



# Memorandum

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**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** Mr. Stephen Stroppe, Secretary-General

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting

**DATE:** April 20, 2016

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**ACTION REQUIRED:**  INFORMATION     APPROVAL/DECISION

**ISSUE** Presentation of the report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees meeting held on March 22, 2016.

**BACKGROUND & RATIONALE**

Article 6.3.9.1 of the Statutes of McGill University stipulates as follows:  
*The Senate and Board of Governors shall hold an annual joint meeting in the fall term. At this meeting, the Principal, the Provost, the Deputy Provost, and the vice-principals, as appropriate, shall present for discussion matters they consider relevant to the University’s mission for the ensuing year.*

On March 22, 2016, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2016-17 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will be held on November 10, 2016.

The topic selected is “McGill’s Sustainability Plans and Initiatives”.

**PRIOR CONSULTATION**

Members of the Board of Governors and of Senate were asked to suggest potential topics in the evaluation form distributed at the last Joint Board-Senate meeting.

**SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

**IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS**

A working group will be struck to prepare background materials;  
The Joint Board-Senate meeting will take place on November 10, 2016

**MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL**

N/A

**APPENDICES**

Appendix A: Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting

**Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees - Meeting of March 22, 2016**

On March 22, 2016, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2016-2017 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will be held on November 10, 2016. The Committees considered a number of new and previously submitted topics and themes.

The Committees emphasized the need for the chosen topic to be relevant to both governance bodies and to the University's mission. Following a review of topics, members agreed that the topic for the 2016-2017 Joint Board-Senate meeting will be "McGill's Sustainability Plans and Initiatives".

The Committees agreed that the development of the topic should be guided by the interest for Senators and Governors to explore the idea of sustainability, and to have ample opportunity for focused discussions and exchanges.

The Principal will be coordinating a working group that is to develop the necessary background materials and plan the agenda of the Joint Board-Senate meeting.