

TO: The McGill University Community
FROM: Prof. John G. Galaty, President (MAUT)
SUBJECT: Report of the MAUT Committee on the Implications of the Events of
10 November 2011
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Dear Colleagues,

In response to calls for a broad-based and open consultation on the wider context in which the Events of 10 November occurred, in mid-December 2011, MAUT Council resolved to constitute a committee to examine the Implications of those events. After soliciting nominations from the major university constituencies – including academics, non-academic staff, and graduate and undergraduate student groups - the Committee, chaired by retired professor Malcolm Baines, was duly struck in January with a mandate to submit its report in early March. MAUT committed itself to circulating this report to the McGill Administration, Senate, and the wider university community, inclusive of all the constituencies that participated in its review.

Last week MAUT sent copies of the Report to the Principal, the Provost, and the Secretary-General, given his responsibility for Senate, and to MAUT Council. It is also our aim to circulate the report more widely to all members of the university community more widely, inclusive of all its constituencies. Accordingly, I am here attaching the Committee's March 6, 2012 Report, entitled "Governance, Protest, and Security". This report can also be found on the MAUT website: <http://maut.mcgill.ca>. The Report will be the subject of discussion at a special MAUT Council meeting scheduled for next week. At that meeting, the Report's findings and recommendations will be the subject of discussion and debate. The MAUT Council will prepare a 'response' that will present out a plan for disseminating and acting on recommendations of the report.

Let me express my gratitude to the members of the MAUT Committee, for their rapid and focused work, and the insightful and, if I may say so, creative report that they have prepared. The Report does not spare the administration or MAUT from criticism, but - I believe appropriately - is forward-looking in proposing thoughtful ideas for rethinking aspects of McGill governance and its philosophy towards protest and security in what promises to be a politically invigorated future. It is not MAUT Council's obligation to accept or act on every recommendation put forward by the Report. However, by distributing the Report to the entire community at McGill we do aim to stimulate further debate and in so doing solicit further comments (sent to maut@mcgill.ca) and suggestions about how we can best act on the most valuable elements of the Report to serve the best interests of the university.