



# Memorandum

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**TO:** Board of Governors

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**SUBJECT:** Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting

**DATE:** April 21, 2022

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**ACTION REQUIRED:**  INFORMATION     APPROVAL/DECISION

**ISSUE** A report on the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees meeting is presented for information.

**BACKGROUND & RATIONALE** Article 6.3.9.1 of the Statutes of McGill University provides that the Senate and the Board of Governors shall hold an annual joint meeting in the fall term where the Principal, the Provost, the Deputy Provost, and the vice-principals, as appropriate, shall present for discussion, matters they consider relevant to the University’s mission for the ensuing year.

On March 24, 2022, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2022 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will be held on November 10, 2022. The Committees agreed to focus the general topic of the joint meeting on the theme of “Experiential Learning Opportunities at Local, National, and International Levels”.

A working group will be established to develop the details of the program and background materials for the joint meeting.

**PRIOR CONSULTATION** N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS** Sustainability factors will inform the development of the theme.

**IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS** A working group will be struck to develop the program and prepare the background materials. The Joint Board-Senate meeting will take place on November 10, 2022.

**MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL** This item is presented for information.

**APPENDICES** Appendix A: Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting of March 24, 2022

**Report of the Joint Senate Steering and  
Board Executive Committees Meeting of March 24, 2022**

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee took place on March 24, 2022 in room 301 of the James Administration Building and via the Zoom conferencing application to set the topic of the annual Joint Board-Senate meeting, scheduled for November 10, 2022. Based on the conversation at this meeting, the topic selected is:

***Experiential Learning Opportunities at Local, National, and International Levels***

The Committees found value in exploring this topic in light of its relevance to both governance bodies and to the University's mission, provided that the focus was on unpaid opportunities. The Committees agreed that the topic would allow members of Senate and the Board to discuss different types of Experiential Learning Opportunities at Local, National, and International Levels that would:

- Improve the advancement of learning;
- Improve the mental health of students;
- Enhance and expand the paths that lead to new knowledge;
- Enhance our stature and impact in the international arena;
- Deepen and broaden the way that we serve society;

A working group will be established to develop the program, design key questions that will guide the discussion and prepare the materials for the joint meeting.