

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Dean Eidelman for Professor Philip Gordon, by Dean Geitmann for Professor Bruce Downey and by Dean Lennox for Professor John Lewis.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate\\_final\\_minutes\\_april\\_19\\_2018.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_final_minutes_april_19_2018.pdf)), the report of the Steering Committee ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee\\_27.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_27.pdf)) and the agenda ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1\\_senate\\_agenda\\_may\\_16\\_2018.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1_senate_agenda_may_16_2018.pdf)). As a point of business arising from the minutes of the last meeting, Provost Manfredi indicated that Guidelines on Intimate Relationships Between Teaching Staff and Students ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-67\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-67_guidelines.pdf)) have been developed and sent to the McGill community. These guidelines do not create new obligations; they clarify McGill's approach to this issue and inform the interpretation and application of existing University policies and regulations.

In her comments from the Chair, Principal Fortier noted that the Quebec government has released its guidelines for religious accommodations under Bill 62. The Administration has reviewed these guidelines; McGill's policies and practices are in line with them, and no changes are needed. The Principal also reported that several elements of Quebec's new funding policy for universities have been published in *La Presse* (<http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/education/201805/14/01-5181858-quebec-serre-la-vis-aux-recteurs.php>). The forthcoming *règles budgétaires* will provide more details. She indicated that the funding grid, whose previous version dated from 2002-2003, has been simplified, with the former 583 classifications having been reduced to 107. The former institution-specific envelopes, which only McGill and Concordia did not receive, have for the most part been abolished.

In connection with the motion regarding divestment from fossil fuel submitted by Senator Mikkelson ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-68\\_senate\\_motion\\_regarding\\_divestment\\_from\\_fossil\\_fuel\\_0.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-68_senate_motion_regarding_divestment_from_fossil_fuel_0.pdf)), Principal Fortier drew attention to Part II (Review of Questions and Motions) of the report of the Steering Committee ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee\\_27.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_27.pdf)), which refers to article 6.3.8 of the Statutes and asks that Senate's reflection take into account the question of whether Senate, in the context of its academic mandate, thinks it necessary or desirable to express an opinion on this matter. Senator Mikkelson indicated that he wished to refer to the CAMSR report in order to address the question of necessity or desirability, and that in view of this it would be best to defer his motion until September so that the CAMSR report can be distributed to Senators. The deferral was voted on and approved.

Senate approved the 487th report of the Academic Policy Committee ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final\\_revised\\_478th\\_apc\\_report\\_d17-69\\_may\\_2018\\_1.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_revised_478th_apc_report_d17-69_may_2018_1.pdf)), which was presented by Provost Manfredi, as well as the report of the Senate Nominating Committee ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-70\\_nominating\\_report\\_as\\_amended.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-70_nominating_report_as_amended.pdf)). The latter established the Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Teaching Staff-Student Intimate Relationships, whose terms of reference are covered by section 1.1.1 of the report and whose membership is covered by section 1.1.2. Also approved as part of the Nominating report were the appointments of Ms. Robin Elizabeth Desmeules and Ms. Sarah Severson to the Senate Committee on Libraries, of Ms. Anna Dysert to the Committee on Student Grievances, and of Ms. Carole Urbain to the University Tenure Committee for Recruitment.

Professors Shaheen Shariff and Lucyna Lach presented a verbal update on the implementation of the Policy against Sexual Violence.

As the next agenda item, Professors Bruce Lennox and Nandini Ramanujam, Co-Chairs of the Principal's Task Force on Respect and Inclusion in Campus Life, gave a presentation ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-71\\_task\\_force\\_cover\\_memo.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-71_task_force_cover_memo.pdf)) summarizing the Task Force's final report. The full text of the final report was distributed to the McGill community immediately after the Senate meeting. Senator Richard asked whether Senate would have the opportunity in the fall to have a comprehensive discussion of the full text of the final report. Principal Fortier indicated that she anticipates that the suggestion will be made for the report to be the topic of an open discussion at Senate, and she also noted that there will be other collective discussions of the report in the weeks and months ahead after it has received careful reading.

Senate received for information the annual report of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-72\\_staff\\_grievances\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-72_staff_grievances_annual_report.pdf)), which was presented by Professor Dan Bernard, Chair of the Committee; the annual report on the Policy on Safe Disclosure ("Whistle Blowing") ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-73\\_annual\\_report\\_policy\\_on\\_safe\\_disclosure.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-73_annual_report_policy_on_safe_disclosure.pdf)), which was presented by Secretary-General Rogowska; and the latest report from the Board of Governors to Senate ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-74\\_report\\_from\\_bog\\_to\\_senate\\_may\\_2018.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-74_report_from_bog_to_senate_may_2018.pdf)), which was presented by Mr. Alex Kalil, Representative of the Board to Senate. Senate also received for information the Senate Calendar of Dates for 2018-19 ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-75\\_senate\\_calendar\\_of\\_dates\\_2018-19.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d17-75_senate_calendar_of_dates_2018-19.pdf)).

As the final agenda item, Senate moved into confidential session to discuss the report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 . If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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