

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

The meeting began with Senator Snider presenting memorial tributes for Professor Emeritus Peter Roughley and Professor Emerita Margot Becklake McGregor.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate\\_minutes\\_final\\_october\\_24\\_2018.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_final_october_24_2018.pdf)) and the report of the Steering Committee ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee\\_28.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_28.pdf)), including a recommendation to refer to the Committee on the Rights of Senate the investigation of a recent breach of Senate confidentiality relating to a recommendation of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee. Senate also approved the agenda ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1\\_senate\\_agenda\\_nov\\_21\\_2018.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1_senate_agenda_nov_21_2018.pdf)). As a point of business arising from the minutes of the October 24 meeting of Senate, Secretary-General Rogowska provided an update on the activities of the Board's Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR).

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier indicated that the McGill Administration and the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI) are in the process of getting to know the new Quebec government's ministers; various meetings with ministers have already taken place or are coming up soon.

Under the agenda point for formal questions, Senators Labonté and Wilson posed a question regarding Indigenous curriculum content and equitable recruitment; the answer was provided by Provost Manfredi ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/4\\_question\\_and\\_response\\_re\\_indigenous\\_curriculum\\_content\\_and\\_equitable\\_recruitment.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/4_question_and_response_re_indigenous_curriculum_content_and_equitable_recruitment.pdf)).

Senate next held an open discussion on the recommendations of the report of the Principal's Task Force on Respect and Inclusion in Campus Life. The discussion focused on three of the report's five themes: Mission; Trust and Information; and Governance ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/5\\_d18-12\\_open\\_discussion.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/5_d18-12_open_discussion.pdf)).

#### Mission

Senator Mansdoerfer underlined the importance of health and social services; regarding the same topic, Senator Buraga expressed the view that more emphasis should be placed on the quality of the services provided rather than on quantitative metrics. Senator Zorychta drew attention to increased demands being placed on the Office for Students with Disabilities. Senator Winer commented that the preventative reduction of stressors might be more productive than reacting after the fact to their effects.

#### Trust and Information

Dean Leckey mentioned the need for safe spaces where students and the University leadership can interact informally. Senator Buraga likewise advocated for town halls where students could express themselves directly to the Administration. Senator Wilson argued that consultations need to be handled in a better way, so that the individuals who are the most impacted by a measure can be heard effectively.

#### Governance

Senator Richard commented that in order for people to become interested and involved in governance, they need to be convinced that governance is relevant to themselves and to the student or staff group to which they belong, for instance through the opportunity provided by such involvement to shape the regulations and policies which govern many aspects of their studies or their work at McGill. Senator Labonté noted that the University's governance bodies are not well known to students, and that a sense of belonging needs to be cultivated. Senator van den Berg remarked that academic staff would be more inclined to engage in service activities if service was rewarded equally to teaching and research. Senator Mansdoerfer spoke positively of the report's recommendation of more training for student Senators, but added that the concept should be applied more broadly to student service on committees.

Senate approved the 488th Report of the Academic Policy Committee, which was presented by Provost Manfredi ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/6\\_d18-13\\_488th\\_apc\\_report.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/6_d18-13_488th_apc_report.pdf)). This included the approval of the Guidelines for Developing a Service Portfolio for Librarians, which are meant to help members of the librarian staff prepare the service

component of their reappointment, tenure and promotion dossiers. These service portfolio guidelines will be added to the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff*; they will initially be designated Appendix B of these regulations, and they will later be redesignated Appendix C once the Guidelines for Developing a Research Portfolio for Librarians (currently in development) have been approved, in order to be consistent with *the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff*.

Senate received for information the annual report of the Academic Policy Committee for 2017-2018 ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/7\\_d18-14\\_apc\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/7_d18-14_apc_annual_report.pdf)) and approved the report of the Senate Nominating Committee ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/8\\_d18-15\\_nominating\\_report\\_updated.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/8_d18-15_nominating_report_updated.pdf)), both of which were presented by Provost Manfredi. This included the approval of the appointments of Senator Buddle (Dean of Students) and Senator Dunn (PGSS representative on Senate) as representatives appointed by Senate to participate in CAMSR's consultation process on the motion concerning divestment approved by Senate on September 12, 2018, and the appointment of Senator Nicell (Dean of Engineering) as an alternate representative.

Associate V.-P. Ross presented for information the Strategic Research Plan 2019 ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/9\\_d18-16\\_srp\\_2019.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/9_d18-16_srp_2019.pdf)). It will return to Senate for endorsement in January 2019, and will then go to the Board of Governors for endorsement in February 2019.

Dean Buddle presented for information the current draft of the proposed revisions to the *Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures* ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10\\_d18-17\\_code\\_of\\_student\\_conduct\\_1.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10_d18-17_code_of_student_conduct_1.pdf)). The goal is to bring the final draft of the revised Code to the December meeting of Senate for approval.

The annual report of the Senate Committee on Physical Development for 2017-2018 (<https://mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2018-2019/senate-meeting-documents-2018-2019/november-21-2018>) was presented by Dr. Cameron Charlebois, Chair of the Senate Committee on Physical Development. Senator Robaire commented on the disastrous current condition of Peel Street and noted that no information has been forthcoming on the work being done there by the City of Montreal; Dr. Charlebois responded that the information provided by the City has been inconsistent, but he indicated that he will bring these concerns to Associate V.-P. Couvrette.

Senate received for information the annual report of the Committee on Student Discipline for 2017-2018 ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/12\\_d18-19\\_csd\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/12_d18-19_csd_annual_report.pdf)), which was presented by Dean Buddle; the annual report of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs for 2017-2018 ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/13\\_d18-20\\_cesa\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/13_d18-20_cesa_annual_report.pdf)), which was presented Interim Deputy Provost Labeau; and a report on the recent Joint Board-Senate Meeting ([https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/14\\_d18-21\\_joint\\_board\\_senate\\_meeting\\_report.pdf](https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/14_d18-21_joint_board_senate_meeting_report.pdf)), which was presented by Principal Fortier.

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, December 5, 2018. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,  
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