



(October 27, 2009 meeting, in preparation for Senate Meeting, November 4, 2009)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2009 have been circulated. It is recommended that they now be considered for approval.

2. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Steering Committee reports that it has scrutinized the confidential minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2009 and has approved them on behalf of Senate. These minutes are not published or circulated but are available for perusal by senators in the office of the Secretary of Senate.

3. SPEAKING RIGHTS

Steering Committee recommends that speaking rights be granted to Mr. Drew Love for item IIB1.1 (Anti-Doping Policy), Professor William Foster for item IIB1.2 (Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law), Professor Jim Nicell and Professor Nigel Roulet for item IIB1.3 (Sustainability Policy), Professor William Foster and Professor Rima Rozen for item IIB1.4 (Policy on the Conduct of Research), Professor Saul Frenkiel for item IIB2.1 (415th Report of the Academic Policy Committee), Professor William Foster for item IIB3.2 (Joint Senate Board Committee on Equity).

4. DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS

In accordance with its terms of reference, Senate Steering Committee, on October 14, 2009, approved in the name of Senate, the degrees, certificates and diplomas listed in Appendix A (attached document).

5. NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND THE STANDING RULES OF PROCEEDURE, GOVERNING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE OF MCGILL

Senate is hereby notified that the Senate Steering Committee will bring the following motion for Senate approval at the 2 December 2009 Senate meeting:

Be it resolved that Section III. of the Standing Rules of Procedure, Governing the Proceedings of the Senate of McGill University that reads: "Neither press nor spectators are permitted to bring cameras or other recording equipment to Senate meetings without the express permission of Senate" be amended to read, "Neither senators nor spectators, including members of the media, are permitted to use electronic devices at Senate for the purpose of recording sound or images during meetings, except with the express permission of Senate."

6. POTENTIAL ACADEMIC IMPACTS OF SELF-FUNDED PROGRAMS

Steering recommends that APC receive a report from the Dean of Management, and other relevant information as appropriate, concerning potential academic impacts of the self-funded MBA programs adopted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, for its discussion. APC will report the result of its exchanges to Senate, for discussion, providing at least an interim report by the end of the 2009-2010 academic year, paying particular attention to:

1. The principles that underscore the mission of the University as a publicly funded, research-intensive student-centred university, and how they would guide such initiatives, in particular if and when considered in the future.
2. The potential academic impacts of such initiatives, in particular in terms of academic quality, accessibility and student financial needs.
3. The impacts, if any, of the self-funded MBA model on the joint MBA programs with the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine and how they might be addressed.

Present: Professor Anthony Masi (Chair), Professor Kohur GowriSankaran, Mr. Gregg Blachford, Professor David Covo, Professor GowriSankaran, Professor Richard Janda, Ms. Rebecca Dooley, Ms. Dahlia Elshafie, Interim Secretary-General Line Thibault (Secretary), Mr. Jonathan Nordland

Regrets: Professor Heather Munroe-Blum, Professor Bernard Robaire