

Senate Report 2023-03-22

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on March 22, 2023.

The meeting began with Dean Geitmann presenting a memorial tribute for Professor Emeritus Eugene Donefer and Dean Shapiro presenting a memorial tribute for Professor Emeritus Peter Hoffmann.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_february_15_2023.pdf, the report of the Steering Committee

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_updated_1.pdf

and the agenda

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_march_22_2023_updated.pdf. In an item of business arising from the minutes of the February 15 meeting, Professor Labeau provided background information on the grouping of the units encompassed by Student Life and Learning. The most recent review of SLL supported the concept of these units remaining under SLL; the only change was that Teaching and Learning Services had been pulled away from SLL because TLS focuses on instructors rather than students.

In his remarks from the Chair, Acting Principal Manfredi noted that Professor H. Deep Saini will begin his term of service on April 1 as McGill's Principal and Vice-Chancellor, and thus as Chair of Senate from that date onward. Professor Manfredi thanked Professors Angela Campbell and Fabrice Labeau for having served as Co-Acting Provosts and Vice-Principals (Academic) during the transitional period of the last few months. With regard to government relations, the Quebec budget has just been tabled and has been followed by the règles budgétaires; both documents are being analyzed by the Administration. The federal budget is expected on March 28.

Professor Labeau presented three reports for information:

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-44_budget_planning_2023-2024_report_ii.pdf

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-45_annual_report_on_enrolment_and_strategic_enrolment_management.pdf

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-46_apc_report.pdf

Regarding the annual report on Enrolment and Strategic Enrolment Management, Professor Labeau noted that the pandemic had a major effect on applications, resulting in peculiar application dynamics and unpredictability from which we are still recovering.

Senate received for information the report of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-50_report_of_edic.pdf and the annual report on Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-48_annual_report_on_graduate_and_postdoctoral_studies.pdf.

Senate approved the new Policy on the Use and Quality of the French Language https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-47_new_policy_on_the_use_and_quality_of_the_french_language.pdf.

Senate held an open discussion on Reimagining the University's Ph.D. Programs

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-49_open_discussion.pdf.

Senate received for information the following reports and a list of the Senate meeting dates for 2023-2024:

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-51_annual_report_against_sexual_violence.pdf

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-52_annual_report_on_harassment_and_discrimination.pdf

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-53_board_report_to_senate.pdf

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d22-54_senate_meeting_dates_2023-2024.pdf

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

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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