

Senate Report, 2023-02-15

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on February 15, 2023.

The meeting began with Senate adopting the minutes of the last Senate meeting https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_january_18_2023.pdf, the report of the Steering Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_updated_0.pdf and the agenda https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_february_15_2023_updated_0.pdf.

In his remarks from the Chair, Acting Principal Manfredi noted the McGill community's sadness at the recent passing of Marcel Desautels, who generously donated both his resources and his time to furthering business education at McGill. The University flag will be lowered in early March in commemoration. There will be active Tri-Council and Universities Canada involvement in the current development of security guidelines for university research. This year's edition of the McGill24 digital fundraising campaign will be held on March 15, 2023.

Under the agenda item for written questions, a question was submitted by Senators Werber, Tureli, Levey, and Vaillancourt regarding the New Vic Project and Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnistensera, to which an answer was provided by Co-Acting Provosts Labeau and Campbell https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-36_question_and_answer_regarding_the_new_vic_project_and_kanienkehaka_kahnistensera_updated.pdf.

Senate approved the report of the Senate Nominating Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-37_report_of_the_senate_nominating_committee.pdf.

Senate also approved a set of proposed revisions to the terms of reference of the Council of the School of Continuing Studies https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-38_proposed_revisions_to_the_terms_of_reference_of_the_council_of_the_school_of_continuing_studies.pdf, as well as the repeal of the By-Laws of the McGill Institute for Learning in Retirement https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-39_mcgill_institute_for_learning_in_retirement_ilr_by-laws_repeal.pdf.

The proposed text of the Policy on the Use and Quality of the French Language was presented to Senate for information and comment https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-40_new_policy_on_the_use_and_quality_of_the_french_language.pdf. This item will return to Senate in March to be considered for approval. The new Policy must be submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education for review and approval by June 2023.

Senate received two annual reports for information:

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-41_annual_report_on_student_life_and_learning.pdf

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-42_annual_report_of_the_ombudsperson_for_students.pdf

As its final items of business, Senate moved into confidential session to receive a verbal update regarding a report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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