

# Memorandum

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**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** Ms. Edyta Rogowska, Secretary-General

**SUBJECT:** Report from the Board of Governors to Senate

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**ACTION REQUIRED:** ☒ INFORMATION ☐ APPROVAL/DECISION

<b>ISSUE</b>	The Report of the Board of Governors on the Board meetings of December 13, 2018 as well as the Executive Committee meetings of October 29 and e-vote of December 18, 2018, is presented to Senate for information.
<b>BACKGROUND &amp; RATIONALE</b>	<p>A Report from the Board of Governors to Senate is provided on a quarterly basis in order to keep Senate apprised of the Board's activities.</p> <p>The last report was presented to Senate on October 24 , 2018.</p>
<b>PRIOR CONSULTATION</b>	N/A
<b>SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS</b>	The Report allows for a sustainable framework that provides continuous reporting between the Board of Governors and Senate.
<b>IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS</b>	The next report will be presented to Senate in March 2019.
<b>MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL</b>	This item is presented for information.
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix A: Report of the Board of Governors to Senate



The following report is presented to Senate for information.

Since last reporting to Senate on October 24, 2018, the Board of Governors met on December 13, 2018. The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors met on October 29, 2018 and held an electronic vote on December 18, 2018.

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

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

The Board of Governors meeting documents are available at:  
<https://www.mcgill.ca/boardofgovernors/2018-2019-meeting-documents>

## **I. APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. Reappointment of the Dean of the Faculty of Education**

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Principal and following the advice of the Advisory Committee that had been established to consider the reappointment of the Dean, approved the reappointment of Professor Dilson Rassier as Dean of the Faculty of Education of McGill University for a second five-year term, commencing July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2024.

## **II. OTHER APPROVALS**

### **1. Report of the Building and Property Committee**

#### **1.1 Plan décennal des investissements universitaires 2019-2029**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved the submission of the *Plan décennal des investissements universitaires* (PDIU) 2019-2029 to the *Ministère de l'Économie, de la Science et de l'Innovation* (MESI) and the *Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur* (MEES). The PDIU serves as a guideline to the Government of Quebec of all capital projects the University is considering moving forward with over the next ten years.

## **1.2 Revision of servitude path to City of Montreal for provision of water at Macdonald Campus**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved an amendment to an agreement of servitude with the City of Montreal for provision of water at Macdonald Campus. The initial agreement of servitude was approved by the Executive Committee of the Board in 2008, and signed by the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance) in 2011. The City of Montreal discovered that the site contemplated by the originally agreed upon servitude was erroneously designated as property belonging to the University. Revisions to the servitude agreement have been implemented to identify the correct path.

## **1.3 Extension for Disposal of Property at Macdonald Campus – Brittain Hall**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved to extend by 6 months (to April 26, 2019), the timeframe for the sale of Brittain Hall and the land on which it stands to John Abbott College. The transaction with the Government of Quebec was delayed mainly because of a provincial government slowdown precipitated by the 2018 Quebec general election, which was held on October 1. This 6-month extension was necessary to allow sufficient time for the incoming government to name its cabinet, including a new Minister of Higher Education, who could then authorize completion of the transaction.

## **1.4 Additional Leased Space at 2001 McGill College**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved to exercise an expansion option under the lease with Cominar at 2001 McGill College for an additional 42,200 ft<sup>2</sup> to house the Faculty of Medicine's School of Population and Global Health. The lease term is for a period of 14 years and 4 months.

## **2. Funding Agreement for Royal Victoria Hospital Redevelopment Project and Related Contracts**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance), approved the *Convention d'aide financière* (Funding Agreement) between McGill and the Government of Quebec for the University's receipt of a financial contribution of \$37M in support of the next phase of the Royal Victoria Hospital Site Redevelopment project. The Funding Agreement defines what will constitute an eligible and non-eligible project expense, and outlines the Government's and McGill's respective obligations with respect to the financial contribution.

