

Senate Meeting Report, 2020-01-15

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Dean Rassier for Professors Eigil Pederson and Theodore Maroun, and by Dean Eidelman for Professor Ernest Seidman.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting

([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final\\_senate\\_minutes\\_dec.4\\_2019.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_dec.4_2019.pdf)), the report of the Steering Committee ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02a\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02a_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee.pdf)) and the agenda ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01\\_senate\\_agenda\\_january\\_15\\_2020.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_senate_agenda_january_15_2020.pdf)).

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier expressed the McGill community's sadness at the tragedy of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752. Among those who lost their lives were a current McGill student and a McGill graduate. On the topic of government relations, the Principal noted that the federal ministerial mandate letters have now been released. At the provincial level, the Administration met recently with Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, and Principal Fortier will be meeting next month with Jean-François Roberge, Minister of Education and Higher Education. As was announced by email by the co-chairs of the Men's Varsity Teams Naming Committee, Deputy Provost Labeau and Mr. Hubert T. Lacroix, the Committee is welcoming input from the McGill community on a new name.

Under the agenda point for formal questions, a question regarding the rights of Senators and the role of the Chair was received by Senators Mecabô, Wilson, Duckett and Dworek; the response was provided by Secretary-General Rogowska ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/qa\\_rights\\_senators\\_role\\_chair.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/qa_rights_senators_role_chair.pdf)). A question regarding the McGill Board of Governors' response to Senate's recommendation concerning divestment from fossil fuels was received from Senators Shor and Wilson; the response was provided by Secretary-General Rogowska ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/qa\\_board\\_response\\_senate\\_resolution.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/qa_board_response_senate_resolution.pdf)).

Senate approved the 496th report of the Academic Policy Committee, which was presented by Provost Manfredi ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-28\\_496th\\_apc\\_report\\_0.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-28_496th_apc_report_0.pdf)).

Senate received for information the Student Life and Learning annual report for 2018-2019 ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-29\\_sll\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-29_sll_annual_report.pdf)), which was presented by Deputy Provost Labeau, and the report from the Board of Governors to Senate ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-31\\_board\\_report\\_to\\_senate\\_jan\\_2020.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-31_board_report_to_senate_jan_2020.pdf)), which was presented by Senator Zorychta. The annual report of the Advisory Council on the Charter of Students' Rights for 2018-19 ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-30\\_advisory\\_council\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d19-30_advisory_council_annual_report.pdf)), which was originally scheduled for presentation at the January meeting, will be presented in February.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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