

Senate Report, 2024-02-14

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on February 14, 2024.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Dean Fellows for Professor Emeritus Brian Collier and Professor Jerry Pelletier, and by Dean Yargeau for Professor Emeritus John Dealy.

Senate adopted the report of the Steering Committee

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee\\_23-24\\_06\\_updated.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_23-24_06_updated.pdf), the minutes of the January 2024 meeting of Senate

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate\\_minutes\\_january\\_17\\_2024\\_23-24\\_05.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_january_17_2024_23-24_05.pdf), and the agenda [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00\\_senate\\_agenda\\_february\\_14\\_2024.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_february_14_2024.pdf).

In his comments from the Chair, President Saini indicated that the Board of Governors has approved the appointment of McGill's next Chancellor, and that an announcement providing the details is expected to be made within a day or so after the Senate meeting. The President thanked Chancellor John McCall MacBain, whose term will end on June 30, 2024, for his service to the University. President Saini reported that last week he had met with Premier Legault and Minister of Higher Education Déry, with whom he had a frank discussion of all the issues touching McGill. McGill has been maintaining an open line of communication with the Quebec government. President Saini also noted the recent visit to the University of McGill alumnus Eric Girard, Quebec's Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for Relations with English-Speaking Quebecers, who participated in an armchair discussion hosted by the President.

Two written questions were submitted to Senate. The first question, from Senators Morrison and Garofalo, regarded decision-making on mitigating the impact of the

Quebec tuition increases and the French proficiency requirement; the response was provided by Provost Manfredi [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-41_question_and_response_regarding_decision-making_on_tuition_increases_and_french_proficiency.pdf)

[41\\_question\\_and\\_response\\_regarding\\_decision-making\\_on\\_tuition\\_increases\\_and\\_french\\_proficiency.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-41_question_and_response_regarding_decision-making_on_tuition_increases_and_french_proficiency.pdf). The second question, from Senators

Pastrana Mankovitz, Garofalo, and Diabo, regarded the New Vic Project and its reflection of the University's Academic Mission; the response was provided by Provost Manfredi

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-42_question_and_response_regarding_the_new_vic_project_and_its_reflection_of_the_universitys_academic_mission.pdf)

[42\\_question\\_and\\_response\\_regarding\\_the\\_new\\_vic\\_project\\_and\\_its\\_reflection\\_of\\_the\\_universitys\\_academic\\_mission.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-42_question_and_response_regarding_the_new_vic_project_and_its_reflection_of_the_universitys_academic_mission.pdf).

Senate approved the report of the Senate Nominating Committee

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-43\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_nominating\\_committee.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-43_report_of_the_senate_nominating_committee.pdf),

and received for information the 524th report of the Academic Policy Committee

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-44\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_academic\\_policy\\_committee.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-44_report_of_the_academic_policy_committee.pdf).

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

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-45\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_equity\\_diversity\\_and\\_inclusion\\_committee.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-45_report_of_the_equity_diversity_and_inclusion_committee.pdf)

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-46\\_annual\\_report\\_on\\_student\\_life\\_and\\_learning.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-46_annual_report_on_student_life_and_learning.pdf)

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-47\\_annual\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_ombudsperson\\_for\\_students.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-47_annual_report_of_the_ombudsperson_for_students.pdf)

The next meeting of Senate will take place on March 20, 2024. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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