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WHEREAS the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal, the first institution of its kind in Canada, was established in 1907 at the instigation of the Chambre de Commerce du District de Montréal as an instrument for stimulating the economy;

Whereas the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal was incorporated by chapter 152 of the statutes of 1956-57;

Whereas the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal fulfilled its mission by providing sound university training to several generations of students in every field of business administration; in this manner, it gave French-speaking Quebecers access to a career in accounting and trained a great number of the executives that were needed in enterprises, private organizations and public bodies;

Whereas building upon that tradition, the various programs now offered at the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal enable students from Québec, Canada and other countries to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies in fields of endeavour related to all facets of business administration;

Whereas through the research carried out by its professors and their involvement in enterprises, organizations and bodies, the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal makes a contribution to the economic development of Québec and to the general welfare of its citizens;

Whereas the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal acknowledges the faculty members right to the academic and research freedom prevailing in public universities, and whereas it wishes to allow faculty members, alumni and students to take part in its administration;

Whereas the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal has expanded considerably since its establishment and incorporation and whereas it is expedient to adapt its charter to new conditions resulting from the growth and development of the school in order to enable it to pursue its mission;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

DIVISION I

DEFINITIONS

1. In this Act and in the by-laws passed under this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words and expressions mean:

(1) “**corporation**”: the Corporation de l’École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal;

(2) “**school**”: the École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal;

(3) “**board**”: the board of management of the Corporation de l’École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal;

(4) “**students’ association**”: an association grouping the students enrolled in any of the school’s programs, each association being the students’ association of one program.

DIVISION II

CORPORATION

2. The existence and succession of the corporation, incorporated by the Act to constitute the corporation of the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal (1956-57, chapter 152), shall be maintained and continued under the name of “Corporation de l’École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal”.

3. The object of the corporation is to provide higher education in the various fields of business administration, to promote research and to provide to the community the services it is prepared to furnish in the areas falling within its competence.

4. The corporation is composed of the members of its board.

The corporate seat of the corporation shall be located in the city of Montréal.

5. The corporation shall exercise all the rights of the school and perform every duty necessary for its administration and development.

6. The corporation has all the powers of a corporation and, except where inconsistent with this Act, the provisions of Part II of the Companies Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-38) and of the Special Corporate Powers Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-16) apply to the corporation.

The corporation may, in particular,

(1) acquire and own by purchase, gift, legacy and generally by any legal instrument, by gratuitous or onerous title, any movable and immovable property;

(2) hypothecate its movable and immovable property, alienate it and perform all acts of ownership in respect thereof;

(3) receive, hold and administer in trust movable and immovable property for any purpose connected with the objects of the corporation.

The corporation is not subject to the Mortmain Act (R.S.Q., chapter M-1).

7. The corporation may receive gifts of movable and immovable property, in kind or in money, by way of subscription, grants, remuneration, security or otherwise, from any person or public body and organize public subscription campaigns.

8. Notwithstanding any general or special legislative provision inconsistent with this Act, any public body is authorized to grant and make to the corporation such gifts as it deems appropriate, without other formality than a resolution passed to that effect; where an authorization is necessary under a legislative provision, the resolution comes into force upon being approved by the authority concerned.

Any gift to the corporation shall be deemed accepted from such time as the writing evidencing it is signed by the donor or, with respect

to public bodies, on the coming into force of the resolution authorizing it, and it cannot thereafter be revoked or cancelled except with the consent of the corporation, subject to the provisions of articles 991 to 1012 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada.

No gift to the corporation may be cancelled for want of consideration, even if it is made with a term, in the form of a promissory note, cheque, subscription, promise or other undertaking, unless otherwise agreed upon between the donor and the corporation.

Notwithstanding article 776 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada, any gift to the corporation may be made by private agreement.

9. All the property of the corporation, movable or immovable, shall be exempt from all taxes, assessments or imposts of any nature whatsoever, from the day it is acquired by the corporation.

The city of Montréal is obliged to furnish at all times to the corporation all the water required for the use of the corporation and protection against fire. The corporation shall pay to the city the price fixed for such service following an agreement with the city which, notwithstanding any general or special provision inconsistent with this Act, shall be authorized for the purposes of such an agreement.

10. The corporation may make by-laws respecting

(1) the discipline of students and the establishment of the tuition and other charges payable by students;

(2) the terms and conditions governing the employment, remuneration and duties of the director, the members of the teaching staff and the members of the non-teaching staff of the school;

(3) the organization of teaching and research activities;

(4) the curricula and norms of discipline and pedagogical standards appropriate for each curriculum;

(5) the nomenclature of university degrees, diplomas and certificates and the conduct of examinations;

(6) the criteria and procedures for the appointment and promotion of professors;

(7) the conduct of the affairs of the corporation, the internal management and, generally, any thing which may facilitate the carrying out of this Act.

