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The following items arise from the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) meeting of April 17, 2019. They are presented to the Board of Governors for information.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Further Input from the Community and Consultation Sessions [CR18-08 and CR18-09]

The Committee discussed the comments from members of the McGill community received since the February 18, 2019 meeting of CAMSR. The comments were submitted further to an invitation issued on the CAMSR webpage.

The Committee also held a consultation session with the Vice-Principal (University Advancement) and McGill's General Counsel. The session provided the Committee with an opportunity to discuss trends in relation to Socially Responsible Investment from the perspective of the donor community as well as the legal framework regarding donations.

2. Review of Research Reports on Climate Change [CR18-10]

The Committee received a presentation, provided by Professor Nigel Roulet (Faculty of Science) on the findings of two recently issued reports on climate change for information:

- The Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C, issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on Oct 8, 2018; and
- Canada's Changing Climate Report (CCCR), released by Environment and Climate Change Canada on April 1, 2019.

3. Evolution of SRI Trends: An Introduction [CR18-11 and CR18-12]

The Committee received reports provide an overview of SRI initiatives at Canadian and international universities (with particular attention to McGill's peer group, the U15) as well as information pertaining to a number of not-for-profit organizations. Discussion of these items was deferred to the Committee's next meeting, which is taking place on May 16, 2019.

4. Update on Member Compliance with Code of Ethics

As part of an additional process of due diligence related to member compliance with the Code of Ethics, members declared that they do not hold or have held within the last three years, a position that allows them to derive a direct financial benefit (10% or greater of their net worth) from companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution or sale of fossil fuels.

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