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This report summarizes approvals made by the Executive Committee in the name of the Board of Governors at the Committee's June 20, July 29 and August 27, 2019 meetings. It also aims to inform the Board of the Committee's current consideration of an item which is being addressed by the Committee by means of an electronic vote, to conclude on September 30, 2019. It also presents key informational items reviewed by the Executive Committee. It is presented to the Board of Governors for information.

**I. APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE NAME OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS****1. Contracts for Computer Equipment [ED18-49]**

Pursuant to the results of the call for tenders, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved contracts for the supply of computer equipment for resale by Le James Bookstore to the McGill community at an aggregate value of approximately \$3,400,000 (including taxes) for a base term of one year, with the option to renew the contracts for up to a maximum of two additional 12-month periods for a potential estimated total aggregate value of \$10,200,000 (including taxes).

**2. Contracts for the Provision of Natural Gas [ED19-03]**

Pursuant to the results of a call for tenders, the Executive Committee approved three-year contracts for the supply of natural gas at a combined potential maximum value of \$10 million (including taxes), with two 12-month extension options, for a total combined potential maximum value of \$17 million (including taxes), with all extension options exercised.

**3. Applications and Notices of Award to the Federal Research Support Fund and Incremental Projects Grant Program [ED18-50]**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved the application and notice of award for the 2019 Research Support Fund (RSF) program and its Incremental Projects Grant (IPG) stream, administered by the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS). The RSF and IPG are annual grants that assist postsecondary institutions and their affiliated research hospitals with indirect costs associated with managing research funded by the three federal research granting agencies.

The Executive Committee also authorized the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) to sign the applications and notices of award for 2020 and 2021 up to \$36 million.

#### **4. Grant Applications/Agreements**

##### **4.1 Grant Applications to the MacArthur Foundation 100&Change Competition [ED18-54]**

The Executive Committee approved the submission of two grant applications valued at \$100 million (USD) each in support of the proposals entitled “Global real-time hyperspectral identification of endangered animal and plant species” and “Securing Territories of Life: Wellsprings for a Future Worth Living” to the MacArthur Foundation 100&Change Competition.

##### **4.2 Grant Agreement with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) [ED18-55]**

The Executive Committee approved a Grant Agreement valued at \$16,694,982 with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) in support of the Expanding Canada’s Advanced Research Computing Capacity Contribution Program.

Advanced research computing (ARC) enables Canada’s academic researchers to pursue timely, innovative research addressing important theoretical and practical problems and it is crucial to research across many disciplines, including computational neuroscience, artificial intelligence and machine learning, materials science, bioinformatics, climate science, and digital humanities. This grant will support the ARC platform expansion of national sites which will include nearly 60% more general-purpose and large-parallel computing capacity, increased nearline and archival storage and specialized hardware.

##### **4.3 Research Grant Agreement through the *Programme de soutien aux organismes de recherche et d’innovation, volet 4 (PSOv4)* [ED19-04]**

The Executive Committee approved a funding agreement with the *Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation* (MEI) for an infrastructure award under the PSOv4, valued at \$20 million, for the construction of a new data centre and the purchase of computing equipment in support of advanced research computing (ARC) in Quebec.

The related construction project will be submitted for consideration by the Building and Property Committee and the Board of Governors.

##### **4.4 Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Defense [ED19-05]**

The Executive Committee is considering by means of an electronic vote a recommendation to approve a grant agreement for USD \$5,863,702 with the US Department of Defense,

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs' (CDMRP) Vision Research Program (VRP), in support of a project entitled “*Novel Diagnostic, Prognostic and Therapeutic Tools for Battlefield Optic Nerve Trauma*”. The results of the e-vote will be available on September 30, 2019.

**5. Appointment of an Ombudsperson for Students** [ED18-53]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved an extension of Professor Dimitrios Berk’s current appointment as Ombudsperson for Students until April 30, 2020. The Executive Committee also approved that Professor Patricia Hewlin be appointed as Ombudsperson for Students for a five-year, non-renewable term, beginning on May 1, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2025.

**6. Recommendation Concerning Honorific Naming Proposal** [ED18-46]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, and pursuant to the advice of an ad hoc committee established under the Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets, approved a naming proposal concerning University assets. The naming of the asset will be announced publically in due course.

**7. Report of the Building and Property Committee** [ED18-47]

**7.1 Revised Motion for Property Disposition**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved a revised motion for the sale of a McGill University property. The property in question is not suitable for academic purposes due to its design and municipal zoning regulations.

**7.2 Plan décennal des investissements universitaires 2020-2030**

The Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved the submission of the *Plan décennal des investissements universitaires* (PDIU) 2020-2030 to the *Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation* (MEI) and the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES). The Government of Quebec requires that all universities submit a PDIU annually along with a Board resolution. The PDIU outlines all major capital projects planned to be executed over the next ten years.