11. The corporation shall award university degrees, diplomas or certificates to the students of the school in accordance with the by-law respecting the nomenclature of degrees, diplomas and certificates passed under section 10.

Throughout the term of a contract of affiliation entered into between the corporation and the Université de Montréal, the university degrees, diplomas and certificates shall be awarded by the Université de Montréal on the recommendation of the academic council and countersigned by the corporation.

12. The corporation may, with the authorization of the Minister of Higher Education and Science, enter into or amend a contract of affiliation with the Université de Montréal.

The contract of affiliation shall establish, in particular, the terms and conditions of approval, by the Université de Montréal, of the by-laws passed under paragraphs 4 and 5 of section 10.

A contract of affiliation entered into under this section and any amendment to the contract shall come into force upon being approved by the Minister of Higher Education and Science.

The corporation may terminate a contract of affiliation entered into pursuant to this section only with the approval of the Minister of Higher Education and Science.

13. Each year, the corporation must transmit its annual report to the Minister of Higher Education and Science.

DIVISION III

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

14. The corporation shall be administered by a board of management composed of the following persons:

- (1) the director of the school;
- (2) six graduates of the school;
- (3) one person appointed by the board of the Université de Montréal;
- (4) two persons appointed by the Government;
- (5) one person appointed by the school faculty.

15. The six graduates of the school shall be appointed as follows:

(1) two persons appointed by the Association des Diplômés de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal;

(2) two persons appointed by the Chambre de Commerce du District de Montréal;

(3) one person appointed by the Government;

(4) one person appointed by the school faculty.

The Chambre de Commerce du District de Montréal and the Association des Diplômés de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal may proceed to the appointments under this section by a mere resolution of their board of management.

16. Except the director of the school who is *ex officio* a member of the board, board members are appointed for a term of three years renewable more than once.

17. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled in accordance with the mode of appointment prescribed for the member to be replaced, but only for the remainder of his term.

18. The board shall appoint its chairman from among its members.

19. The term of office of the chairman is one year and may be renewed.

20. The chairman shall preside over the sittings of the board and act as president of the corporation.

21. If the chairman is absent from a sitting, the board shall designate one of its members to replace the chairman.

22. Unless otherwise prescribed by the internal management by-laws of the corporation, the sittings of the board shall be held at Montréal.

23. Unless otherwise prescribed by the internal management by-laws of the corporation, the sittings of the board are called by means of a written notice sent to each member of the board, at his last known address, at least five clear days before the date of the sitting.

24. Six members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

25. Unless otherwise prescribed by the internal management by-laws of the corporation, the decisions of the board shall be made by a majority vote of the members present.

In the case of a tie-vote, the chairman has a casting vote. Where the chairman is absent, the person designated to replace him does not, however, have a casting vote.

26. The board may establish an executive committee.

The executive committee shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) the chairman of the board, who shall be president;
- (2) the director of the school;
- (3) at least three other members of the board appointed by the board.

27. The executive committee shall perform such administrative duties as the board of management may delegate to it by by-law.

28. The operating rules of the executive committee are established by by-law of the board of management.

DIVISION IV

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

29. The board of management is required to establish, by by-law, an academic council.

The academic council shall be composed of at least the following members:

- (1) the director of the school who shall be the chairman of the council;
- (2) the directors of teaching services;
- (3) the programs directors;
- (4) the research director;
- (5) the director of the Centre de perfectionnement des Hautes Études Commerciales;

(6) three professors of the school appointed for that purpose by the faculty.

30. Notwithstanding section 14, the academic council shall perform the duties of the corporation in respect of every academic matter.

The academic council shall perform, in particular, the duties described in paragraphs 3 to 6 of section 10.

31. The academic council shall establish, by by-law, its rules of internal management.

DIVISION V

FACULTY

32. The board of management shall set up, by by-law, the assembly of the faculty on the application of a majority of the full professors, associate professors and assistant professors of the school.

The faculty consists of all the full professors, associate professors and assistant professors of the school.

33. The faculty shall appoint its president from among its members.

34. The term of office of the president is one year and may be renewed.

35. The president of the faculty shall convene the members of the faculty at least twice during the school year for the filing, by the director of the school, of a report on the management and academic orientation of the school.

The president shall preside over the meetings of the faculty.

36. The duties of the faculty shall consist in

(1) discussing every matter raised by the report of the director of the school or connected with the report;

(2) giving its advice to the director of the school on any academic matter.

