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This report summarizes approvals made by the Executive Committee in the name of the Board at the Committee's November 1, 2017 meeting. It also presents key informational items reviewed by the Executive Committee. It is presented to the Board of Governors for information.

I. APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE NAME OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**1. Canada Foundation for Innovation – [ED17-09]
Compute Canada Cyberinfrastructure Initiative Agreement**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), approved an interinstitutional agreement between McGill University, Simon Fraser University, University of Waterloo, and Compute Canada as well as subsequent supplier contracts in support of the Canada Foundation for Innovation Cyberinfrastructure Initiative - Pan-Canadian Advanced Research Computing Platform. The Advanced Computing Platform links several data centres across Canadian institutions to provide essential computing capacity for Canadian researchers, and McGill hosts one of the major platforms in the national network through the McGill High Performance Computing (HPC) Centre. The CFI award will provide funding to upgrade computing facilities and all universities in Quebec have agreed to rename the McGill HPC to the Calcul Quebec Data Centre, which is to become the only major site for advanced computing in the province.

2. Brain Canada – Canadian Open Neuroscience Platform Agreement [ED17-10]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), approved a grant agreement between McGill University and Brain Canada for the Canadian Open Neurosciences Platform (CONP). CONP brings together the country's leading scientists in basic and clinical neurosciences to form an interactive network and build a mature national cyberinfrastructure. McGill will be the host institution of the project.

3. Report from Senate [ED17-06]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved several recommendations from Senate, arising from Senate's meeting of October 25, 2017. The approval items

included revisions to the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Contract Academic Staff*, revisions to the *Regulations on Retirement of Academic Staff* and new *Regulations Relating to Visiting Academic Appointments*. The revisions modernize the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Contract Academic Staff* to reflect current categories of Contract Academic Staff (CAS). Amendments to the *Regulations on Retirement of Academic Staff* will allow part-time CAS to be eligible for the designation of Emeritus Professor on retirement.

II. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Report of the Human Resources Committee [ED17-07]

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the Report of the Human Resources (HR) Committee, arising from the Committee's special meeting of October 11 and regular meeting of October 23, 2017. Notably, the report confirmed the HR Committee's approval of the proposed Benefit Rate Renewal, effective January 1, 2018.

The Benefit Plans operate financially on a calendar year basis. An analysis of the experience of each plan is performed annually by Willis Towers Watson in order to determine the contribution rates required for the following year.

Based on the results of this review and following approval by the Human Resources Committee, the rates effective January 1, 2018, are as follows:

- Health Plan: increase of 2.5% to \$97.06 (single)/\$191.23 (family) per month;
- Dental Plan: increase of 0.3% to \$49.40 (single)/\$110.49 (family) per month;
- Long Term Disability Plan: increase of 10% to \$0.991 per \$100 of monthly earnings;
- Optional Life Insurance Plan: increase of 15%* for all age groups;

*In 2013, a review of the Optional Life Insurance Plan revealed an important accumulated surplus which was used to decrease contribution rates by 25% effective August 1, 2013, and guaranteed rates until December 31, 2017. Recent experience and review of the plan indicate that the contribution rates need to be increased by 15% as of January 1, 2018.

- Basic Life Insurance Plan:
 - decrease rates for active new plan to \$0.208/\$1,000 of salary
 - increase rates for active old plan at \$3.146/\$1,000 of salary
 - increase rates for retiree new plan to \$1.398/\$1,000 of salary
 - increase rates for retiree old plan to \$5.091/\$1,000 of salary

2. Report of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility [ED17-08]

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the Report of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR), arising from the Committee's meeting of October 25, 2017. Following a notice that had been reported to the Board with respect to the Committee's review of its terms of reference, the Executive Committee was informed that the Committee had reviewed its terms of reference and submitted recommendations, to be considered by the Board's Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee and then by the Board.

3. Networks of Centres of Excellence – CannabiNet Letter of Intent [ED17-11]

The Executive Committee received a report indicating the submission by the University of a letter of intent to the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program for a proposal entitled CannabiNet – Understanding Cannabis: from Plant to Policy. The letter had been submitted by the University as part of an application process that the University is following with respect to a grant application. Should the University's letter of intent be approved by the NCE, a formal grant application to the NCE would be submitted for approval by the Board.

4. Annual Reports

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the following annual reports for information:

4.1 2016 - 2017 Report on Naming

4.2 2016 - 2017 Report Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct

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