

Senate met on September 22 and held a special meeting on October 4, 2021. This report contains items, which are presented to the Board of Governors for its information.

I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Motion Regarding Academic Planning and Policies in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic [D21-06]

In an effort to affirm the University's individual and collective commitment to accept the restrictions needed to keep our community safe but also to reassert our commitment to collegial governance, in particular with regard to academic matters, Senate approved a motion urging the implementation of further COVID-19 prevention measures to enhance the safety of teaching and learning physical spaces, which may include the extension of the Vaccination Passport to curricular activities if the University deems this to be operationally enforceable and justified.

Senate also approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies, and referred to the Senate Nominating Committee the task of further developing the Committee's terms of reference.

2. Reports of the Senate Nominating Committee [D21-01 & D21-07]

On the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee, Senate approved a number of appointments to Senate Standing Committees and Committees arising out of University Regulations.

Senate also approved revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity, which included a name change of the committee to the McGill Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee (EDIC). The revised terms of reference will be presented to the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee at a special meeting to be held on October 12, 2021.

On the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee and further to the approval of the Motion Regarding Academic Planning and Policies in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Senate approved, at a special meeting on October 4, 2021, the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies, and appointments of members who will serve on the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

3. Annual Report of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity (2020-2021) [D21-02]

Senate received this report for information. The report provided an overview of the Committee's activities undertaken in 2020-2021 as well as those of its subcommittees. The Executive Committee will receive this report on October 28, 2021.

4. Annual Report Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct (2020-2021) [D21-03]

Senate received this annual report for information in accordance with the *Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct*. The report contained statistical information regarding allegations of research misconduct and their disposition for the past six academic years. The Executive Committee will receive this report on October 28, 2021.

5. Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services (2020-2021) [D21-04]

Senate received this annual report for information, in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The report provided an overview of the Committee's activities undertaken in 2020-2021. It was noted that the Committee's work centered on reviewing its terms of reference.

6. Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee [D21-05]

Senate received a report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee in confidential session for its consideration. The report contained recommendations for honorary degree recipients.

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