

The following report is presented to Senate for information.

Since last reporting to Senate, the Board of Governors met on March 23 and April 21, 2016. The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors met on March 22, and held electronic votes on April 5 and April 29, 2016.

Appendix A contains a series of promotions and grants of tenure, which have been approved by the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors.

A. APPROVALS MADE BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Appointment of Member-at-Large of the Board of Governors

Further to approving the appointment of Ms. Maryse Bertrand as Member-at-Large at a previous meeting, the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, approved that Ms. Maryse Bertrand's five-year term of office as Member-at-Large of the Board of Governors begin May 1st, 2016 until June 30, 2021.

The Board of Governors approved Ms. Bertrand's appointment as a member-at-large in February 2016.

2. Appointment Dean of the Faculty of Law

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Principal, approved the appointment of Professor Robert Leckey as Dean of the Faculty of Law of McGill University for a term of five years, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2021.

3. Board Appointments to Advisory Committees

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

- the appointments of Mr. Claude Généreux, Mr. Ram Panda, Mrs. Kappy Flanders and Ms. Lili de Grandpré as representatives of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), and the appointment of Mr. Samuel Minzberg and as an alternate member;
- the appointments of Mr. Peter Coughlin, Mr. Mike Boychuk and Mr. Stuart (Kip) Cobbett as representatives of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Vice-Principal, Administration and Finance;

- the appointment of Mrs. Sally McDougall as a representative of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of the Dean of Students.

4. Appointments to Board Standing Committees

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

- the appointment of Mr. Victor Chisholm as a member of the Building and Property Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2017;
- the appointment of Ms. Cynthia Price as Chair of the Human Resources Committee for a term commencing July 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 to coincide with the end of her term on the Board of Governors;
- the appointment of Ms. Anik Lanthier as a member of the general public on the Investment Committee for a term commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2018.

5. Appointment to Health-Care Body

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee approved the appointment of Mr. Irving Ludmer as a member nominated by McGill University to the MNI and Hospital Advisory Board of Directors for a three-year term starting immediately and ending December 31, 2019.

6. Appointment to the University Appeals Committee

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the appointment of Professor Andrew Kirk (Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering) as a member of the University Appeals Committee, for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2019.

II. OTHER APPROVALS

1. Statement of Academic Freedom

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the [Statement of Academic Freedom](#).

2. Revision to the *Regulations Concerning Sabbatic Leaves for Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff*

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the revision to the *Regulations Concerning Sabbatic Leaves for Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff*. The revised regulations can be found on the [Secretariat Policies webpage](#).

3. Creation of the School of Public Policy within the Faculty of Arts

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the creation of the School of Public Policy within the Faculty of Arts.

4. Naming of University Assets

In accordance with the Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets, the Executive Committee approved two honorific naming proposals concerning the School of Public Policy in the Faculty of Arts, and the Department of Oncology in the Faculty of Medicine. The naming proposals were presented to the Executive Committee on the Principal's recommendation, following a review conducted of each proposal by an Ad Hoc Consultation Committee on Naming. The honorific naming of each entity will be announced in due course.

5. Servitude for a Gas Line at the Macdonald Campus

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved an underground servitude on the Macdonald Campus in favour of Gaz Métro, for an existing gas supply line and an underground extension to this line.

6. Revisions to Terms of Reference of Board Standing Committees

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee approved the revised terms of reference of the following Board Committees:

- Building and Property
- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Human Resources Committee
- Investment Committee
- Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee

7. Revisions to Statement of Investment Policy

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Investment Committee, revisions to the [Statement of Investment Policy](#).

8. McGill University Budget 2016-17

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved the 2016-17 McGill University Budget.

9. Maximum Borrowing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved a maximum borrowing of up to \$300 million, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.

10. Submission to the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Initiative Fund (SIF)

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved, in principle, priority construction and renovation projects and their submission for funding to the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Initiative Fund (SIF).

11. Call for Tenders for Laboratory Supplies

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance), authorized McGill University to participate in a public call for tenders managed by Groupe d'approvisionnement en commun de l'Est-du-Québec (GACEQ) for the purchase of laboratory supplies, for a maximum term of two years, at an estimated value of \$4.5 million per year before taxes.

12. CAMSR Report and Recommendations on Divest McGill Submission Concerning Fossil Fuels

The Board of Governors received the CAMSR Report on the Divest McGill Submission concerning fossil fuels on March 23, 2016. CAMSR reviewed the request for divestment extensively and obtained input from a variety of members of the McGill community. CAMSR found that social injury as defined in its terms of reference has not been established. CAMSR concluded that there was no basis to recommend divestment, and that divestment would not be an effective action to address climate change.

The CAMSR Report recognized that fossil fuels at this time are essential to daily life throughout the world. It also acknowledged that climate change is an important issue for the world and McGill, and that the University needs to do more to address climate change and sustainability.

