

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

The meeting began with Deans Lennox and Maioni presenting memorial tributes for Professors Emeriti Roddy Rogers and Issa Boullata respectively. Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_final_april_17_2019.pdf), the report of the Steering Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_0.pdf) and the agenda (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_senate_agenda_may_15_2019.pdf). With regard to the section of the Steering report dealing with a motion submitted by Senators Larson, Mikkelson and Wilson, Senator Shapiro read a prepared statement explaining the rationale for his disagreement with the other members of Steering on the admissibility of the motion.

In her comments from the Chair, Principal Fortier noted that National Assembly hearings are currently underway on the subject of Bill 21, *An act respecting the laicity of the State*. Universities were not invited to participate in these hearings, but the participants have included members of Quebec's university community, notably Charles Taylor and Gérard Bouchard. As Provost Manfredi indicated in his email of April 8 to the McGill community, Bill 21 as currently drafted will not lead to any changes in McGill's policies or practices. On the subject of Bill 9, *An Act to increase Québec's socio-economic prosperity and adequately meet labour market needs through successful immigrant integration*, the Principal indicated that McGill is looking at it closely to see if it will affect us; McGill has written to ask that the University be consulted on the creation of the implementation regulations for the bill.

There were no formal written questions on the Senate meeting agenda. Senate adopted the 493rd report of the Academic Policy Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d18-65_493rd_apc_report_with_appendices.pdf), which was presented by Associate Provost Campbell and which included the revision of the degree designation of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) to a Juris Doctor (J.D.) in the Faculty of Law.

Senate adopted the report of the Senate Nominating Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d18-66_nominating_report_updated.pdf), which was presented by Associate Provost Campbell and which included the following nominations:

- The appointment of Professors Rachel Langevin and Brendan Gillon, and of Mr. Olivier Levesque, to the Senate Committee on Libraries. [Note that the listed membership of the Committee in the original version of the report included Ms. Sarah Severson as one of the two librarians appointed by Senate; the report has now been updated to indicate that the Senate Nominating Committee will need to nominate a replacement for this seat, as Ms. Severson is no longer at McGill.]

- The designation of Ms. Anna Dysert as Chair of the Committee on Student Grievances.

- The appointment of Ms. Ann Marie Holland as Alternate Chair for the University Tenure Committee for the Libraries.

- The appointments of Professors Gigi Luk and David Stephens to the Advisory Committee for the Possible Extension of Term of the Trenholme Dean of Libraries. The appointments to the remaining seats are still to be determined. In presenting this item, Associate Provost Campbell noted that Advisory Committees for the Appointment (or Possible Reappointment) of the Trenholme Dean of Libraries normally consist of a Chair and 13 members, as is prescribed for large faculties by article 3.4.2 of the University Statutes (https://mcgill.ca/secretariat/files/secretariat/statutes_of_mcgill_university.pdf). In the present case, however, the contemplated term extension is for a period of two years (in contrast with the usual five-year duration of an initial appointment or of a reappointment), and the Advisory Committee is being established on the lines which are prescribed by the Statutes for a small faculty, i.e. a Chair and 7 members.

Senate approved the appointment of two new Assessors under the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06_d18-67_harassment_assessors.pdf), which was proposed by Associate

Provost Campbell; the Calendar of Academic Dates for 2022-23 and Proposed Revisions to Dates for 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07.d18-68_key_academic_dates_2022-23.pdf), which were proposed by University Registrar Nycum; and the revised terms of reference of the Faculty of Engineering's Faculty Council (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/08.d18-69_engineering_faculty_council_terms_of_reference.pdf), which were proposed by Dean Nicell.

Associate Provost Campbell presented for information the Biennial Report on Employment Equity (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/09.d18-70_report_on_employment_equity_0.pdf), and Professor Dan Bernard, Chair of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures, presented for information the annual report of that committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10.d18-71_annual_report_committee_on_staff_grievances.pdf).

Dean Eidelman presented for information an overview of Project Renaissance (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11.d18-72_project_renaissance_faculty_of_medicine.pdf), the Faculty of Medicine's current strategic planning exercise. The designation "Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences" used in the slides is a placeholder for the Faculty's potential future name. In response to two questions from Senator Richard, Dean Eidelman indicated that the governance structure shown in the various slides is simplified, that the complete details of the structure will appear in the full version of the proposal which will be brought to Senate for approval in the fall, and that the proposal as a whole will come to Senate through the Academic Policy Committee. Dean Emami raised the concern that the designation "Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences" might give the impression that Dentistry is not part of the health sciences. Senator Bernard expressed the view that the Faculty of Medicine is not well served by the Administrative Excellence Centres. Senator Zorychta noted that the proposal indicates no linkage with the Faculty of Science, even though the Faculty of Medicine relies heavily on the Faculty of Science for the teaching of certain subjects. Dean Eidelman indicated that the project is a work in progress, and that he welcomes feedback on the subject.

Secretary-General Rogowska presented for information the annual report on the Policy on Safe Disclosure, i.e. "Whistle Blowing" (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/12.d18-73_annual_report_policy_safe_disclosure.pdf), and Senator Zorychta presented for information the latest report from the Board of Governors to Senate (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/13.d18-74_board_report_to_senate.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 18, 2019. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,
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