
(Committee meeting of October 29, 2024, in preparation for Senate meeting of November 13, 2024)

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF SENATE

1.1 Minutes of Senate

Following review, the Steering Committee recommends that Senate approve the Minutes of the Senate meeting of October 16, 2024.

1.2 Speaking Rights

The Steering Committee recommends that Senate approve the granting of speaking rights to Mr. Denis Mondou, Associate Vice-President (Facilities Management and Ancillary Services), for item IIB6.2 (Annual Report of the Committee on Physical Development).

1.3 Meeting Agenda

Following review, the Steering Committee recommends that Senate approve the Agenda for the Senate meeting of November 13, 2024.

2. ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF SENATE

2.1 Confidential Minutes of Senate

Following review, the Steering Committee approved, with amendments, the confidential minutes of the Senate meeting of October 16, 2024, on behalf of Senate. These confidential minutes are not published or circulated, though they are available for perusal by Senators upon request made to the Secretariat.

2.2 Review of Questions and Motions

The Steering Committee received six questions to review for the Senate meeting of November 13, 2024. The deadline for the submission of questions and motions was 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

Please see the [Guidelines for the Review of Questions and Motions by the Senate Steering Committee](#).

2.3 Steering Committee Discussion Items

The Steering Committee received an overview of updates to the Senate Calendar of Business for 2024-2025.

2.4 Approval of the Report of the Senate Nominating Committee (October 28, 2024)

On October 28, 2024, the Steering Committee approved, on behalf of Senate, the Report of the Senate Nominating Committee (D24-18), which contained time-sensitive recommendations for appointments to the Advisory Council on the Charter of Students' Rights. The approval was granted in accordance with section 23 of the [Standing Rules of Procedure, Governing the Proceedings of the Senate of McGill University](#), which allow the Senate Steering Committee to carry out routine functions and deal with contingencies that arise between regular meetings of Senate.

2.5 Planning for upcoming Open Discussion

The agenda for the November 13, 2024, meeting includes six questions, which were accepted for a response by the Steering Committee at its meeting of October 29, 2024. The questions concern security on campus, freedom of expression, and student discipline, among other topics. Based on a review of the questions, the Steering Committee agreed to hold an Open Discussion on matters that are related to the questions. To facilitate the Open Discussion, Senators were invited to complete a Survey circulated by the Secretariat on November 6, 2024. It is anticipated that responses to said Survey will inform the format and content of the Open Discussion. Additional information will be provided in advance of the November 13, 2024, meeting of Senate.

Present: Abe Berglas, Beth-Ann Cummings, Elham Emami, Lara Khoury, Christopher Manfredi (*Acting Chair*), Laura Nilson, Marc Richard, Satish Kumar Tumulu

Regrets: Deep Saini (*Chair*)