MCGILL UNIVERSITY SENATE



Report of the Board of Governors to Senate Senate Meeting of May 10, 2023 D22-73

The following report is presented to Senate for information.

Since last reporting to Senate on March 22, 2023, the Board of Governors met on April 20, 2023 and the Executive Committee of the Board met on March 23, 2023 and held an electronic vote on March 13, 2023.

Appendix A contains a series of appointments, promotions and grants of tenure, which were approved by either the Board of Governors or its Executive Committee.

Appendix B contains a series of appointments and reappointments to Board Standing Committees, Advisory Committees, internal and external non-Board bodies and committees arising out of University Regulations which have been approved by the Board of Governors or its Executive Committee.

The Board of Governors meeting documents are available at: https://www.mcgill.ca/boardofgovernors/meeting-documents

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of the Vice-Principal (Health Affairs) and Dean of the [GD22-62] Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, approved the appointment of Dr. Lesley Fellows as Vice-Principal (Health Affairs) and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of McGill University for a five-year term, renewable, commencing August 1, 2023 and ending July 31, 2028.

Dr. Fellows joined McGill's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in 2004 and is currently a Full Professor in the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery, as well as a Neurologist at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital (The Neuro) and the Royal Victoria Hospital at the McGill University Health Centre.

At the Faculty leadership level, she served as Chair of the Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery from 2010-2013, as the Faculty's Assistant Dean (Academic Affairs) from 2016 to 2018 and as Vice-Dean (Academic Affairs) since 2018.

2. Appointments to the Rank of Governor Emeriti [GD22-70]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, approved the appointments of Governor Claude Généreux and Governor Stephen Halperin to the rank of Governor Emeritus, commencing July 1, 2023. This honour is bestowed upon them in recognition of their exemplary service as Governors.

II. APPROVALS

1. Grant Agreements

1.1 Health Canada Contribution Agreement

[GD22-55]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), approved the Contribution Agreement between The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning/McGill University and Health Canada, valued at \$20 million in support of the "Dialogue McGill - Training and Retention of Health Professionals" project.

Health Canada has been funding this project through the Official Languages Health Program (OLHP) since 2004. Dialogue McGill is currently finishing its fourth funding phase (2018-2023) and successfully implemented the previous three phases with significant outputs. McGill University, through Dialogue McGill, has developed and implemented initiatives to build capacity of bilingual health and social service professionals that meet the evolving needs of English-speaking communities across Quebec.

1.2 Interinstitutional Agreement – CFI BRIF

[GD22-56]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), approved the inter-institutional agreement between The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning/McGill University and the McGill University Health Centre valued at up to \$10.15 million, in support of the project entitled "CL3 Capacity for Innovative Research and Training on Emerging and Reemerging Pathogens" awarded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation under the program Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund Phase 1 (CFI BRIF-1).

The awarded project will supply the essential infrastructure to upgrade the existing CL3 facilities on McGill campus and at the Research Institute of the MUHC (RI-MUHC). The increased capacity will allow for innovative research on high-risk pathogens and respond to emerging threats by enabling industry and government labs to rapidly make and validate the tools needed for Canada to prepare for future pandemic.

1.3 Interinstitutional Agreement - CFI MSI 2023

[ED22-22]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), approved the inter-institutional agreement between The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning/McGill University, the Hospital for Sick Children, and the University of British Columbia, up to \$12.5 million, in support of the Canada's Genomics Enterprise (CGen).

CGEn links these three nationally funded genomics centres with a goal to ensure that the highest quality and the most cost-effective whole genome sequencing is available to Canadian researchers. CGEn has been funded by CFI for operations since 2015 and a

proposal for renewal for an additional six years was submitted to the CFI MSI 2022 competition.

2. Update on Consultations regarding Review Period of SRI Practices [GD22-61]

The Board of Governors, pursuant to the Board Chair's consultation with the senior administration, the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) and the Investment Committee, authorized CAMSR to accelerate the 2025 review of SRI practices to take place effective immediately, on the understanding that CAMSR will submit a report, with any recommendations stemming from this review, to the Board of Governors by the end of the calendar year 2023. The Principal issued a message informing the McGill community of this decision.

