

**FOCUS ON STUDENTS: Final Report, Appendix C**  
**Call for Submissions**  
**December 2006**

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The *Principal's Task Force on Student Life and Learning at McGill* aims to improve the deployment of the University's resources to enhance student life and learning. The Task Force is currently seeking written submissions from organizations and individuals across the McGill community – students, faculty members, staff, alumni, and friends – who have comments on today's conditions or suggestions for tomorrow's McGill. **The deadline for receipt of submissions is Saturday, October 15, 2005.**

McGill's mission is to provide an education of excellent quality to our students. Principal Munroe-Blum established the Task Force to assess our strengths in achieving this mission and, where needed, to make suggestions to strengthen and improve the services and support the University provides to students. It will arrive at recommendations after consultations, analysis and a review of McGill's practices and those of peer institutions. These recommendations will target issues of student life and learning of relevance across the whole McGill community.

The Task Force invites submissions on any issue of concern for its consideration, with particular emphasis on:

- ❖ **The place of students in the McGill community** – How can the University better support students in their academic pursuits? How can McGill better help its alumni use their learning upon graduation?
- ❖ **Administrative support and financial assistance** - What services should McGill offer to support the well being of students, such as financial support, the experience in residence, assistance in periods of personal crisis? What resources and programs are required for McGill to attract and retain talented students at all levels?
- ❖ **Diversity at McGill and the internationalisation of education** – How should McGill promote understanding and respect for diversity? How should McGill use its international stature to become an important center for the education of globally-minded scholars and citizens?
- ❖ **The Québec experience** – How do students from Québec and those from other parts of Canada and the world interact and advance their understanding of each other? What potential University initiatives would allow McGill to play a more valued role in its home city and province?
- ❖ **Communication and electronic support to assist student life and learning** – How can McGill best use communication methods and information technology to support the learning environment? How can we ensure that our information technology services are user-friendly, accessible, comprehensive and timely?

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The Task Force will not consider anonymous submissions. Issues of a particularly sensitive nature can be raised in confidence with Victoria Meikle, Special Assistant to the Principal, who will determine whether the matter might be put before the Task Force. Ms Meikle's address is: [victoria.meikle@mcgill.ca](mailto:victoria.meikle@mcgill.ca).

The Terms of Reference for *FOCUS ON STUDENTS: Principal's Task Force on Student Life and Learning at McGill* are available on the Principal's page of the University web site, at: [www.mcgill.ca/principal/focus](http://www.mcgill.ca/principal/focus).

For further information, or to submit comments and ideas, please contact [focusonstudents@mcgill.ca](mailto:focusonstudents@mcgill.ca) or:

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