

Senate met on September 12, 2018. This report contains items, which are presented to the Board of Governors for information.

I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

Senate received a motion on divestment from fossil fuel for its consideration. Prior to discussing the motion, Senate debated the suitability of expressing an opinion on this matter. It was noted that investment policies and practices fall under the purview of the Board of Governors and that the Board has already thoroughly reviewed and addressed this matter. It was also noted that the McGill Statutes provide that the Senate may make such representations, through the Principal, to the Board as may from time to time become necessary or desirable, touching any claims and needs of the University or any part thereof. Senators discussed CAMSR's report on the Divest McGill submission as well as other mechanisms in place that would enable members of the McGill community to express their opinions. After discussion, Senate agreed to consider the motion on divestment.

Senators discussed the actions taken at other universities and in different units/groups at McGill with respect to divestment as well as the timeline of events leading to the Board's endorsement of the CAMSR Report in March 2016. Based on its discussion, Senate considered and approved a motion, with an amendment, which is now presented to the Board as follows:

On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate informs the Board of Governors, through the Principal, that it favours, in principle, a move 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.

It was noted that Senate, in approving this motion, favours and encourages the idea of respectful dialogue on the topic.

2. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D18-01]

Senate approved the Nominating Committee's recommendations with respect to a number of appointments to Senate standing committees, committees arising out of University regulations and an ad hoc committee.

3. **Annual Report on the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law* (2017-18)** [D18-02]

Senate received this annual report for information in accordance with the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*. The report covered educational activities as well as the work of the harassment assessors appointed under the Policy. It indicated an increase in the number of cases arising under the Policy, which could be due to efforts within McGill to raise awareness about the Policy, as well as heightened social awareness about the ills of harassment and discrimination and a willingness to denounce and report misconduct.

4. **Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services (2017-18)** [D18-03]

Senate received this annual report for information, in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The report provided an overview of matters that the Committee addressed during the 2017-2018 governance year, including discussions on the Collaborative Care model of student wellness support and the development of the Rossy Student Wellness Hub.

5. **Annual Report of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity (2017-18)** [D18-04]

Senate received this report for information. The report provided an overview of the Committee's activities undertaken in 2017-2018 as well as those of its six subcommittees. The report will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors on November 1, 2018.

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October 2018