3. Report of the Building and Property Committee

[ED22-26]

3.1.1 Project 16-135: Strathcona Music: Rehabilitation of Building Envelope (Lot 3 of 4)

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved to proceed with the construction of Lot 3 of 4 of Project 16-135: Strathcona Music –Rehabilitation of Building Envelope and to complete the design phase and proceed to tender for Lot 4 of 4 at a cost of \$2,006,138, bringing the total budget funded for this project to \$9,051,000.

3.1.2 Revisions to Project 17-121: Raymond Building Deferred Maintenance

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved an amendment to Project 17-121: Raymond Building – Deferred Maintenance at a cost of \$2,987,101 to bring the total project budget to date to \$50,400,000.

3.1.3 Burnside: Electrical Distribution and Infrastructure Upgrade [GD22-59]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Building and Property Committee, approve Lot 1 of 2 of Project 17-004: Electrical distribution and infrastructure upgrade in Burnside Hall at a cost of \$15,632,019 to bring the total project budget funded for this project to \$16,500,000.

3.1.4 Extension for Disposition of Property at Macdonald Campus – [GD22-59] Brittain Hall

Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Building and Property Committee, approved to extend by 12 months, to April 29, 2024, the timeframe for the sale of Brittain Hall and the land on which it stands to John Abbott College.

4. Report of the Finance Committee

[ED22-24]

4.1 Convention d'aide financière related to Federal Infrastructure Funding

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved the *Convention d'aide financière with the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur* for financial assistance in the amount of \$13,151,122 for the construction and renovation projects approved under the COVID-19 infrastructure resiliency component of the Integrated Bilateral Agreement (Quebec and Canada).

4.2 Revisions to the Funding Policy of the McGill University Pension Plan

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved the revisions to the <u>Funding Policy of the McGill University Pension Plan</u>.

4.3 Proposed McGill University Budget 2023-2024

[GD22-68]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved the proposed balanced budget for FY2024, as presented.

4.4 Maximum Borrowing Resolution for June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 [GD22-68]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved a maximum borrowing of up to \$400 million, for the twelve-month period from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

5. Report of the Investment Committee

[ED22-25]

5.1 Review of the MIP Currency Hedging strategy

On March 23, 2023, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Investment Committee, approved the revised currency hedging strategy consisting of the EUR hedging program and the USD optimized hedge ratio program, for the McGill Investment Pool as it was presented.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Investment Committee, approved the revisions to the <u>Statement of Investment Policy</u> (SIP) as they were presented, supporting the implementation of the EUR hedging program, effective on April 1, 2023.

[ED22-27]

6.1 Revisions to the Policy Concerning Smoking at McGill University

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, approved the revised <u>Policy Concerning Smoking at McGill University</u>.

The *Tobacco Control Act*, CQLR c L-6.2., as amended by the *Act to Bolster Tobacco Control*, SQ 2015, c 28, requires college- or university-level educational institutions to adopt a tobacco control policy geared toward establishing a smoke-free environment. At its meeting of December 2017, the Board of Governors approved the Policy effective May 1, 2018, following a nearly two-year community consultation and study period.

The Board of Governors receives and approves for submission to the *Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux* a biennial report on the application of the Policy in accordance with the law's reporting requirements. In accordance with the Policy on the Development and Review of Governing Documents, the Policy underwent a regularly scheduled review in 2022. Pursuant to this review, it was decided that the designated smoking areas would not be eliminated but rather maintained at least until the next review. Legal Services and Campus Public Safety were consulted on this revision which is, along with other revisions.

7. Report from Senate

[ED22-23]

7.1 McGill Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) By-Laws Repeal

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved to repeal the McGill Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) By-Laws.

