

Senate met on April 17, 2019. The following report is presented to the Board of Governors for its information.

The Senate meeting documents are available at:

<https://mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2018-2019/senate-meeting-documents-2018-2019>

I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. 492nd Report of the Academic Policy Committee [D18-59]

On the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, Senate approved the following new teaching programs:

- Professional Development Certificate in Full Stack Web Design and Development (12 CEUs) within the School of Continuing Studies.
- Certificate in Translation; English to Spanish (30 cr.) within the School of Continuing Studies.
- Diploma in Commercial Cannabis (30 cr.) within the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.
- M.M. in Retailing; Non-Thesis (45 cr.) within the Desautels Faculty of Management.

2. Open Discussion – The Future of the Master’s Degree [D18-55]

An open discussion is an opportunity for Senators to discuss an issue of academic significance facing the University. The Senate Steering Committee reviewed topics submitted by Senators earlier this year and selected “The Future of the Master’s Degree” as the topic for the spring open discussion. Senators discussed the goals of non-thesis Master’s programs, opportunities for innovation (both in the learning outcomes of such programs and the manner in which they are delivered), and how the University could facilitate the creation and delivery of innovative Master’s programs.

3. Annual Report from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (2017-18) [D18-56]

Senators received this report for information. The report provided information on the role of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and strategic priorities as they relate to graduate admissions and enrolment, graduate student support, supervision, program development, skills training and graduate outcomes.

4. Presentation on the McGill University Budget 2019-2020 [D18-57]

Senate received a presentation on the main elements of the proposed 2019-20 budget for information. The budget was presented to the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors on April 16, 2019 and will be presented to the Board of Governors on April 25, 2019.

5. Presentation of McGill University Master Plan [D18-58]

Senate received this item for information. The McGill University Master Plan establishes a principled framework to guide the development of McGill's campuses in the short, medium and long term in support of the University's mission and priorities. The University Master Plan will be presented to the Building and Property Committee of the Board of Governors on May 16, 2019 and will be presented to the Board of Governors on May 23, 2019, along with the financial plan considered by the Finance Committee.

6. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D18-60]

On the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee, Senate approved appointments of Senate representatives to committees arising from University regulations and advisory committees. Notably, the Professors indicated below will serve as Senate representatives on the advisory committees:

- **Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**
 - Catherine Desbarats (History and Classical Studies, ARTS)
 - Barbara Hales (Pharmacology & Therapeutics, MEDICINE)
 - Galen Halverson (Earth & Planetary Sciences, SCIENCE)
 - Jonathan Britt (Psychology, SCIENCE)

 - Dusica Maysinger (Pharmacology and Therapeutics, MEDICINE) [alternate]
 - Nathaniel Quitoriano (Materials Engineering, ENGINEERING) [alternate]

- **Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**
 - Laura Nilson (Associate Dean, Graduate Education; Biology, SCIENCE)
 - Ian Strachan (Associate Dean, Graduate Education; Natural Resource Science, FAES / cross-appointed to Geography, SCIENCE)
 - Julie Côté (Kinesiology and Physical Education, EDUCATION)
 - Catherine Lu (Political Science, ARTS)
 - Lena Weman (Associate Dean (Acting), Graduate Studies in Music; Performance, MUSIC)
 - Celia Greenwood (Oncology; Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health; Human Genetics, MEDICINE / Quantitative Life Sciences)
 - Meyer Nahon (Mechanical Engineering, ENGINEERING)

 - Thomas Durcan (Neurology and Neurosurgery, MEDICINE / MNI)
 - Gregor Fussmann (Biology, SCIENCE) [alternate]
 - Nancy Heath (Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies; Educational & Counselling Psychology, EDUCATION) [alternate]

7. Report of the Committee on the Rights of Senate [D18-61]

The Committee on the Rights of Senate was convened further to a request by Senate to investigate a complaint of a breach of Senate's confidentiality. Senate received the Committee's report, which provided an overview of the Committee's work and five (5) operational recommendations, the implementation of which was endorsed by Senate.

8. Annual Report on Scholarships and Student Aid (2017-18) [D18-62]

Senate received this report for information, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs. The report contained information regarding awards and financial aid provided to McGill students. More particularly, Senate was informed that in 2017-18, the volume of need-based student assistance and undergraduate awards was \$119 million, representing an increase of 4.0% since 2016-17 and 75.1% since 2007-08.

9. Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting [D18-63]

Senate received this report for information. It informed Senators that the topic of the 2019 Joint Board-Senate meeting will focus on the following question: "How can McGill be a model of an open and Connected University?" The Board of Governors will receive this report on April 25, 2019.

10. Senate Calendar of Dates 2019-20 [D18-64]

Senate received the calendar of dates for Senate and Senate committees for the 2019-2020 governance year.

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