



Memorandum

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

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ACTION REQUIRED: INFORMATION APPROVAL/DECISION

ISSUE This item is presented to report on the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees meeting held on March 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Article 6.3.9.1 of the Statutes of McGill University states:
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 30, 2017, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2017-18 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will be held on November 15, 2017.

The topic selected is “Building stronger communities and citizenship through mentorship”.

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

Sustainability factors will inform development of the theme.

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 15, 2017

MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL

This item is presented for information.

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 30, 2017

On March 30, 2017, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2017-2018 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will be held on November 15, 2017. 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 2017-2018 Joint Board-Senate meeting will be "Building stronger communities and citizenship through mentorship" giving ample opportunity for focused discussions and exchanges.

The Committees agreed that the development of the topic should be guided by the interest for Senators and Governors to explore a number of ideas including the following: models of mentorship and opportunities available for students, administrative and academic staff, mentorship as a tool for engaging the unengaged, mentorship as a driver for greater connectivity within McGill and beyond, including McGill alumni, friends and partners and mentorship as a tool for promoting a culture of citizenship.

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.