The ILR was established in 1989 as a semi-autonomous, membership-based organization centered around peer learning. At its meeting of February 15, 2023, Senate approved the repeal of the current ILR By-Laws, which have been in place since 1996, and no longer reflect the current realities of the organization following a major restructuring of academic and administrative operations last year, including its name change from the ILR to the McGill Community for Lifelong Learning (MCLL).

The organization undertook an extensive review process to develop new By-Laws. As the original by By-Laws were approved by Senate and Board, Senate was asked to repeal them and recommend likewise to the Board of Governors. Under the new By-Laws, the MCLL will be under the purview of the School of Continuing Studies, which will be responsible for reviewing and approving any future amendments to the current By-Laws.

7.2 New Policy on the Use and Quality of the French Language

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved to repeal the 2004 *Policy on the Use and Quality of the French Language*, and subsequently approved a new policy of the same name.

The drafting of the new Policy was completed by a working group comprised of Legal Services, the Secretary-General and the Vice-Principal (Communications and External Relations) with input from a wide range of administrative units across the University. The new policy complies with the recently revised Charter of the French language and will be submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education by June 2023 for approval.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Biannual Report on the McGill University Master Plan

[GD22-60]

The Board of Governors also received as information a joint update from the Building and Property Committee and the Finance Committee on the implementation of the McGill University Master Plan from a real-estate and financial perspective. The Master Plan is a dynamic document and framework that guides the physical evolution of McGill over the short, medium and long term.

2. Report of the Investment Committee

[GD22-69]

The Investment Committee, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance), approved the submission of the 2022 Investment Committee Report on Socially Responsible Investing to the Board of Governors.

3. Overview of the Faculty of Science

[GD22-73]

The Board of Governors received, for information, a presentation on the activities, initiatives and developments of the Faculty of Science.

4. Board Committee Reports

The Board and its Executive Committee received the following Committee Reports:

- Report of the Building and Property Committee (meeting of March 13, 2023)
- Report of CAMSR (meeting of March 16, 2023)
- Report of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (meeting of March 23, 2023)
- Report of the Finance Committee (meeting of March 6, 2023)
- Report of the Human Resources Committee (meeting of March 21, 2023)
- Report of the Investment Committee (meeting of March 14, 2023)
- Report of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee (meeting of March 15, 2023)
- Report of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (meeting of April 17, 2023)
- Report of the Committee on Sustainability (meeting of April 5, 2023)

- Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting

4. Other Reports

- Annual Report on Enrolment and Strategic Enrolment Management
- Annual Report on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures (2021-2022)
- Report of the Advisory Council on Human Research Ethics (2021-22)
- Report from Senate (meetings of February 15, February 24, March 22 and April 19, 2023)
- Annual Report on the Policy against Sexual Violence (2021-2022)
- Annual Report on the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination (2021-2022)
- Key Performance Indicators 2022
- Annual Report on Research Innovation 2022

APPENDIX A: New Appointments, Promotions and Tenure

1. Appointment to the Rank of Full Librarian with Tenure

[ED22-15]

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	Effective Date
Lorie Kloda	N/A	McGill Libraries	April 17, 2023

2. Promotion to the Rank of Full Professor

[ED22-16]

<u>Name</u>	Department	Faculty	Effective Date
Kristin Norget	Anthropology	Arts	April 1, 2023
Mallar Chakravarty	Psychiatry	Medicine	April 1, 2023
Srividya Iyer	Psychiatry	Medicine	April 1, 2023
Erin Strumpf	Epidemiology, Biostatics & Occupational Health	Medicine	April 1, 2023

3. Appointment to the Rank of Associate Professor with Tenure

[GD22-53]

<u>Name</u>	Department	Faculty	Effective Date
Mark Ware	Family Medicine	Medicine and Health Sciences	May 1, 2023

4. Promotion to the Rank of Full Professor

[GD22-53]

<u>Name</u>	Department	Faculty	Effective Date
Marylise Boutros	Surgery	Medicine	May 1, 2023
Matthew Hunt	School of Physical and Occupational Therapy	Medicine	May 1, 2023
Miroslav Gilardino	Pediatric Surgery	Medicine	May 1, 2023
Giada Sebastiani	Gastroenterology and Hepatology / Infectious Diseases	Medicine	May 1, 2023

