

Senate met on November 23 and December 6, 2017. This report contains items which are presented to the Board of Governors for its information.

I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Open Discussion on Experiential Learning [D17-21]

An open discussion is an opportunity for Senators to consider and debate an issue of academic significance facing the University. The Senate Steering Committee reviewed topics submitted by Senators earlier this year and selected “Experiential Learning” as the topic for the fall open discussion. Senators discussed the status of experiential learning at McGill and how experiential learning opportunities could be enhanced.

2. 483rd Report of the Academic Policy Committee [D17-22]

Senate received a report on new courses and teaching programs as well as revisions and retirements to existing courses and programs approved by the Academic Policy Committee in the name of Senate.

3. Extension of the Strategic Research Plan 2013-2017 [D17-23]

Senate, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), endorsed the extension of the McGill Strategic Research Plan (SRP) until December 31, 2018. An SRP is a requirement to apply for funding to the Canada Foundation for Innovation and to nominate Canada Research Chairs. The extension will allow the new Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), who began her term on July 1, 2017, to initiate the process for the development of the next SRP.

4. Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 2017-2020 [D17-24]

Senate received the 2017-2020 Climate and Sustainability Action Plan of the University’s Vision 2020 Sustainability Strategy for information. Two long-term targets were set to guide the Action Plan: achieve carbon neutrality by 2040 and attain a Platinum sustainability rating (the highest rating developed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) by 2030. The Board of Governors will receive this report on December 12, 2017.

5. Report on the McGill Context [D17-25]

Senate received a report on the review of best practices conducted by the Associate Provost (Equity and Academic Policies) and the Dean of Students on the meaning of the “university context.” The goal of the review was to clarify the scope of McGill’s disciplinary jurisdiction with respect to events involving members of the community occurring in private settings over which the University exercises no direction or control. The results of

the review will serve to inform revisions to the *Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures*.

6. Progress Report on the McGill Wellness Strategy

Senate received a progress report on the McGill Wellness Strategy for information. Due to the significant increase in the number of students accessing mental health and counselling services in the past few years, Student Life and Learning is developing a wellness strategy, which will be presented to Senate.

7. Annual Report of the Committee on Student Discipline (2016-2017) [D17-26]

In accordance with the Committee's terms of reference, Senate received this annual report for information. The report provided a statistical overview of disciplinary cases the Committee addressed during the 2016-2017 academic year. The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors will receive this report on December 14, 2017.

8. Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Physical Development (2016-2017) [D17-27]

In accordance with the Committee's terms of reference, Senate received this annual report for information. The report provided an overview of the Committee's activities undertaken in 2016-2017 and its plans and priorities for 2017-2018. The Building and Property Committee of the Board of Governors received this report on December 8, 2017.

9. Annual Report of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs (2016-2017) [D17-28]

In accordance with the Committee's terms of reference, Senate received this annual report for information. The report provided an overview of new awards as well as revisions to existing awards and admission standards approved by the Committee in the name of Senate.

10. Report of the Joint Board-Senate Meeting: "Building Stronger Communities and Citizenship through Mentorship" [D17-29]

Senate received this report for information. It provided an overview of the November 15, 2017 joint Board of Governors and Senate meeting. The Board of Governors will receive this report on December 12, 2017.

11. Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee [D17-30]

Senate approved a report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee in confidential session. The report contained recommendations for the conferral of honorary degrees for Spring 2018 and beyond.

12. Annual Report on the Financial State of the University [D17-31]

Senate received a report on the current financial state of the University for information. The report also contained an overview of expectations for future developments. The Board of Governors received this report on October 5, 2017.

13. Budget Planning 2018-2019 Report I [D17-32]

Senate received an update regarding the University budget for fiscal year 2018 and received the first presentation on the budget for fiscal year 2019 for information. The Board of Governors will receive this report on December 12, 2017.

14. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D17-33]

Senate approved the Nominating Committee's recommendations with respect to three student appointments to Senate Standing Committees and Committees arising from University Regulations.

15. Annual Report of the Committee on Libraries (2016-2017) [D17-34]

In accordance with the Committee's terms of reference, Senate received this annual report for information. The report provided an overview of the Committee's activities undertaken in 2016-2017.

END
December 2017