The Board was subsequently informed that the funding agreement has since been executed and remains conditional on the signing of a *protocole d'entente* (Memorandum of Understanding) on the project's governance structure by the University, the *Ministère*

de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES), and the *Société québécoise des infrastructures* (SQI). The Board also received an updated timeline for the development of the McGill Pavilion on the RVH site and was informed of plans to establish the site master plan by January 2021.

### **3. CFI Grant Agreement – Eastern Canadian Plant Phenotyping Platform**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), approved the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Grant Agreement for the Eastern Canadian Plant Phenotyping Platform (ECP3). This grant agreement is valued at \$27.4M and will establish a new facility to support research on climate change mitigation and technologies that reduce the impact of agriculture on the environment.

### **4. Competitive Tender for the Provision of Food Services**

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Interim Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning), authorized McGill University to launch a competitive tender process for the provision of food services for the University over a five year period beginning June 1, 2019, with a five year extension option. The Board also authorized the Interim Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) to sign the resulting contract and all other documents related to the competitive tender, provided that Legal Services review them.

### **5. Report from Senate**

#### **7.1 Department Name Change**

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the renaming of the Department of Ophthalmology to Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

#### **7.2 Consolidation of *Sustainability Policy* and *Environmental Policy***

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the revised *Sustainability Policy*, and the repeal of the *Environmental Policy*.

## **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **1. Update on CAMSR's Activities**

At its meeting on October 22, 2018, the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) discussed the motion concerning divestment from the fossil fuel industry that had been approved by Senate, and determined that it would review the issue of divestment from the fossil fuel industry, including the current context and recent developments regarding climate change and socially responsible investments (SRI), as related to University endowment investments. The Committee's work include consultations with members of the community and experts, and consideration of best

practices in responsible investment. It will culminate in the submission of a report to the Board.

CAMSR met again on December 3, 2018 and held consultation sessions with:

- Representatives of Senate
- Representatives of the Investment Committee of the Board of Governors, and Office of Investments
- Representatives of Student Associations (SSMU, PGSS and MCSS)
- Members of the Board of Governors who requested to speak to CAMSR
- Representatives of Divest McGill

Additional consultation sessions are scheduled for the Committee's meeting of February 18, 2019. The Committee will make every effort to submit its report to the Board of Governors by the last Board meeting of 2019.

The Committee will continue to provide updates of its work to the Board and to Senate at future meetings and to post information concerning its activities and plans on the [Secretariat's website](#).

## **2. Budget Planning 2019 – 2020: Report I**

The Board of Governors received an overview of the budget planning exercise for FY2020. A report on the budget planning process was presented to Senate at its meeting of December 5, 2018.

## **3. Update on the Recruitment to Retirement Project (R2R)**

The Board was informed that this project continues to be of strategic importance to the University and the replacement of its Human Resources Information System (HRIS) remains necessary. The Committee was informed that organizational changes were made to the project team and that work on the project is currently slowed down as the project is being reassessed. It is anticipated that the IT Committee will consider a recommendation with respect to the project at its meeting in February 2019.

## **4. Board Committee Reports**

The Board received the following Committee Reports:

- Report of the Executive Committee (meeting of October 29, 2018)
- Report of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee (meetings of November 19, and December 3, 2018)
- Report of the Finance Committee (Meeting of November 20, 2018)
- Report of the Building and Property Committee (meetings of October 23 and December 7, 2018)
- Report of the Human Resources Committee (meeting of October 22, 2018)
- Report of the Joint Board-Senate Meeting (meeting of November 14, 2018)

- Report of the Information Technology Committee (meeting of November 15, 2018)
- Report of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility Activities (meeting of October 22 and December 3, 2018).
- Report from Senate (meeting of December 5, 2018)
- Report of the Investment Committee (meeting of December 11)

