

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Governors
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SUBJECT: Overview of the Faculty of Law
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ACTION REQUIRED: INFORMATION APPROVAL/DECISION

ISSUE & EXPECTED OUTCOME An overview of activities, initiatives and developments of the Faculty of Law is provided to the Board of Governors for information.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE Presentations feature regularly on Board agendas in order to keep Board members apprised of the University's academic and campus activities.

The following presentation has been prepared by the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Law and provides an overview of the following elements of the Faculty:

- Enrolment
- Faculty
- Rankings
- Comparative Statistics
- University Advancement
- Indigenous initiatives

ALIGNMENT WITH MISSION AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES Presentations of University Faculties aim to apprise the Board of the University's academic structure and priorities.

COMPLIANCE WITH UNIVERSITY POLICY Faculty presentations are a regular feature on Board agendas.

COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION/EXTERNAL REGULATIONS There are no external legislation requirements applicable.

RISK FACTORS There are no risk factors applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS	The Faculty of Law has enabled a sustainable framework for the success of undergraduate and graduate students at the University.
IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS	N/A
MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL	N/A
APPENDICES	Appendix A: Presentation

Faculty of Law

Presentation to the Board of Governors
13 December 2018



McGill

Who we are

- Canada's most globally oriented law school
- Proudly rooted in Montreal, we reach out to the world
- Our graduates are chameleons, sensitive to different perspectives -- used to navigating uncertainty and the lack of a clear answer

Programs:

- **BCL/LLB**: bilingual and integrated program in common and civil law
- **LLM**: with Air & Space and Bioethics options
- **DCL**

Who we are

Number of students:

- Undergraduate: 554
- Graduate: 144

Professors:

- Full-time equivalent tenure-track: 45
- Full-time equivalent non-tenure track: 2

Teaching:

- 80 sections taught by tenure-track profs
- 47 sections taught by course lecturers
- 32/41 sections of 1L taught by tenure-track profs



Who we are

- Ranked in top 15 worldwide by THE (13th in 2017; 14th in 2018)
 - Closest competitor: University of Toronto (10th in 2017; 11th in 2018)
- Ranked in top 25 worldwide by QS (25th in 2017; 23rd in 2018)
- Most SSHRC funding of any Canadian law school



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Who we are

- Most law clerks at Supreme Court of Canada of any law school
- 8 alumni sitting in House of Commons
- 9 research groups, centres and institutes
- 2 CRC Chairs, 3 James McGill Professors, 1 William Dawson Scholar, 13 endowed chairs

Who we are

McGill vs. University of Toronto Faculty of Law at a glance

	McGill	U of T
Students	698	761
FTE TT professors	45	52.16
Student-professor ratio	15.5 : 1	14.6 : 1
Annual tuition (2017-18)	\$2,391	\$34,980
Core operating budget	\$9.5 M	\$25.3 M
Core operating budget per FTE student	\$13,610	\$33,246

Current initiatives

Alumni Engagement

- Homecoming
 - 2nd annual Chancellor Day Circle donors luncheon
 - Continuing Legal Education session + faculty tours
 - 2nd annual Law Alumni Banquet – 390 guests
- Fundraising in FY18
 - In FY18, donor participation moved from 11% to 14%
 - We raised \$2.5 million on a university goal of \$2 million

Current initiatives

Focus Weeks upper-year electives

- Intensive courses taught over a week
- Emphasis on practical exercises, active discussion, simulations, and subjects not covered by fulltime profs
- Areas covered
 - Negotiation
 - Mediation
 - Contract drafting
 - Emotional intelligence
 - Empirical research
 - Corporate transactions



Current initiatives

Indigenous initiatives

- 15 Indigenous students admitted in last two cohorts
- 2 student coordinators for Indigenous initiatives
- Visit by Grand Chief of Treaty 6 during first week of first year
- Property course integrates Indigenous perspectives alongside civil and common law
- Criminal Justice interdisciplinary course incorporates Indigenous perspectives

Looking ahead

Achievement:

- Performing among the best law schools in the world
- Distinctive McGill Law brand of integrated, transnational education

Key challenges flow from the resource gap:

- Physical facilities
- Career advising
- Academic advising
- Mental health

Potential revenue sources:

- Executive education



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