

Senate met on May 16, 2018. This Report contains items which are presented to the Board of Governors for its consideration.

I. FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**1. 487th Report of the Academic Policy Committee** [D17-69]**a) Proposal for the Creation of a Provisional Department of Emergency Medicine**

Senate reviewed a recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee to create a Department of Emergency Medicine with provisional status for two-years. Senate, following a review of the proposal by the Academic Policy Committee and the Faculty of Medicine, approved the proposal and recommended that it be approved by the Board.

McGill is currently one of the only institutions in Canada where Emergency Medicine does not have departmental status. The proposed structure would enhance opportunities for further growth, collaborations and development of research opportunities and the research mission in general. Given the volume of teaching (undergrad, postgrad) and the issues related to the learning environment that must be addressed in a timely manner in light of accreditation, it would be inadvisable to delay until all of the formal procedures for the establishment of a department have been completed. At the end of the two-year period, the Faculty of Medicine plans to submit a proposal for the creation of a permanent Department of Emergency Medicine. The proposal is available upon request from Secretariat.

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approve the creation of a provisional Department of Emergency Medicine within the Faculty of Medicine for a two-year period, on the understanding that a proposal for the creation of a permanent department will be submitted to Senate and the Board of Governors at a later date.

2. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D17-70]

On the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee, Senate approved appointments to University committees arising from University Regulations. Senate's recommendation concerning an appointment to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures is submitted for approval to the Board of Governors in accordance with the *Regulations on Appeals of Tenure Decisions and the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Academic Staff*.

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approve the appointment of Professor Frank Ferrie (Electrical and Computer Engineering/Centre for Intelligent Machines, ENGINEERING) as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures for a term beginning September 1, 2018 and ending August 31, 2019.

II. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Motion Regarding Divestment from Fossil Fuel [D17-68]

Senate received a motion asking that Senate, through the Principal, advise the Board of Governors to divest the endowment from all companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels; and from all mutual funds that invest in such companies. The Senate Steering Committee received the motion and following extensive discussion at two meetings agreed to submit it to Senate. At the request of the Senator who submitted the motion, consideration of the motion was postponed to the September 19, 2018 Senate meeting.

2. 487th Report of the Academic Policy Committee [D17-69]

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

- Certificate of Proficiency in Bilingual Professional Communication (30 cr.) within the School of Continuing Studies.
- Diploma in Professional Practice in Finance (30 cr.) within the School of Continuing Studies.
- Professional Development Certificate in Global Trends in Education (12 CEUs) within the Faculty of Education.
- Graduate Diploma in Medical Radiation Physics (31 cr.) within the Faculty of Medicine.
- Graduate Certificate in Performance – Choral Conducting (15 cr.) within the Schulich School of Music.
- B.Sc.; Major in Statistics (54 or 57 cr.) within the Faculty of Science.

The Report also informed Senate of courses and teaching programs approved by the APC in the name of Senate, revised terms of reference for the APC Subcommittee on Professional Programs and of the committee's discussion on administrative overload and academic performance.

3. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D17-70]

Senate approved terms of reference for an ad hoc committee on teaching staff-student intimate relationships, whose mandate will be to explore and make recommendations to Senate on how the University ought to address from a policy perspective teaching staff-student relationships. Senate also approved recommendations for appointments to University committees, including the Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Education. For the Board's information, the following professors have been named by Senate to serve on Advisory Committee:

- Craig Mandato (Anatomy and Cell Biology, MEDICINE)
- Meredith Young (Centre for Medical Education, MEDICINE)

- Víctor Muñoz-Fraticelli (Joint Position - LAW and Political Science, ARTS)
- Linda Wykes (School of Human Nutrition, FAES)
- Catherine Potvin (Biology, SCIENCE) [alternate]
- Amélie Quesnel-Vallée (Sociology, ARTS / Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health, MEDICINE) [alternate]

4. Update on the Implementation of the Policy against Sexual Violence

Senate received this item for information. The chairs of the Ad Hoc Panel to Conduct a Campus Study of Sexual Violence and the Committee for the Implementation of the Policy against Sexual Violence presented an update on their respective committees' activities since they were established in spring 2017. In particular, it was noted that a climate study of perceptions and experiences of students, faculty, staff and administrators across the University, relating to sexual violence at McGill was conducted and the data is being analyzed. It was also noted that the *Policy against Sexual Violence* is being examined to ensure alignment with the requirement of the *Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in higher education institutions*.

5. Final Report of the Principal's Task Force on Respect and Inclusion in Campus Life [D17-71]

Senate received a presentation on the recommendations of the Principal's Task Force on Respect and Inclusion in Campus Life, in accordance with the Task Force's Terms of Reference. The Task Force was established in November 2017 to recommend measures by which the University may ensure the full and effective operationalization of its core principles across all University activities, with particular consideration paid to student life at McGill. The final report which was shared with the Board of Governors on May 16, 2018 is available online at:
https://www.mcgill.ca/principal/files/principal/task_force_report_final_rev.pdf

6. Annual Report of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures [D17-72]

Senate received this report for information in accordance with the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Academic Staff*. The Board of Governors will receive this report on May 24, 2018.

7. Annual Report on the Policy on Safe Disclosure ("Whistle Blowing") [D17-73]

Senate received the annual report on the *Policy on Safe Disclosure ("Whistle Blowing")* for information. The Board of Governors will receive this report on May 24, 2018.

8. Report from the Board of Governors to Senate [D17-74]

Senate received this report, which provided a summary of matters reviewed at the March 29, 2018, Executive Committee meeting and the April 26, 2018, Board of Governors meeting, for information.

9. Senate Calendar of Dates 2018-19 [D17-75]

Senate was reminded of the calendar of dates for Senate and Senate committees for the 2018-2019 governance year.

10. Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee [D17-76]

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

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