37. The president of the corporation or the person designated by him for that purpose shall, each year, inform the faculty on the financial position of the school.

38. The faculty shall determine the operating rules of its meetings.

DIVISION VI

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

39. The board of management shall establish, by by-law, a permanent committee of the presidents of the students' associations on the application of a majority of the presidents of the students' associations.

The permanent committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the presidents of the students' associations;

(2) the secretary-general of the school;

(3) the director of the school who shall be the chairman of the committee.

40. The chairman of the permanent committee shall convene the members of the committee at least twice during the school year to discuss any matter of interest to the students.

41. The permanent committee shall establish the agenda of its meetings and the procedure to be followed.

The director of the school shall transmit the minutes of the meetings of the permanent committee to the academic council and to the board of management.

42. The chairman of the academic council and the chairman of the permanent committee shall, once during the school year, call a joint meeting of the academic council and permanent committee to study any matter submitted by those bodies that is within the competence of the academic council.

DIVISION VII

DIRECTOR

43. The director of the school shall be appointed by the board of management on the recommendation of an appointment committee.

44. The term of office of the director is four years and may be renewed.

45. The chairman of the board shall establish a committee for the appointment of the director of the school.

The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the chairman of the board who shall be the chairman of the committee;

(2) three other members of the board appointed by the board, including one of the two persons appointed by the faculty as members of the board;

(3) four professors appointed by the faculty.

46. A majority of the members of the appointment committee shall constitute a quorum.

47. The duties of the appointment committee shall consist in

(1) preparing the list of candidates for the office of director of the school, on the basis of the proposals made by the board of management and the faculty;

(2) recommending the candidate of its choice to the board of management.

The appointment committee must make a recommendation within 60 days after the committee is set up.

48. The appointment committee shall select the candidate it recommends to the board of management from among the candidates supported by at least six members of the committee.

49. If none of the candidates is supported by at least six members of the appointment committee, the committee chooses a candidate from among the candidates supported by a majority of each of the following groups:

(1) the chairman of the appointment committee and the two other members of the committee designated by the board of management, except the person designated by the faculty as member of the board;

(2) the five remaining members of the committee.

50. If, 60 days after the committee is set up, the members of the committee have not agreed on the choice of the person for

recommendation to the board, the faculty shall choose the candidate it recommends to the board, within the next 30 days.

The faculty determines the procedure for selecting the candidate, after consultation with the board of management.

51. If, 30 days after the sixty-day period prescribed in section 50, the faculty has not recommended a candidate or if the professors of the school have not availed themselves of their right to set up an assembly of the faculty, the board of management shall appoint the director of the school.

52. If the candidate recommended by the faculty is not accepted by the board of management, the latter shall select a candidate itself.

The board of management shall submit to the Government the name of the candidate recommended by the faculty and the name of the candidate selected by the board.

The Government shall then appoint one of the persons so designated.

53. The director of the school shall be responsible for the general management of the school and see to its proper operation.

The duties of the director of the school shall include

- (1) implementing the programs of studies;
- (2) exercising direction over the faculty and staff of the school;
- (3) making recommendations to the board of management for appointments to teaching, research and management positions.

DIVISION VIII

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

54. The director, the professors and the staff of the school shall continue to contribute to the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan or to the Civil Service Superannuation Plan, as the case may be.

55. The director of the school in office on the day this Act is assented to shall remain in office for the remainder of his term.

The term of office of the other members of the board of management shall expire within sixty days of the day this Act is assented to but

they shall remain in office until they are replaced or reappointed in accordance with this Act.

56. If, 60 days after the day this Act is assented to, the Chambre de Commerce du District de Montréal or the Association des Diplômés de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal has failed to designate the members it is entitled to appoint pursuant to section 15, the appointments shall be made by the Government.

57. If the assembly of the faculty is not set up pursuant to section 32 or if, 60 days after the day this Act is assented to, the faculty has failed to designate the members of the board of management it is entitled to appoint under sections 14 and 15, the appointments shall be made by the Government.

58. This Act replaces the Act to constitute the corporation of the École des hautes études commerciales de Montréal (1956-57, chapter 152) and any prior Act respecting the establishment and administration of the Corporation de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal.

The by-laws, resolutions or ordinances passed, the contract of affiliation entered into with the Université de Montréal, the agreements or deeds signed and the undertakings made by the corporation shall remain in force to such extent as they are consistent with this Act until their object is attained or until they are amended, replaced, cancelled or repealed pursuant to this Act.

59. Notwithstanding any general law or special Act, the corporation cannot be dissolved except by way of an Act passed for that purpose by the Parliament of Québec.

60. This Act comes into force on *(insert here the date of assent to this Act)*.