

Senate Report 2024-01-17

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on January 17, 2024.

The meeting was chaired by Dean Lennox, the President being away on University business. Memorial tributes were presented by Dean Leckey for Professor Emeritus Armand de Mestral, by Dean Fellows for Professor Nicolas Steinmetz, by Dean Shapiro for Professor Gershon Hundert, and by Dean Yargeau for Professor Derek Drummond.

Senate adopted the report of the Steering Committee

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_23-24_05_updated.pdf, the minutes of the December 2023 meeting of Senate

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_december_6_2023_23-24_04.pdf,

and the agenda https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_january_17_2024.pdf.

In view of the President's attendance at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, the comments from the Chair for the January 2024 meeting of Senate were distributed in written form:

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-34_chairs_remarks.pdf.

Senate approved the report of the Senate Nominating Committee

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-35_report_of_the_senate_nominating_committee_updated.pdf.

It also approved the report of the Academic Policy Committee, which included recommended revisions to the Regulation on Conflict of Interest and to the Policy on the Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Human Participants

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-36_report_of_the_academic_policy_committee.pdf.

The most recent report from the Board of Governors to Senate was presented for information

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-37_report_from_the_board_of_governors_to_senate.pdf.

Senator Richard asked whether the creation of a Deputy Chancellor position would translate into the creation of an additional seat on the Board of Governors, or the presence of an additional person at Board meetings either as an observer or with voice but no vote. The Secretary-General responded that none of these scenarios would be the case. Although there is no structural requirement for the occupant of an existing Board seat to be the person who serves as Deputy Chancellor, it is anticipated that the position would normally be filled in this manner.

Deputy Provost Labeau presented the annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries

https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-38_annual_report_of_the_committee_on_libraries.pdf.

He noted that the report is for the 2022-2023 time period, and that some of its information is therefore not fully up to date.

As the final items of business, Senate received for information the following annual reports:

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-39 annual report on the investigation of research misconduct.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-39%20annual%20report%20on%20the%20investigation%20of%20research%20misconduct.pdf)

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-40 annual report of the advisory council on the charter of students rights cover memo.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-40%20annual%20report%20of%20the%20advisory%20council%20on%20the%20charter%20of%20students%20rights%20cover%20memo.pdf)

The next meeting of Senate will take place on February 14, 2024. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,
Your librarian Senate reps,

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