

Senate met on April 20, 2016 and May 11, 2016. This report contains items which are presented to the Board of Governors for consideration.

## **I. FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

### **1. 473<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Academic Policy Committee (APC) [D15-57]**

#### **1.1 Guidelines for Developing a Research Portfolio**

Senate reviewed the APC's proposal to add guidelines for developing a research portfolio as an appendix to the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff* and recommended that it be approved by the Board of Governors.

With a view to supporting professors who are preparing research portfolios for inclusion within reappointment, tenure or promotion applications, the Guidelines have been prepared as a useful, advisory tool for the McGill professoriate and being proposed to be included as an Appendix to McGill's *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff*. Background documents are available as Appendix A.

*Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approve the addition of Appendix B, Research Portfolio Guidelines, to the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff, as presented in Appendix A.*

### **2. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D15-52 & 58]**

Senate approved recommendations to various University Committees, as recommended by the Senate Nominating Committee. Senate's recommendations concerning appointments to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures, the Intellectual Property Appeals Committee and the University Appeals Committee are submitted for approval to the Board of Governors in accordance with University regulations. Please note that in light of his recent appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Robert Leckey stepped down from the University Appeals Committee. A new recommendation is presented below.

*Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approve the following:*

- *The appointment of Professor Daniel Bernard (Pharmacology and Therapeutics, MEDICINE) to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures for a term beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2019.*

- *The designations of Professor Daniel Bernard (Pharmacology and Therapeutics, MEDICINE) as Chair and of Professor Axel Van den Berg (Sociology, ARTS) as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures.*
- *The appointments of Professor Richard Gold (LAW) and Ms. Alexandra Kohn (Head, Office of Copyright Compliance, LIBRARIES) to the Intellectual Property Appeals Committee for terms beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2019.*
- *The appointment of Professor Gillian Lane-Mercier (French Language and Literature, ARTS) to the University Appeals Committee for a term beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2019.*
- *The appointment of Tamara Western (Biology, SCIENCE) to the University Appeals Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2019.*

### **3. Implementation of Name Change in University Policies and Regulations [D15-61]**

As of June 1, 2016, McGill will officially change the name of the Research and International Relations unit to “Research and Innovation” or “Recherche et innovation” in French. This change is the result of a consultation process about the future of McGill’s international vision and strategy that took place over the last 18 months and included various groups of the community.

Senate approved the implementation of the name change from “Research and International Relations” to “Research and Innovation” in all applicable University policies and regulations and recommended that it be approved by the Board of Governors.

*Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approve the following amendments to University policies:*

- 1. Replace the title “Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations)” with “Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation)”;*
- 2. Replace “Research and International Relations” with “Research and Innovation”.*

## **II. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

### **1. Proposed McGill University Budget 2016-17 [D15-50]**

Following a review of the proposed 2016-17 budget by the Finance Committee on April 19, 2016, Senate received a presentation on the main elements of the proposed 2016-17 budget, for information.

2. **472<sup>nd</sup> and 473<sup>rd</sup> Reports of the Academic Policy Committee (APC)** [D15-51 & 57]

On the recommendation of the APC, Senate approved changes to the *Time Limitation Policy*, a Graduate Certificate in Teaching in Indigenous Schools for Non-Indigenous Teachers, a Professional Development Certificate in Business Analysis, a Bachelor of Arts (Education), Major in Education in Global Contexts and a Graduate Certificate in Surgical Innovation

These reports also informed Senate of new courses and teaching programs as well as well as supplemental documents for developing a research portfolio and a program retirement and reinstatement process, which APC approved in the name of Senate.

3. **Reports of the Senate Nominating Committee** [D15-52 & 58]

Senate approved these reports, which contained a series of appointments to various Senate Standing Committees and Committees arising out of the University regulations.

