# **McGill**

## McGILL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## **Report of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility** GD14-32

Board of Governors meeting of April 28, 2015

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The following items arise from the CAMSR meetings of February 26 and April 15, 2015. They are presented to the Board of Governors for information.

### I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### 1. Submission from Divest McGill

In February 2015, the Committee received a submission from Divest McGill calling for divestment from fossil fuel companies on the basis of the social injury that they cause. Since receiving the petition, the Committee has held three meetings, most recently on February 26 and April 15. These meetings provided members with an opportunity to establish the process that would be used to review the submission, as well to receive a presentation related to the submission from Divest McGill.

The Committee noted that a part of the process might include the possibility to engage the Royal Society of Canada to conduct an expert panel addressing matters related to divestment and the fossil fuel industry. In addition, members were updated on developments related to the Committee's submission of an application for funding to the Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) and the Education Advisory Board (EAB).

At the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee received a presentation from representatives of Divest McGill, which provided further information and arguments in support of the group's submission.

The Committee will be meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> with representatives of Divest McGill in order to discuss any additional questions members may have in relation to the submission.

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