

Senate Report, 2022-10-19

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on October 19, 2022.

The meeting began with Dean Eidelman presenting a memorial tributes for Professor Emerita Barbara Jones Galaty, Professor Ronald Gottesman, and Professor Maxime Bouchard. Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_september_21_2022.pdf,

the report of the Steering Committee

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_14.pdf

and the agenda https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_october_19_2022.pdf.

In his remarks from the Chair, Acting Principal Manfredi noted the recent Quebec provincial election and indicated that McGill looks forward to working with the new Minister of Higher Education. The Principal also summarized two new university rankings. For the 18th consecutive year, McGill placed 1st in the Medical/Doctoral category of the annual Maclean's rankings. McGill ranked in the top three in nine of 12 performance indicators. The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023 rates McGill as the 46th best university in the world. It marks the 13th consecutive year that McGill ranks in the top 50 universities globally.

There were two items under the agenda item for written questions. A question regarding the New Vic Project and Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnistensera was posed by Senators Werber, Vaillancourt and Londono; the written answer was provided by Deputy Provost Labeau, with additional information presented at the meeting by Ms. Dicki Chhoyang, Director, Master Plan Stakeholder Relations

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/03a_question_and_answer_regarding_the_new_vic_project_and_kanienkeha_ka.pdf. A question regarding COVID academic planning and policies was posed by Senator Hickman; the written answer was provided by Associate Provost Campbell, Co-Chair of the Senate Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies 2021-2022

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/03b_question_answer_regarding_covid_academic_planning_and_policies.pdf.

Senate approved the latest report of the Senate Nominating Committee

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-06_report_of_the_senate_nominating_committee.pdf

and the new Regulations on Academic Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-07_new_regulations_on_academic_staff_grievances_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf)

[07_new_regulations_on_academic_staff_grievances_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-07_new_regulations_on_academic_staff_grievances_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf). Regarding the latter item, Senator Richard asked whether the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff will be revised to reflect the fact that the sections dealing with grievances and discipline will now be contained in a freestanding regulation; Associate Provost Campbell indicated that this will indeed be done.

Senate received for information the 513th report of the Academic Policy Committee, which contained no items requiring Senate's approval https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-08_513th_apc_report.pdf. Senate also received for information the most recent Board report to Senate https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-09_board_report_to_senate_october_2022_0.pdf and the notice of the Joint Board-Senate meeting which will take place on November 10 https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-10_notice_of_joint_board-senate_meeting.pdf.

The agenda item for the Annual Report on the Investigation of Research Misconduct (https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-11_annual_report_on_the_investigation_of_research_misconduct_2021-2022.pdf) was postponed until the next meeting of Senate.

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

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,
Your librarian Senate reps,

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