

Senate Report, May 12, 2021

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place remotely on May 12, 2021.

The meeting began with Dean Eidelman presenting a memorial tribute for Professor Emeritus Harry Goldsmith. Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final\\_senate\\_minutes\\_april\\_20\\_2021.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_april_20_2021.pdf), the report of the Steering Committee [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee\\_7.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_7.pdf) and the agenda [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01\\_senate\\_agenda\\_may\\_12\\_2021\\_-\\_web.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_senate_agenda_may_12_2021_-_web.pdf).

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier noted that the vaccination campaign in Quebec and in Montreal is going well. Planning work on the fall 2021 semester is continuing, and the Emergency Operations Committee will soon begin the operationalization phase, whose details will be announced during the summer. Principal Fortier met recently with Quebec's Minister of Higher Education, Danielle McCann; among the topics discussed was the New Vic project, for which the dossier d'opportunité will be presented to cabinet later this month.

Under the agenda point for formal questions and motions, Senate approved a motion to endorse the formal recognition and promotion of October as Queer History Month by McGill University [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04\\_motion\\_regarding\\_queer\\_history\\_month.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04_motion_regarding_queer_history_month.pdf). In presenting the motion, Senators Tessier, Frizzle and Campbell recognized the important contributions to this initiative by numerous committees and individuals, including Michael David Miller of the Libraries and Professor Hiba Zafran, Chair of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity's Subcommittee on Queer People.

Senate approved the 505th report of the Academic Policy Committee [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05\\_d20-55\\_505th\\_apc\\_report\\_to\\_senate.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d20-55_505th_apc_report_to_senate.pdf) and the report of the Senate Nominating Committee [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06\\_d20-56\\_nominating\\_report\\_updated\\_0.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06_d20-56_nominating_report_updated_0.pdf). The latter included revised terms of reference for the Committee on Student Services, as well as the following nominations:

- The appointment of Natalie Waters to the Senate Committee on Libraries
- The appointment of Megan Chellew as alternate chair for the University Tenure Committee
- The appointment of Joseph Hafner (as member) and Jenn Riley (as alternate member) to the University Tenure Committee for Recruitment
- The appointment of the following individuals to the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Dean of Libraries:
  - Prof. Kevin Wade (Animal Science, AES)

- Prof. Annmarie Adams (Social Studies of Medicine, MEDICINE /Architecture, ENGINEERING)
- Prof. Margaret Kalacska (Geography, SCIENCE)
- Prof. Elizabeth Elbourne (History and Classical Studies, ARTS)
- Prof. Kimiz Dalkir (Director, School of Information Studies) [alternate]

Senate approved the revised Policy on Harassment and Discrimination

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07\\_d20-57\\_hd\\_policy\\_for\\_may\\_senate\\_updated.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07_d20-57_hd_policy_for_may_senate_updated.pdf)

and the Faculty Council terms of reference for the Schulich School of Music

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/08\\_d20-58\\_music\\_terms\\_of\\_reference.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/08_d20-58_music_terms_of_reference.pdf).

Senate received for information the Student Demographic Data Survey Preliminary Results

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/09\\_d20-59\\_student\\_demographic\\_survey.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/09_d20-59_student_demographic_survey.pdf) and the

Biennial Report on Employment Equity [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10\\_d20-](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10_d20-60_biennial_report_on_employment_equity.pdf)

[60\\_biennial\\_report\\_on\\_employment\\_equity.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10_d20-60_biennial_report_on_employment_equity.pdf). Regarding the latter report, Senator Kiester inquired if more details surrounding librarian data might be covered in future versions of the survey. Associate Provost Campbell indicated that more specific data about librarians is known, and has been given to the Dean of Libraries; its absence from the report is partly due to the small number of librarians relative to other academic staff categories and partly due to the fact that this category has the highest percentage of women in the "Proportion of Women Among Academic Staff" tables on page 2 of the report.

Senate received for information the annual reports of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11\\_d20-](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11_d20-61_annual_report_committee_on_staff_grievances_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf)

[61\\_annual\\_report\\_committee\\_on\\_staff\\_grievances\\_and\\_disciplinary\\_procedures.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11_d20-61_annual_report_committee_on_staff_grievances_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf) and on the

Policy on Safe Disclosure [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/12\\_d20-](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/12_d20-62_annual_report_safe_disclosure.pdf)

[62\\_annual\\_report\\_safe\\_disclosure.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/12_d20-62_annual_report_safe_disclosure.pdf), as well as the latest report from the Board of Governors to Senate [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/13\\_d20-63\\_board\\_report\\_to\\_senate.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/13_d20-63_board_report_to_senate.pdf).

As its final items of business, Senate moved into confidential session to discuss the Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee.

The next Senate meeting will be held on September 22, 2021. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,

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