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of CAMSR, endorsed the recommendations listed on page 15 of the CAMSR Report. The recommendations are as follows:

CAMSR proposes that the Board ask the Investment Committee, while exercising its fiduciary duty, to consider and report back on measures such as set out below, by December 2016.

- Establishing a socially responsible investment fund option for donors interested in such an option - similar to the fund established for pension investments.
- Looking at opportunities for, and supporting, sound investments in alternative (renewable) energy firms, alternative technology development and commercialization.
- Developing ESG principles and guidelines for endowment investments.
- Asking investment managers to report annually on ESG and UNPRI implementation and compliance, which will in turn be reported to the Board.
- Supporting and initiating shareholder resolutions to encourage changes in company practices deemed inconsistent with ESG and UNPRI.

CAMSR also proposes that the Board ask the University administration to provide it by the May 2016 meeting with a preliminary overview of all current sustainability and

climate-related activities. This overview would form the basis for the Board and senior administration to work collaboratively on further integrating and expanding initiatives, consistent with the McGill mission, to create a comprehensive climate action plan. CAMSR also proposes that the Board ask the University administration to report annually to the Board on all sustainability and climate initiatives. Such initiatives would encompass, but not be limited to:

- Sustainability research and education across all fields of study, efforts to advance understanding of climate change and promote innovative mitigation and adaptation solutions.
- Ongoing implementation of Vision 2020 and the development of a further sustainability strategic plan and action plan for 2017-2020.
- Projects to quantify and reduce McGill's own carbon footprint that set measurable goals and contain indicators of performance and progress.

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The Board of Governors and the Executive Committee received the following reports:

- Discussion of CAMSR Report and Recommendations
- Report of the Executive Committee and Senate Steering Committee
- Presentation on the research activities of Professor Andrew Piper, German and European Literature and Art History and Communication Studies, Faculty of Arts
- Annual Report from Advisory Council on Human Research Ethics (2014-15)
- CAMSR Report to the Board on Divest McGill submission of February 2015 - March 17, 2016
- Annual Report on Enrolment and Strategic Enrolment Management (2014-15)

2. Since last reporting to Senate, the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee received reports from the following governance bodies:

- Building and Property Committee (meetings of March 31 and April 21, 2016)
- Human Resources Committee (meeting of April 7, 2016)
- Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee (meeting of April 14, 2016)
- Investment Committee (meetings of February 18 and April 12, 2016)
- Executive Committee (meeting of March 22, 2016 and e-votes of January 11, February 26 and April 5, 2016)
- Report from Senate (meetings of February 17 and March 23, 2016)
- Finance Committee (meeting of April 19, 2016)
- Investment Committee (meetings of February 18 and April 12, 2016)

APPENDIX A: New Promotions and the Grant of Tenure

The following appointments and promotions were approved by the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors on the dates indicated below.

1. Promotion to the Rank of Full Professor (Approvals of April 21, 2016)

The Board of Governors approved the promotion of the following academics to the rank of Full Professor.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
John Kimoff	Medicine	Medicine	May 1, 2016
Alain Bitton (Clinical)	Medicine	Medicine	May 1, 2016
Jean Louis Hagerty	Family Medicine	Medicine	May 1, 2016
Karsten Steinhauer	Communication Sciences & Disorders	Medicine	May 1, 2016
Alexander Thiel	Neurology & Neurosurgery	Medicine	May 1, 2016
Peter Bartello	Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences and Mathematics & Statistics	Science	May 1, 2016
Frederic Guichard	Biology	Science	May 1, 2016
Gregor Fussmann	Biology	Science	May 1, 2016
Karine Auclair	Chemistry	Science	May 1, 2016
Gonzalo Cosa	Chemistry	Science	May 1, 2016

2. **Promotion to the Rank of Full Professor** (Approval of March 22, 2016)

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved the promotion of the following candidates to the rank of Full Professor.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jean-François Cloutier	Neurology & Neurosurgery	Medicine	April 1, 2016
Edward Ruthazer	Neurology & Neurosurgery	Medicine	April 1, 2016
Keith Murai	Neurology & Neurosurgery and Medicine	Medicine	April 1, 2016
Peter Chan	Surgery	Medicine	April 1, 2016
Baerbel Knauper	Psychology	Science	April 1, 2016
Msoud Asharian	Mathematics & Statistics	Science	April 1, 2016
Joann Whalen	Natural Resource Science	Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	April 1, 2016
Lyle Whyte	Natural Resources Sciences	Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	April 1, 2016
Jamshid Beheshti	School of Information Studies	Arts	April 1, 2016
David Brackett	Music Research	Music	April 1, 2016
Charmaine Nelson	Art History & Communication Studies	Arts	April 1, 2016

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