

Senate Report, 2022-09-21

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on September 21, 2022.

The meeting began with Dean Wright presenting a memorial tribute for Professor Emeritus Michael Perceval-Maxwell. Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_may_11_2022.pdf, the report of the Steering Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee.pdf and the agenda https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_september_21_2022_updated.pdf.

Acting Principal Manfredi opened his comments from the Chair by reading the University's mission and principles. He indicated that enrolment figures for this year are comparable to those from last year; the final numbers will be known in October. On the subject of government relations, the Principal noted the upcoming Quebec election and indicated that pre-budget recommendations have been made to the federal government. Fall Convocation and Homecoming 2022 will be held in person, and will both take place in October. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be Friday, September 30, 2022. In the latest QS World University Ranking, McGill placed 31st out of more than 1,400 institutions around the world; in the latest Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities, McGill placed 73rd.

Senate adopted the report of the Nominating Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/03_d22-01_report_of_the_senate_nominating_committee_0.pdf and the Revised Policy against Sexual Violence https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04_d22-02_policy_against_sexual_violence.pdf. The revisions to the Policy are the result of a consultation process over several months, and they also take into account recent legislative changes in Quebec; specifically, Quebec law now requires institutions of higher education to share information about disciplinary outcomes with survivors who so request following investigations that have led to a finding of sexual violence.

Senate received for information the Report of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d22-03_report_of_edic.pdf and the Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06_d22-04_annual_report_of_the_committee_on_student_services_cover.pdf.

Associate Provost Campbell presented for information proposed New Regulations on Academic Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07_d22-

[05 new regulations relating to academic staff grievances and disciplinary procedures.pdf](#), which will return to Senate in October for decision. The new Regulations will apply to members of academic staff governed by the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff and by the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff. Staff grievances and disciplinary procedures are currently governed by sections of the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Academic Staff and of the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff; these two documents will be revised accordingly following the adoption of the new Regulations.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,

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