MCGILL UNIVERSITY SENATE

Report of the Senate Steering Committee 22-23:06

SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE

(February 7, 2023, meeting, in preparation for Senate meeting of February 15, 2023)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the Senate meeting of January 18, 2023, were circulated to the Steering Committee for review. It is recommended that they now be considered by Senate for approval.

2. SPEAKING RIGHTS

The Steering Committee requests speaking rights for:

- Ms. Marie Cousineau, Legal Counsel, Labour and Employment, for item IIB4 (New Policy on the Use and Quality of the French Language);
- Professor Patricia Hewlin, Ombudsperson for Students, for item IIB5.2 (Annual Report of the Ombudsperson for Students); and
- Professor Celeste Pedri-Spade, Associate Provost (Indigenous Initiatives), for item IIB7 (Confidential Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee).

3. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The Steering Committee recommends that Senate hold a confidential session to receive item IIB7 (Confidential Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee).

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Steering Committee has reviewed the Agenda for the present meeting and recommends it for approval.

5. REVIEW OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

The Committee received one question for the Senate meeting of February 15, 2023. Following discussion, the Committee decided to accept the question noting, however, that since the question involves matters that are currently before the courts and involve confidential issues, the response can only include as much detail as is appropriate in this context. It was also noted that, while Senate is informed of updates regarding the New Vic Project, the Project falls under the purview of the Board of Governors.

Please see the <u>Guidelines for the Review of Questions and Motions by the Senate Steering Committee.</u>

6. APPROVAL OF DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND DIPLOMAS FOR SPRING 2023 CONVOCATION

Secretary's note: The Senate Steering Committee will convene in advance of the February 15, 2023, Senate meeting to review and approve the list of degrees, certificates, and diplomas.

Present: Angela Campbell, Lara Khoury, Andrew Kirk, Christopher Manfredi (Chair), Jim Nicell, Laura Nilson, Marc Richard, Kerry Yang.

Regrets: Fabrice Labeau, Dakota Rogers.