux and Hexagram
- network ethos

Hexagram-UQAM Director Jean Décarie reported on past and future activities: contact with researchers to create dialogue on their research, contact with Quebec universities, francophone research network, creation of an editorial committee for publications in collaboration with the PUQ and contact and creation of a project on the theme of cognition.

a. Mid-term evaluation issues

One of the main issues of the evaluation is the number of activities carried out where co-applicant members of the Strategic Cluster Grant collaborate. Although these members are prolific in terms of research activities, it may be important to increase the quantity of research activities involving collaboration.

b. Milieux's impact on Hexagram

Concordia's Co-Director explained that the creation of Milieux was due to the end of the CFI funds and the desire to correct certain problems in Hexagram-Concordia's management. Milieux is an umbrella with broader coverage of research that promotes more interaction between Concordia researchers and the education of student researchers. 65%-70% of them are Hexagram members. Concordia's funding for Hexagram research-creation (around \$30,000) will be used for projects by Concordia's members at the Hexagram network level. The access question will be resolved with the framework agreement (Memorandum of Understanding-MOU) based on the research groups' ability to involve researchers from other universities.

The discussion on Milieux's impact on the strategic network and the desire of the Concordia antenna's members to collaborate with researchers from different universities will be debated at a special meeting.

Motion 2016091501

On a motion by Louis-Claude Paquin, seconded by Gisèle Trudel, the Executive Committee was asked to prepare a Special General Meeting where the framework agreement (Memorandum of Understanding-MOU) and the mid-term evaluation and its issues could be promptly discussed, i.e. before the mid-term evaluation.

7. Introduction of new members in 2015-2016, 2016-17

The Executive Committee met five times in 2015-16 and reviewed several applications. It should be noted that the collaborator and affiliated member categories are now merged.

New members in 2015-16

Regular members

Annick La Bissonnière, Professor, Theatre School, UQAM
Michael Blum, Professor, School of Visual Arts and Media, UQAM (regular member)
Marie-Christine Lesage, Professor, Theatre School, UQAM
Armando Menicacci, Professor, Dance Department, UQAM
Diane Poitras, Professor, Media School, UQAM
Margot Ricard, Professor, Media School, UQAM

Collaborator members

Michel Collet, Professor, Institut supérieur des beaux-arts de Besançon/Franche-Comté and Christof Migone, Professor, University of Western Ontario, collaborators with André Éric Létourneau.
Isabelle Choinière, artist and researcher, collaborator with Marie-Christine Lesage.
Damien Beyrouthy, artist and researcher, collaborator with Mario Côté and Paul Landon.
Emanuel Licha, Professor in Residence, School of Visual and Media Arts, UQAM (collaborator member for the duration of his contract).

Researchers in residence at Hexagram-UQAM

Steve Heimbecker (01_2015 to 01_2016)
Sonia Leontieff (12_2015 to 12_2016)

New members in 2016-17 (as of September 15, 2016)

Regular members

Simon-Pierre Gourd, Professor, Communication Department, UQAM, recommended by Ricardo Dal Farra and Martin L'Abbé.
Orit Halpern, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia, recommended by Christopher Salter and Tagny Duff.
Rilla Khaled, Associate Professor, Department of Design and Computation Arts, Concordia, recommended by Christopher Salter and Jason Lewis.
Patrice Loubier, Professor, Art History Department, UQAM, recommended by Barbara Clausen and Gisèle Trudel.
Andrée Martin, Professor, Dance Department, UQAM, recommended by Armando Menicacci and Mario Côté.

Collaborator members

WhiteFeather Hunter, artist, researcher, collaborator with Tagny Duff and Kelly Thompson
Christine Palmieri, Associate Professor, collaborator for Archée

The new members were welcomed.

8. Reminder of the new procedure for becoming a member

To submit a membership application for regular member status, applicants now need to provide their Canadian Common CV (FRQSC funding version) and their attached file (detailed contributions). This new measure was adopted by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee also voted to institute a probationary period of one year for new members. During this period, they must prove that they collaborated by being involved in: an activity, co-supervision, committee...

The Co-Directors will be in charge of communicating this information to members.

9. Elections (regular and student members)

Paul Landon wished to participate in the Programming Committee, and Yan Breuleux wanted to renew his term on the Executive Committee.

With the goal of reducing the number of committees and meetings, the Executive Committee decided to have the people in charge of the research axes join the Programming Committee. These 3 people (Concordia, UQAM and another university) will be responsible for overseeing the development of these axes within the committee. The Programming Committee will meet once per year and the proposals will be handled more rapidly by e-mail.

Motion 2016091502

On a motion by Louis-Claude Paquin, seconded by Martine Époque, the Executive Committee was delegated with the responsibility of conducting a consultation for appointments to vacant positions on the Programming, Executive and Student Grants Committees. The Executive Committee will be in charge of communicating the results to members.

10. Miscellaneous

Nothing to report.

11. Adjournment of the meeting at 7:42 p.m.