**8. Report of the Investment Committee** [ED18-48]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Investment Committee, approved that the annual distribution rate remain at 4.0% for FY2021, and that this be applied to the 3-year rolling average of the McGill Investment Pool (MIP) market value determined at April 30, 2017, April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2019.

**9. Report of the Nominating, Governance, and Ethics Committee** [ED18-52]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance, and Ethics Committee, approved the reappointment Dr. Edith Zorychta as a member of the Executive Committee as well as the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, for a term ending June 30, 2022.

**10. Reports on New Appointments, Promotions and Tenure** [ED18-42, 51, ED19-01]

The Executive Committee approved a series of academic appointments and promotions, a record of which is provided in Appendix A.

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

**1. Board Committee Reports**

**1.1 Report of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR)** [ED18-44]

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the Report of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR), arising from the Committee's meeting of June 17, 2019.

**1.2 Report of the Human Resources Committee** [ED18-43]

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the Report of the Human Resources (HR) Committee, arising from the Committee's meeting of June 12, 2019. The report contained informational items, which included updates regarding active and imminent negotiations with bargaining units, and an update on pay equity. The Committee also received the Annual report on Sexual Violence Prevention and Response.

The Executive Committee was informed that, further to a request from the provincial government related to the requirements of the *Règles budgétaires*, which came into effect in May 2018, the HR Committee approved, effective November 1, 2018, a remuneration framework for senior administrators for purposes of meeting the requirements of the provincial government.

### **1.3 Report of the Building and Property Committee**

[ED18-47]

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the Report of the Building and Property Committee, arising from the Committee's meeting of June 18, 2019. The Report contained informational items including the approval of the construction of the Macdonald Farm Community Engagement Centre, an update on the Royal Victoria Hospital Redevelopment (RVH) Project and an update on the possible acquisition of a new property.

### **1.4 Report of the Investment Committee**

[ED18-48]

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the Report of the Investment Committee, arising from the Committee's meeting of June 18, 2019. The Report included the Committee's authorization of an annual capital withdrawal from the McGill Investment Pool in the aggregate amount of approximately \$86.1 million for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

### **1.5 Report of the Nominating, Governance, and Ethics Committee**

[ED18-52]

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Governors, received the Report of the Nominating, Governance, and Ethics (NGE) Committee, arising from the NGE Committee electronic vote of July 5, 2019. The report contained informational items, including nominations to the Board of Governors of John Abbott College and the Board of Governors of Dawson College.

## **2. Annual Reports**

[ED18-45]

The Executive Committee received the Annual Report on Research Ethics Board III for 2018-19. The Research Ethics Board-III (REB-III), one of the five Research Ethics Boards in place at the University, is designated by the *Ministère de la Santé et des services sociaux* (MSSS) to review research that falls under the auspices of Article 21 of the Quebec Civil Code. Article 21 requires that research which could interfere with the integrity of a person who is a minor and or an adult unable to consent for themselves must be reviewed by a Research Ethics Board that has been designated by the MSSS.

The REB-III is required to complete an annual report for the MSSS that reports on the membership, the operating procedures of the REB-III and the projects that the REB reviewed throughout the year. The Board of Governors, in accordance with the requirements of the MSSS, is to receive this annual report from the REB-III for informational purposes.

**3. 2019-20 Executive Committee Orientation Package**

[ED19-02]

The Committee received an orientation package for the 2019-2020 governance year, containing updated reference documents for the Committee's information.

**END**

**October 2019**

## 1. Promotions to the Rank of Full Professor

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved the promotion of the following candidates to the rank of Full Professor:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Viacheslav Adamchuk	Bioresource Engineering	Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	July 1, 2019
Iwao Hirose	Philosophy/McGill School of Environment (Joint Appointment)	Arts and Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	July 1, 2019
Lyudmila Parts	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	Arts	July 1, 2019
Fabian Lange	Economics	Arts	July 1, 2019
Bernadette Nedelic	School of Physical & Occupational Therapy	Medicine	August 1, 2019
Guillaume Bourque	Human Genetics	Medicine	August 1, 2019
Ioannis Ragoussis	Human Genetics	Medicine	August 1, 2019
Samantha Gruenheid	Microbiology & Immunology	Medicine	August 1, 2019
Sophie Gosselin (CAS)	Medicine	Medicine	August 1, 2019
Amélie Quesnel Vallée	Sociology and Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health	Medicine and Arts (joint appointment)	August 1, 2019
Ian Gold	Philosophy and Psychiatry	Medicine and Arts (joint appointment)	August 1, 2019

## 2. Appointments to the Rank of Associate Professor with Tenure

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved the appointment of the following candidates to the rank of Associate Professor with Tenure:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Noelani Arista	History and Classical Studies	Arts	August 1, 2020
Dubach, Christopher	Electrical & Computer Engineering and School of Computer Science	Engineering and Science	January 1, 2020
Basta, Nicole	Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health	Medicine	January 1, 2020
Bzdok, Danilo	Biomedical Engineering	Medicine	November 1, 2019