

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Dean Lennox for Professors Laurie Hendren and Godfried Toussaint, and by Dean Bajeux for Professor Richard Donovan.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting

(https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_may_15_2019.pdf) and the report of the Steering Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_steering_committee_0.pdf).

A motion was approved to amend the proposed agenda to include a new item in the section for formal questions and motions: a motion regarding the cancellation of classes on September 27, 2019. The amended agenda was then approved (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_amended_senate_agenda_sept.18_2019.pdf).

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier drew attention to the email sent by the Provost to the McGill community on September 17 regarding the Climate Change March which will take place in Montreal on September 27. In this email, the Provost indicates that McGill will maintain regular academic and administrative activities on that day, but asks teaching staff to be flexible in accommodating students who wish to participate in the march, and asks that teaching staff not schedule exams or graded activities, and be understanding about absences. The Principal also mentioned the Provost's email of September 9 concerning the roll-out of the online learning program entitled "It Takes All of Us," which strives to increase awareness about sexual violence and its prevention. A follow-up email on how to complete the program, which is mandatory for all members of the University community, including all students, faculty and staff, will be sent out. Principal Fortier reported that this year's university rankings have started to be published; McGill has gone from 44th to 42nd in the Times Higher Education ranking, from 70th to 90th in the Shanghai ranking, and is ranked 30th by the Center for World University Rankings.

Under the agenda point for formal questions and motions, a question was posed by Senators Wilson and Buraga regarding support for students and alumni in light of Bill 21; the response was provided by Provost Manfredi (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/question_and_response_re_support_for_students_and_alumni_in_light_of_bill_21.pdf).

Senate next debated the added agenda item, a motion from Senators Wilson, Lametti, Kemeni, Duckett, Mecabô, Garneau, Buraga, Mikkelson and Nystrom to cancel classes from 11:35 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. on September 27 to allow students to participate in the local Montreal iteration of the global climate strike (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-08_senate-motion-regarding-the-cancellation-of-classes-on-september-27-2019.pdf). Following numerous interventions both for and against the cancellation of classes, the motion was voted upon and defeated.

Provost Manfredi presented the report of the Senate Nominating Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d19-01_nominating_report.pdf), which was approved. The nominations included:

- the appointment of Mr Jeffrey Archer and three student members to the Senate Committee on Libraries;
- the appointment of Ms Katarina Daniels as a legal assessor to the Appeal Committee for Student Discipline and Grievances;
- the appointment of Mr Joseph Hafner as alternate member for the University Libraries on the University Tenure Committee for Recruitment;
- the appointment of Professor David Ragsdale as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee for the Possible Extension of Term of the Trenholme Dean of Libraries.

Senate approved the appointment of four Assessors under the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06_d19-02_harassment_assessors.pdf); this item was presented by Associate

Provost Campbell. Professor Campbell also presented a report (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07_d19-03_appointments_with_tenure.pdf) on the academic appointments with tenure which have been recommended directly by the Provost under section 7.32.5 of the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff*, which was introduced (along with the equivalent section 3.56 of the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff*) in October 2016. In response to a question from Senator Richard about how many recommendations to appoint an academic staff member with tenure are typically handled in a given year by the University Tenure Committee for Recruitment, Professor Campbell indicated that the figures on average are about twelve to fifteen per year.

Senate received for information the annual report on investigation of research misconduct (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/08_d19-04_research_misconduct_report.pdf), which was presented by Dr Christina Wolfson, Research Integrity Officer, and the annual report on the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/09_d19-05_harassment_policy_report.pdf), which was presented by Associate Provost Campbell.

Senate also received for information the annual report of the Committee on Student Services (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10_d19-06_css_report.pdf), which was presented by Deputy Provost Labeau, and the annual report of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11_d19-07_jbsce_report.pdf), which was presented by Associate Provost Campbell.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,
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