George Thanassoulis	Medicine	Medicine	May 1, 2023
Stella Daskalopoulou	Medicine	Medicine	May 1, 2023
Hongping Tan	N/A	Management	May 1, 2023
Liette Lapointe	N/A	Management	May 1, 2023
Veronique Morinville	Pediatrics	Medicine	May 1, 2023
Christine McCusker	Pediatrics	Medicine	May 1, 2023
Loydie Jerome-Majewska	Pediatrics	Medicine	May 1, 2023

<u>APPENDIX B:</u> Appointments and Reappointments to Board Standing Committees and Internal and External non-Board Bodies

The following appointments and reappointments were approved by the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.

1. Appointments to Board Standing Committees

[ED22-17]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, approved the following:

- The reappointment of Ms. Cynthia Price Verreault for one additional year as member and Chair of CAMSR with a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.
- The appointment of Ms. Debbie Fischer as a member of the Human Resources Committee with a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.
- The appointment of Mr. Saad Saade as a member of the IT Committee with a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.
- The appointment of Mr. Greg David as a member of the Investment Committee with a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.
- The appointment of Mr. Mark Taborsky as a member of the Investment Committee with a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.
- The reappointment of Mr. Stephen Halperin for one more year as member and Chair of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee with a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.
- The appointment of Mr. Mathieu Bouchard as a member of the Committee on Sustainability for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.
- The appointment of Mr. Moinak Banerjee as a PGSS representative on the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending August 31, 2023.

2. Appointments to Internal and External Non-Board Bodies

[ED22-17]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, approved the following:

- The reappointment of Professor Benoit Boulet, Associate Vice-Principal, Innovation and Partnerships, as a member of the MSBi Valorisation Board of Directors and as a member of Montreal InVivo Board of Governors for two-year terms commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2025.
- The appointment of Ms. Yolande James as a Trustee nominated jointly by McGill University and the Bronfman family with a term commencing April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2027.
- The NGE Committee was informed of the following appointments:
 - The Ministry appointed Professor Christopher Lyons to serve as a university representative on the Dawson College Board of Governors for a three-year term commencing January 18, 2023.
 - Ms. Cristiane Tinmouth was reappointed as a member designated jointly by the Principal and the Chair of the Board of Governors on the Pension and Administration Committee with a term commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2026.

3. Appointments to Health Care Bodies

[ED22-17]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, approved the following:

- The reappointments of Mr. Lawrence Tanenbaum and Ms. Stephanie Rossy as representatives of the Board of Governors on the MNI Advisory Board of Directors with terms commencing immediately and ending March 31, 2027.
- The termination of Mr. Tim Mt. Pleasant's appointment on the Research Ethics Board (REB)-1.

4. Appointments to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures

[GD22-65]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the reappointments of the following tenured staff members to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures for terms beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2024:

- Professor Rob Wisnovsky (Institute of Islamic Studies, ARTS)
- Professor Warren Gross (Electrical and Computer Engineering, ENGINEERING

¹ Mr. Mt. Pleasant was serving on the REB-I as a graduate student member representative. His student status ended on January 1, 2023 and is no longer eligible to serve.

5. Appointments to the University Appeals Committee

[GD22-65]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the appointments of the following members of the academic staff to the University Appeals Committee for terms beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2026:

- Professor Marc Pell (Microbiology and Immunology, FMHS)
- Professor Sonia Laszlo (Economics, ARTS)

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approve the reappointments of the following members of the academic staff to the University Appeals Committee for terms beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2026:

- Professor Peter Grutter (Physics, SCIENCE)
- Professor Timothy Kennedy (Anatomy and Cell Biology/Neurology and Neurosurgery, FMHS)
- Professor Stephane Laporte (Endocrinology/Experimental Medicine, FMHS)
- Professor Steven Jordan (Integrated Studies in Education, EDUCATION)