## **5. Other Reports**

- Presentation on the Faculty of Law
- Report from Senate (meeting of October 24, 2018)
- 2017-18 Annual Report of the Joint Board Senate Committee on Equity
- Annual Report on Named Recognition
- Annual Report Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct
- Annual Report on McGill Sustainability and Climate Initiatives
- Annual Report of University Advancement

## **APPENDIX A: New Appointments, Promotions and Tenure**

The following appointments and promotions were approved by the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors:

### **1. Promotion to the Rank of Full Professor**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Arash Abizadeh	Political Science	Arts	November 1, 2018
Catherine Lu	Political Science	Arts	November 1, 2018
Shariff Shaheen	Integrated Studies	Education	November 1, 2018
Josée Dostie	Biochemistry	Medicine	November 1, 2018
Bhushan Nagar	Biochemistry	Medicine	November 1, 2018
Kevin Lachapelle (CAS)	Surgery	Medicine	January 1, 2019
Galen Halverson	Earth & Planetary Sciences	Science	January 1, 2019
Dan Poenaru (CAS)	Surgery	Medicine	January 1, 2019

### **2. Appointment to the Rank of Associate Professor with Tenure**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Maxime Cohen	Bensadoun School of Retail Management	Management	1 January 2019

### **3. Appointment to the Rank of Associate Professor with Tenure**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Kilpatrick, Kelley	Ingram School of Nursing	Medicine	1 January 2019

### **4. Appointment to the Rank of Full Professor with Tenure**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Faculty</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Vincent Mooser	Human Genetics	Medicine	1 August 2019



## **APPENDIX B: Appointments and Reappointments to Board Standing Committees, Internal and External non-Board Bodies, Healthcare Bodies, and Committees Arising from University Regulations**

The following appointments and reappointments were approved, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, by the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors:

### **1. Appointments to Board Standing Committees**

- The appointment of Mr. Ram Panda as Chair of the Information Technology (IT) Committee of the Board of Governors for a three-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2021;
- The appointments of Ms. Martine Turcotte (member-at-large), Mr. Alan Desnoyers (representative of Alumni Association on the Board), Ms. Samira Sakhia (member-at-large), Mr. Ehab Lotayef (representative of administrative and support staff on the Board), Professor David Harpp (representative of Senate on the Board), Mr. Pierre Turcotte (member of the general public) and Mr. Howard Stotland (member of the general public) as members of the Information Technology (IT) Committee of the Board of Governors for three-year terms beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2021;
- The appointment of Mr. Richard “Tre” Mansdoerfer as a student member of the Information Technology (IT) Committee of the Board of Governors for a one-year term beginning immediately and ending May 31, 2019.

### **2. Appointments to Advisory Committees**

- The appointments of Mr. Sam Minzberg, Mr. Stuart (Kip) Cobbett, Mr. Stephen Halperin and Ms. Samira Sakhia as representatives of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Deputy Provost Student Life and Learning, and the appointment of Ms. Maarika Paul as an alternate member.
- The appointment of Professor Edith Zorychta as a representative of the Board of Governors on the Advisory Committee for the Selection of an Ombudsperson, and the appointment of Mr. Pierre Matuszewski as an alternate member.

### **3. Appointments to Internal and External Non-Board Bodies**

- The following reappointments to the Pension Administration Committee:
  - The reappointment of Ms. Kimberley Holden as a member designated by the Board of Governors on the Pension Administration Committee for a three year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021.

- The reappointment of Mr. Pierre Lavigne as an Independent Member (appointed by the Board of Governors pursuant to advice from the Pension Administration Committee) for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021.

#### **4. Appointments to Healthcare Bodies**

- The reappointment of Mr. Lawrence Tanenbaum as representative of the Board of Governors to the Montreal Neurological Institute Advisory Board for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2022.

#### **5. Appointments to Committees Arising out of University Regulations**

- The appointment of Professor Emine Sarigöllü (Desautels Faculty of Management) to the University Appeals Committee, for a term beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2021.