

Senate Report, 2021-11-17

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place remotely on November 17, 2021.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/finals_senate_minutes_october_20_2021.pdf, the report of the Steering Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_21-2203.pdf and the agenda https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_november_17_2021_-_web.pdf.

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier reported that there have hardly been any cases of COVID-19 at McGill this semester, and that this parallels the situation of other Quebec universities. The federal government has lifted its global advisory on unnecessary travel; McGill will be resuming its student exchanges and other international activities for the Winter semester, albeit perhaps with some conditions depending on the specific situation in particular countries. The University is continuing to plan a prudent, progressive return to campus. The Principal noted the recent re-election of Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante, and said that McGill looks forward to continuing to work with her. Principal Fortier recently attended meetings of Universities Canada, the Association of American Universities and the U15.

Senate approved the two-part 507th report of the Academic Policy Committee. Part A https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04_d21-15_507th_report_of_the_academic_policy_committee_part_a.pdf included proposals to establish the Department of Equity, Ethics and Policy and the Department of Global and Public Health, and to rename the Faculty of Dentistry as the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences. Part B https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04_d21-15_507th_report_of_the_academic_policy_committee_part_b.pdf consisted primarily of a set of Course Delivery Parameters for the Winter 2022 Academic Term. Senate also received for information the APC annual report for 2020-2021 https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d21-16_annual_report_of_the_academic_policy_committee.pdf.

Senate approved the latest report of the Senate Nominating Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06_d21-17_nominating_report.pdf.

Senate received for information the annual report from University Advancement https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07_d21-18_university_advancement_annual_report_2020-2021.pdf and the annual report of the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/08_d21-19_annual_report_on_the_code_of_student_conduct_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf.

As its final item of business, Senate received for information the latest report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/09_d21-20_report_of_the_ad_hoc_advisory_committee_on_covid_academic_planning_and_policies.pdf.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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