



(April 10, 2018 meeting, in preparation for Senate meeting of April 19, 2018)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the Senate meeting of March 28, 2018 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 reviewed the confidential minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2018 and has approved them on behalf of Senate. These minutes are not published or circulated but are available for perusal by Senators upon request at the Secretariat.

3. SPEAKING RIGHTS

The Senate Steering Committee requests speaking rights for Mr. Bradley Tucker, Executive Director, Analysis, Planning and Budget, for item IIB1 (Presentation on the McGill University Budget 2018-2019).

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. REVIEW OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

The Senate Steering Committee received a question from Senators Anjum and Wali regarding access to education and a motion from Senator Mikkelson regarding divestment from fossil fuel. The Committee reviewed the question and approved it, as amended, for submission to Senate. In the context of the Committee's review of the motion, several viewpoints were shared and the question of the motion's admissibility to Senate was raised. Following thorough discussion, the motion was sent back to Senator Mikkelson with a suggestion that it be redrafted to outline, more clearly, the academic significance of the matter raised, with the objective of considering it at the Committee's May meeting.

6. DEBRIEF ON FEBRUARY 2018 OPEN DISCUSSION

The Senate Steering Committee reflected on the format of the February 21, 2018 open discussion on "The Engaged Classroom in a Digital World" and how future open discussions could be enhanced. Suggestions included allocating more time for Senators to report back when using the small group discussions format; holding the open discussion in two parts (focusing on group discussions at one meeting and action items at the subsequent meeting); and allowing for short statements by Senators. The Committee also discussed its role in selecting open discussion topics, noting the objective of ensuring meaningful discussions and an exchange of ideas that are relevant

to Senate's academic mandate. The Committee also considered the suitability of having open discussions in the Senate chamber and agreed that, although not ideal, it is possible to work within the constraints of the room.

Present: Angela Campbell, Nicholas Dunn, Kenneth Hastings, Terry Hébert, Christopher Manfredi (*Acting Chair*), Jim Nicell, Isabelle Oke, Marc Richard, Edyta Rogowska (*Secretary*), Nigel Roulet.

Regrets: Suzanne Fortier (*Chair*).