



# 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

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<b>ISSUE</b>	The Report of the Board of Governors on the February 14, 2019 Board meeting and the February 11, 2019 Executive Committee meeting is presented to Senate for information.
<b>BACKGROUND &amp; RATIONALE</b>	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.  The last report was presented to Senate on January 16 , 2019.
<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 May 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

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The following report is presented to Senate for information.

Since last reporting to Senate on January 16, 2019, the Board of Governors met on February 14, 2019. The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors met on February 11, 2019.

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.

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

## **I. APPROVALS**

### **1. Strategic Research Plan** [GD18-33]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), endorsed the McGill Strategic Research Plan (2019 to 2024) (SRP). The SRP expresses McGill's core commitments to research, identifies ongoing Research Excellence Themes, and outlines the implementation strategy and objectives over the next five years. Senate received this item on January 16, 2019.

### **2. Approval of University Gift Agreement** [ED18-20]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors approved an agreement between McGill University and the McCall MacBain Scholarships at McGill Corporation supporting the establishment of a \$200-million McCall MacBain Scholarships Program for graduate students. This Scholarship Program will be administered by the McCall MacBain Foundation and the first cohort of scholars will begin their studies at McGill in the fall of 2021.

### **3. Honorific Naming Proposals** [ED18-24]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, and pursuant to advice of an ad hoc committee established under the Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets, approved naming proposals concerning University assets. Notably, the Committee approved to name the McGill Institute for Global Food Security the "Margaret A. Gilliam Institute for Global Food Security / Institut pour la sécurité alimentaire mondiale Margaret A. Gilliam". The naming recognizes Ms. Gilliam's gift, which supports the University's initiatives to tackle global food and nutrition challenges and seek long-term answers for sustainable agricultural production.

**4. Renovation Project related to CERC in Human Pain Genetics Lot 1** [GD18-36]

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, approved, in principle, the Human Pain Genetics (Canada Excellence Research Chairs - CERC) Renovation Project at the Lyman Duff Medical Building. The Building houses labs and facilities for several departments, including the Sheldon Biotechnology Centre located in its Gatehouse. The renovation project stems from McGill's desire to bring together researchers from different disciplines into a single location dedicated to pain research.

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, also approved funding for design completion and to proceed with Lot 1 of the CERC Renovation project (which consists of interior demolition work).

**5. Recruitment to Retirement (R2R) Project**

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Information Technology (IT) Committee, approved a revised project for the R2R program consisting of a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) approach to the implementation of the Workday solution to replace the University's Human Resources Information System (HRIS). Such an approach will control costs and ensure that in the immediate term, the University's baseline human resources needs are met. Furthermore, the MVP itself will allow for the possibility of adding additional features and functionalities in the future. The project is on track for a July 2020 implementation.

**6. Report from Senate** [GD18-34]

**6.1 Proposed Revisions to the *Regulation on the Conduct of Research***

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the proposed revisions to the [\*Regulation on the Conduct of Research\*](#).

**6.2 Creation of the Institute of Health Sciences Education**

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the creation of the Institute of Health Sciences Education / Institut d'éducation en sciences de la santé.

### 6.3 Renaming of the Département de langues et littératures françaises

The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the renaming of the *Département de langues et littératures françaises* to *Département des littératures de langue française, de traduction et de création*.

## II. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 1. Budget Planning 2019-20 Report II [GD18-37]

The Board of Governors received the second of three presentations concerning the FY2020 University budget. The McGill University Budget (Budget Planning III) will be presented to the Board for approval on April 25, 2019.

Senate will receive the Budget Planning 2019-2020 Report II on March 27, 2019.

### 2. Progress Report on Key Performance Indicators [GD18-35]

The Board of Governors received the annual progress report on Key Performance Indicators for 2018, which set targets and track the progress of its strategic priorities in academia, research, finance, administration, and advancement.

### 3. Annual Report of the Committee on Student Discipline (2017-18) [GD18-39]

In accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures, the Board received the annual Report of the Committee on Student Discipline.

### 4. Board Committee Reports

The Board received the following Committee Reports:

- Report of the Human Resources Committee (meeting of December 20, 2018)
- Report of the Building and Property Committee (meeting of January 29, 2019)
- Report of the Finance Committee (meeting of February 12, 2019)
- Report of the Audit Committee (meeting of February 5, 2019)
- Report of the IT Committee (meeting of February 4, 2019)
- Report of the Executive Committee (meeting of February 11, 2019 and e-vote that concluded on December 18, 2018)

## **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. Appointment to the Rank of Full Professor**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nathan Luedtke	Chemistry	Science	1 August 2019

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Thompson, Debra	Political Science	Arts	July 1, 2020

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rula Abisaab	Institute of Islamic Studies	Arts	March 1, 2019
Frédéric Mégret	n/a	Law	March 1, 2019
Payam Akhavan	n/a	Law	March 1, 2019
Mohamed Meguid	Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics	Engineering	March 1, 2019
Colin Rogers	Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics	Engineering	March 1, 2019