

Senate Report, 2022-02-16

Colleagues,

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

The meeting began with Dean Hunter presenting a memorial tribute for Professor Michael Brecher, Dean Lennox presenting a memorial tribute for Professor James Fresco, and Dean Eidelman presenting a memorial tribute for Professor Joseph Milic-Emili.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/final_senate_minutes_january_19_2022.pdf, the report of the Steering Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_11.pdf and the agenda https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_february_16_2022_-_web.pdf.

In her remarks from the Chair, Principal Fortier noted the Quebec government's latest plans to gradually lift public health restrictions. Updates on the details of these plans will be emailed to the members of the McGill community. McGill's pandemic response will transition back from the Emergency Operations Centre to the Recovery and Operations Resumption committee. On the subject of community relations, the Principal indicated that the McGill administration has met with Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante, who supports and is enthusiastic about the New Vic and Fiat Lux projects. The federal and provincial budgets are coming up; work is being done by Universities Canada and BCI in anticipation of these budgets.

Senate received for information the latest report of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies (https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d21-36_covid_ad_hoc_report.pdf). Senate then held an open discussion on an update on the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee (https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d21-37_open_discussion.pdf).

Senate approved the most recent report of the Senate Nominating Committee https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d21-38_senate_nominating_report.pdf. The report included a proposal for the election of Senate representatives to serve on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor. It also included recommendations for the appointment of Carole Urbain, Joseph Hafner and Eamon Duffy to the University Tenure Committees (Senate Pool) for terms beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2025.

As its final items of business, Senate received for information the annual report of the Ombudsperson for Students https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d21-39_annual_report_of_the_ombudsperson_for_students.pdf and the annual report on Enrolment and on Strategic Enrolment Management https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d21-40_annual_report_on_strategic_enrolment_management.pdf.

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

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