

Senate Meeting Report, 2019-10-23

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Dean Maioni for Professor Desmond Morton, by Dean Lennox for Professor Joan Power and by Dean Eidelman for Professor Orval Mamer.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting

(https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_sept.18.2019.pdf), the report of the Steering Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_steering_committee.pdf) and the agenda (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_senate_agenda_oct.23.2019.pdf). The report of the Steering Committee includes a list of governance-related initiatives being developed by some of the University's faculties/schools.

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier reported that the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI) met a few weeks ago with Minister of Finance Eric Girard to talk about the role of universities in the social and economic development of Quebec; the minister is well informed about the importance of this role. The BCI is also in discussions with the government regarding Bill 37, "An Act mainly to establish the Centre d'acquisitions gouvernementales and Infrastructures technologiques Québec," BCI's collective view being that the proposed legislation is not well adapted to the kinds of purchases made by universities. McGill has taken the top spot in the medical/doctoral category for the 15th straight year in the Maclean's ranking of Canadian universities. Homecoming, which was held at the end of September, was well attended, and McGill's new capital campaign was launched at that time.

Under the agenda point for formal questions, Senators Mecabô, Kafato and Duckett submitted a question regarding the "Made by McGill" capital campaign and its impact on McGill Student Services; the response was provided by V.-P. Weinstein (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/03_qa_made_at_mcgill.pdf).

Senate approved the 494th report of the Academic Policy Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04_d19-09_apc_494th_report_0.pdf) and the report of the Senate Nominating Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d19-10_nominating_report.pdf), both of which were presented by Provost Manfredi; the latter report included the appointment of a Continuing Studies student member to the Senate Committee on Libraries.

Senate received for information the 2018-2019 annual report on the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline Procedures (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06_d19-11_annual_report_code_student_conduct_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf), which was presented by Dean Buddle, and 2018-2019 annual report on University Advancement, which was presented by V.-P. Weinstein along with materials on the Made by McGill capital campaign (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07_d19-12_ua_annual_report_0.pdf).

Senate also received for information the 2018-2019 annual report of the Senate Committee on Physical Development (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/08_d19-13_scpd_annual_report.pdf), which was presented by Dr. Cameron Charlebois, and the latest report from the Board of Governors to Senate (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/09_d19-14_board_report_to_senate_october_2019.pdf), which was presented by Senator Zorychta.

Secretary-General Rogowska presented the notice of the annual Joint Board-Senate Meeting, which will be held on November 14, 2019 (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10_d19-15_notice_of_joint_board-senate_meeting.pdf). The topic of the meeting will be: "How can McGill be a Model of an Open, Connected and Purposeful University?"

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, November 20, 2019. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,
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