The report (D15-52) also contained appointments to the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations) and the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance). For the Board's information, the following individuals have been named by Senate to serve on the advisory committees:

**Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations)**

- Bernard Robaire (Pharmacology and Therapeutics, MEDICINE)
- Vicki Kaspi (Physics, SCIENCE)
- Shelley Clarke (Sociology, ARTS)
- Showan Nazaht (Materials Engineering, ENGINEERING; cross appointment with DENTISTRY)
- Salwa Karboune (Food Science, FAES) – Alternate
- Nathalie Tufenkji (Chemical Engineering, ENGINEERING) – Alternate

**Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance)**

- Amélie Quesnel-Vallée (Sociology, ARTS)
- Valérie Orsat (Bioresource Engineering, FAES)
- Lawrence Chen (Electrical and Computer Engineering, ENGINEERING)
- Terry Hébert (Pharmacology and Therapeutics, MEDICINE)
- Tim Moore (Geography, SCIENCE) – Alternate
- Hudson Meadwell (Interim Dean of Arts) – Alternate

**4. Appointment of Harassment Assessors under the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*** [D15-53 & D15-60]

Senate approved the appointments of Ms. Anne-Marie Durocher, Me Ali Martin-Mayer, Mr. John Poliquin and Professor Luis Agellon for three-year terms beginning 1 July 2016 and ending 30 June 2019, as assessors under the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*.

**5. Further Revisions to the *University Student Assessment Policy*** [D15-54]

Revisions to the *University Student Assessment Policy* were approved by Senate on March 23, 2016. However, Senate asked that subsections 5.8.1 and 6.1.3 of the Policy be further revised to better reflect the intended goals of the provisions. The proposed changes, which Senate approved, incorporated the suggestions received from Senate.

**6. Revised Form for Declarations Pursuant to the *Regulation on Conflict Of Interest*** [D15-55]

Senate received this report for information. Senate was informed that “Long Form B” for reporting financial conflicts of interest was revised to facilitate the reporting and management of financial conflicts of interest.

**7. Report of the Joint Senate-Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting** [D15-56]

Senate received the report the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting, which informed Senators that the topic of the 2016 Joint Board Senate meeting will be “McGill’s Sustainability Plans and Initiatives”. The Board of Governors received this report on April 21, 2016.

**8. Calendar of Academic Dates for 2018-19 and 2019-20** [D15-59]

Senate approved the academic calendar of dates for 2018-19 and 2019-20.

**9. Progress Report on McGill’s Health and Wellness Strategy** Verbal Report

Senate received this verbal report for information. Senate was informed of the work currently being done, the process, the framework guiding the strategy and the next steps. A draft health and wellness strategy is expected to be presented in the fall.

**10. Results of the Survey on Diversity and Discrimination** [D15-62]

Senate received this report for information. The report provided a summary of the findings of a survey conducted in 2013 and highlighted the progress and issues related to diversity and discrimination at McGill.

**11. Progress Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the *Charter of Students' Rights*** Verbal Report

Senate was informed of the progress the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Charter of Students' Rights has made since its establishment in November 2013. The Committee expects to provide a report to Senate before the end of this calendar year.

**12. Annual Report on the *Policy on Safe Disclosure ("Whistleblowing")*** [D15-63]  
(2014-2015)

Senate received the annual Report on the *Policy on Safe Disclosure ("Whistleblowing")* for information. The Board of Governors will receive this report on May 16, 2016.

**13. Report from the Board of Governors to Senate** [D15-64]

Senate received this report for information. The report provided a summary of matters reviewed at the March 23, 2016 and April 21, 2016 Board of Governors meetings as well as the March 22, 2016 Executive Committee of the Board of Governors meeting and the electronic votes held on April 5, 2016 and April 29, 2016.

**14. Senate Calendar of Dates 2016-2017** Verbal Report

Senate was reminded that the calendar of dates for the 2016-2017 governance year was already circulated earlier this year.

**15. Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee** [D15-65]

Senate received the report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee in confidential session.

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**May 2016**