

(November 8, 2016 meeting, in preparation for Senate meeting of November 23, 2016)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the Senate meeting of October 19, 2016 were circulated to the Steering Committee, and the Steering Committee provided feedback, which was incorporated in the minutes. It is recommended that they now be considered by Senate for approval.

2. APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF SENATE

The Steering Committee reports that it has reviewed the confidential minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2016 and has approved them on behalf of Senate. These minutes are not published or circulated but are available for perusal by Senators in the Secretariat.

3. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The Steering Committee recommends that Senate hold a confidential session for discussion of item IIB9, Report of Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee (D16-26).

4. SENATE OPEN DISCUSSION (NOVEMBER 2016)

The Steering Committee agreed to schedule an open discussion on November 23, 2016. Following a review of topics, the Steering Committee selected the following topic for the discussion scheduled for November 23, 2016: Preparing PhD Students for Careers Inside and Outside Academia.

5. SENATE QUESTIONS

The Senate Steering Committee reviewed the follow-up questions submitted by Senators Hébert and Quitariano regarding engaging the broader McGill community on issues of importance. Based on consultations with Senators Hébert and Quitariano, it was agreed that the questions would be answered at another venue.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Steering Committee has reviewed the Agenda for the present meeting and recommends it for approval.

Present: Suzanne Fortier (*Chair*); Nicholas Dunn, Kalle Gehring, Terry Hébert, Christopher Manfredi, Jim Nicell, Marc Richard, Bernard Robaire, Edyta Rogowska (*Secretary*), and Erin Sobat.

Regrets: Nigel Roulet