

## Senate report for the meeting on Wednesday Dec 6th, 2017

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Start 2.30pm in the Leacock Building. Principal Fortier wished students a lot of success for this end of year exams, and a great holiday break to all.

### SECTION I

A memorial tribute was presented for Professor Winston Purdy (Schulich School of Music) by Senator Zorychta and a motion of condolences was unanimously endorsed.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting (Nov. 23rd, 2017), [the Report of the Senate Steering Committee](#) and the agenda.

#### **Business Arising from Nov. 23rd, 2017:**

No business arising.

#### **1. Principal's Remarks**

##### **i. Opening remarks**

Principal Fortier reminded all that December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, and that McGill pay special remembrance to the 14 women who were murdered, and the 14 people injured, during the École Polytechnique de Montréal massacre.

##### **ii. Government Relations**

Principal Fortier mentioned the Minister responsible for Higher Education (Quebec) will submit Bill n°151 (An Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in higher education institutions). This law will make it compulsory for universities and CEGEPs to adopt a policy to prevent and fight sexual violence by Sept-2018. McGill University has a policy in place since Sept-2016.

Government of Quebec will also hold a public hearings around the upcoming cannabis legislation, in which some experts of McGill will probably play a role.

##### **iii. Community Relations**

Principal Fortier and Senator Weinstein met alumni in Shanghai and Hong Kong, and had a one day trip to Shenzhen for a partnership in the field of neuroscience and medicine.

iv. **Highlights and Kudos**

Among many congratulations, Principal Fortier highlighted the CRCs (14 Chairs at McGill).

It was reminded that the McGill Centraide Campaign is still on-going (donations are accepted till 21<sup>st</sup>).

**SECTION II PART A: Questions and motions by members**

None.

**SECTION II PART B: Motions and Reports from University Government**

**1. Annual Report on the Financial State of the University**

*Professor Yves Beauchamp, Vice-Principal (Administration and Information Finance)*, presented the Annual Report on the Financial State of the University for information.

The following points of the report were highlighted:

- operating surplus for the year of \$5.1 million on a GAAP basis
- the outcome of the audit by Deloitte was satisfactory
- Student enrolment increased to 40,493 students
- The number of Tenure Track Academic Staff increased to 1,673
- Actual revenues were lower than expected, which is mostly explained by a ~\$25M clawback from MEES after “recomptage” of full-time equivalents (FTE) for years 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- The Total Combined Sources of Funding (incl. research) reaches \$1.25 billion for FY2017, and Total Combined Expenditures \$1.26 billion
- Deferred maintenance: a study by BCI recognizes a deficit of 1.35 billion in deferred maintenance. The Ministry annual funding of 50 million is insufficient. The next tranche of the 400 million financing plan is anticipated for 2018. Discussions are on-going with Treasury Board and Ministries.
- McGill purchased the 680 Sherbrooke in Montreal for 32.5 million.
- McGill will have to make a “plan de redressement” because of the earlier yearly deficit (mostly because of the claw back of 25 millions), and will have to present a plan to show it will come back to a balanced budget within 5 years. It was indicated that this plan is not uncommon for universities in Quebec.

Questions: Several questions were raised on endowment, and it was reminded that only less than 6% of endowment money is non-restricted, which somehow explains that the complete endowment amount is not always spent. VP Beauchamp also reminded that the present report does not replace the staffing report which will be presented in January.

**2. Budget Planning 2018-2019 Report I**

*Professor Christopher Manfredi, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic)*, presented for information the last update of the budget for FY2018. Some increase in the revenues is expected due to slightly higher enrolment expected (mostly in deregulated programs). An increase in expenses is also expected. The presentation mostly focused on how the

budget is built and evolves during the year. It was indicated that the number of administrative and support staff is back to pre-Jan 2013.

**3. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee**

*Professor Christopher Manfredi, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic)* presented the report and all the new appointments were approved.

**4. Annual Report of the Committee on Libraries (2016-2017)**

*Professor Ghyslaine McClure, Associate Provost (Academic Priorities and Resource Allocation)*, presented for the annual report information. Several questions and discussions were opened around the current Open Access movement.

Respectively Submitted,

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