

Senate Report, 2022-11-16

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on November 16, 2022.

The meeting began with Senator Snider presenting memorial tributes for Professors Emeriti Sylvia Cruess, Donald Lawrence, and Garth Bray. Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_october_19_2022.pdf, the report of the Steering Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_15.pdf and the agenda https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_senate_agenda_november_16_2022.pdf.

In his remarks from the Chair, Acting Principal Manfredi thanked the members of the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Principal for their work. As was announced a few days ago, the Board of Governors has approved the appointment of Professor H. Deep Saini as the 18th Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University. Professor Saini will begin his five-year, renewable term at McGill on April 1, 2023, and he will also hold the appointment of Full Professor in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Regarding government relations, the McGill Administration will be meeting Quebec's new Minister of Higher Education, Pascale Déry, later this month to discuss priority issues, including funding. Principal Manfredi recently attended a meeting of the Association of American Universities, of which McGill and University of Toronto are the only Canadian members; McGill will need to pay close attention to its status within the AAU, whose advocacy activities are being reconceptualized towards lobbying for American universities.

Senate adopted the report of the Senate Nominating Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/04_d22-13_report_of_the_senate_nominating_committee.pdf. This included the approval of proposed revisions to the terms of reference and composition of the Senate Committee on Physical Development.

Senate held an open discussion on the topic: "How do we think about and define Academic Excellence for Academic Staff?" https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/05_d22-14_open_discussion-academic_excellence_for_academic_staff.pdf. A summary of the discussion will be included in the minutes of the November 16 meeting, which will be posted on the Senate website following their adoption at the December 7 meeting.

Senate received for information the 514th report of the Academic Policy Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/06_d22-15_514th_apc_report.pdf; there were no items requiring Senate approval in the report.

The following annual reports were received for information:

Annual Report of the Academic Policy Committee (2021-2022)
https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/07_d22-16_apc_annual_report.pdf

Annual Report on University Advancement (2021-2022)
https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/08_d22-17_annual_report_university_advancement.pdf

Annual Report on the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (2021-2022)
https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/09_d22-18_annual_report_on_the_code_of_student_conduct.pdf

Annual Report on the Investigation of Research Misconduct

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/10_d22-19_annual_report_on_the_investigation_of_research_misconduct.pdf

Annual Report on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11_d22-20_annual_report_on_staff_grievances_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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