

Senate met on September 19, 2017. This report contains items which are presented to the Board of Governors for its consideration and information.

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

### **1. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee** [D17-01]

Senate approved recommendations for appointments to University committees, as recommended by the Senate Nominating Committee. Senate's recommendations concerning appointments to the University Appeals Committee are submitted for approval to the Board of Governors in accordance with University regulations.

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

- *The appointments of Professors Peter Grütter (Physics, SCIENCE)\*, Stéphane Laporte (Endocrinology/Experimental Medicine, MEDICINE), Steven Jordan (Integrated Studies in Education, EDUCATION) and Jim Fyles (Natural Resource Sciences, FAES) to the University Appeals Committee, each for a term beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2020;*
- *The appointment of Professor Nathalie Tufenkji (Chemical Engineering, ENGINEERING) to the University Appeals Committee for a term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending August 31, 2020.*

\*Note: This recommendation was approved by Senate at its meeting of May 15, 2017.

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

### **1. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee** [D17-01]

Senate approved the Nominating Committee's recommendations with respect to a number of appointments to Senate Standing Committees and Committees arising out of the University Regulations.

### **2. Appointment of Assessors under the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*** [D17-02]

In accordance with the requirements of the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*, Senate approved the appointments of Professor Petra Rohrbach, Ms. Ines Scharnweber and Professor Tracy Webb, each for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2020, as assessors under the *Policy*. The mandate of assessors is to investigate a complaint and submit a report of the results of their investigation to the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic).

**3. Annual Report on the Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law (2016-17)** [D17-06]

Senate received this annual report for information in accordance with the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*. The report covered educational activities as well as the work of the harassment assessors appointed under the Policy. Senators were informed of the enhanced quantity and quality of training provided to harassment assessors.

**4. Report of the Provost's Task Force on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education** [D17-03]

Senate received this report for information. It identified a number of action items across a wide range of academic and non-academic aspects of McGill life. The report was distributed to members of Senate and the Board of Governors on June 21, 2017, National Aboriginal Day, and will be presented to the Board of Governors on October 5, 2017.

**5. Upcoming Reviews of Academic Policies** [D17-04]

Senate discussed proposed revisions to the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Contract Academic Staff* and to the *Regulations on Retirement of Academic Staff*. The proposed revisions seek to modernize the regulations and have them reflect current categories of Contract Academic Staff (CAS) as several categories of CAS have unionized in recent years and the Regulations no longer apply to them. An amendment to the terms for appointment of emeritus professors was also proposed to allow part-time CAS to be eligible for this designation on retirement. Finally, a separate regulation has been created to govern visiting appointments (*Regulations Relating to Visiting Academic Appointment*) given their unique status at the University. Feedback from Senators will be taken into account and the revised policies are anticipated to be presented for approval to Senate in October.

**6. Progress Report on Sustainability Initiatives at McGill** [D17-05]

Senate received this report for information. It highlighted progress made on the measures identified in the Report on the Open Forum on the Recommendations of the 2016 CAMSR Report on Divestment, which was presented to the Board of Governors on February 2, 2017. The progress report will be presented to the Board of Governors on October 5, 2017.

**7. Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services (2016-17)** [D17-07]

Senate received this annual report for information, in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The report provided an overview of matters that the Committee addressed during the 2016-2017 governance year, including the Committee's role and potential revisions to its Terms of Reference.

**8. Annual Report of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity (2016-17)** [D17-08]

Senate received this report for information. The report provided an overview of the Committee's activities undertaken in 2016-2017 as well as those of its six subcommittees. The report was presented to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors on August 29, 2017.

**9. Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee** [D17-09]

Senate approved a report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee in confidential session. The report contained a recommendation for the conferral of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Learning.

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**October 2017**