

Senate Meeting Report, 2019-11-20

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, November 11, 2019.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Senator Starr for Professors Doreen Starke-Meyerring and Margaret Gillett. Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_oct.23.2019.pdf), the report of the Steering Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_1.pdf) and the agenda (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_senate_agenda_nov.20.2019.pdf).

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier referred to current events in Hong Kong and indicated that McGill has contacted all 22 of its students who are on exchange there; they are safe. Many will be leaving Hong Kong; some will be staying. The Principal reported on her preliminary review of the composition of the new federal cabinet, whose membership was being announced just prior to the start of today's Senate meeting; several ministers are members of the McGill community, including long-time Faculty of Law professor David Lametti, who retains his portfolio as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada (<https://reporter.mcgill.ca/mcgill-alumni-figure-prominently-in-new-cabinet/>). At the provincial level, the Quebec government has recently decided to send back to the drawing board its project to modify the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (PEQ); the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI) is looking to be part of this new design phase in the hope that a better version can be developed.

Under the agenda point for formal questions, Senator Tessier posed a question regarding the use of University facilities by external organizations and individuals; the response was provided by Provost Manfredi (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04_senate_qa_re_use_of_university_facilities.pdf).

The next agenda item was an Open Discussion on "The future of internationalization at McGill". Background information for the discussion can be found here: https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-17_open_discussion_internationalization.pdf

Senate approved the 495th report of the Academic Policy Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-18_495th_apc_report.pdf), received for information the APC annual report for 2018-2019 (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-19_apc_annual_report.pdf), and approved the report of the Senate Nominating Committee (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-20_nominating_report.pdf), all of which were presented by Provost Manfredi.

As the final item of business, V.-P. Weinstein presented for information a set of proposed revisions to the Policy Related to the Naming of University Assets (https://mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-21_naming_policy.pdf). The proposed revisions will return to Senate in December for approval.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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