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Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees - Meeting of March 26, 2015

On March 26, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2015-2016 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will be held on November 3, 2015. The Committees considered a number of new and previously submitted topics. Examples of topics considered included the McGill Commitment, Mentorship, and Sustainability (Vision 2020).

The Committees emphasized the need for the chosen topic to be relevant to both governance bodies and to the University's mission. Following a review of topics, members agreed that the topic for the 2015-2016 Joint Board-Senate meeting will be "Designing a Smart Campus for the 21st Century".

While the idea of what constitutes a "smart campus" is broad, it contains a variety of elements that may be explored by Senators and Governors. Ideas linked to developing a smart campus may relate to the physical and digital infrastructure of the campus, student life and learning, research, and community engagement.

The Committees agreed that the development of the topic should be guided by the interest for Senators and Governors to explore the idea of a "smart campus", and to have ample opportunity for focused discussions and exchanges.

The Principal will be coordinating a working group that is to develop the necessary background materials and plan the agenda of the joint Board-Senate meeting.

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