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Meeting of February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
Room 388, Macdonald Engineering Building

**Present:** Anthony C. Masi (Chair), Joshua Abaki, Alexandra Bishop, Martin Grant, Johanne Hebert, Chandra Madramootoo, Christopher Manfredi, Kathryn Peterson, Christophe Pierre, Alenoush Saroyan, Edith Zorychta, Stephen Strople (Secretary).

**Regrets:** Heather Munroe-Blum, Jacques Hurtubise, Juliet Johnson, Martin Kreiswirth, John Kurien, Richard Levin, Kevin McDonough, Arun Misra, Honora Shaughnessy.

*Note to Members:*

- *Each committee listing below begins with an “Action”, calling attention to the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Senate approval.*
- *The names shown underlined are recommended by the Nominating Committee for Senate approval.*

## **SENATE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Committee on the Rights of Senate**

*Action: Approve the proposed terms of reference for the Committee on the Rights of Senate.*

At the May 20, 2009 meeting of Senate, the Nominating Committee presented a report recommending approval of amendments to Senate Standing Committees' terms of reference with the exception of the Committee on the Rights of Senate. Subsequently, the Committee on the Rights of Senate completed its review and submitted its proposal for amendments to its terms of reference in August 2010.

Professor Adelle Blackett, Chair of the Committee during the 2009-2010 academic year, attended a meeting of the Nominating Committee on October 5, 2010 to present the proposal and answer questions. The Nominating Committee discussed amendments to the terms of reference of the Committee on the Rights of Senate at its ensuing meetings on November 3, November 23, December 7, 2010 and February 2, 2011.

During its extensive discussion, the Nominating Committee learned that the Committee on the Rights of Senate had met infrequently in the 40 years since its establishment in 1971, and discussed whether in future it should be a standing or ad hoc committee of Senate. It also noted that the revisions to the terms of reference proposed by the Committee on the Rights of Senate were broad and appeared to expand the Committee's mandate beyond its originally intended purpose. The Committee concluded that the revisions to the terms of reference should be aligned with the Committee's intended purpose as set out in the Senate Standing Rules of Procedure. Dean Manfredi undertook the drafting of revised terms of reference with input from members of the Nominating Committee. Revisions were made to the proposed terms of reference as a result of further review and discussion by the Nominating Committee.

At its meeting of February 2, the Nominating Committee decided unanimously to recommend to Senate approval of the revised terms of reference attached as Appendix. In summary the proposed revisions maintain the Committee on the Right so Senate as a standing committee and bring its mandate into alignment with Section XIX of the Senate Standing Rules of Procedure. The composition of the committee has been modified to six Senators in line with the recommendation of the Committee on the Rights of Senate , and will allow for the possible appointment of Librarians since they are considered members of the academic staff.

## **Proposed Terms of Reference**

### *Jurisdiction*

1. The Committee on the Rights of Senate is established to enforce the rights of Senate as set out in Part XIX of the Standing Rules of Procedure, Governing the Proceedings of the Senate of McGill University.
2. The Committee on the Rights of Senate shall exercise its jurisdiction only upon receipt of a complaint made in accordance with Section C of Part XIX.

### *Composition*

3. The Committee on the Rights of Senate shall be a standing committee of Senate comprised of six (6) Senators serving renewable three year terms, except the students who shall serve a one year term. The Committee on the Rights of Senate shall:
  - i. be appointed by Senate on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee;
  - ii. include a Senator who is a tenured professor in the Faculty of Law;
  - iii. include three other Senators who are members of the academic staff;
  - iv. include one student Senator;
  - v. include one Senator who is an administrative and support staff member;
  - vi. be chaired by a tenured member of academic staff, elected by simple majority of its members;
  - vii. have a quorum consisting of the majority of its members.

### *Conflicts of Interest*

4. If any member of the Committee on the Rights of Senate has a conflict of interest or apparent conflict of interest in a matter referred to it, that member shall recuse himself or herself immediately.

### *Powers of the Committee*

5. The Committee on the Rights of Senate shall study every matter duly referred to it.
  - a. It shall report its findings to Senate.
  - b. It may recommend further actions, including temporary exclusion from Senate, expulsion from Senate, or the institution of disciplinary proceedings by the appropriate University bodies.
6. The Committee shall have the power to hold open or closed sessions.

## **Existing Terms of Reference**

1. A breach of the rights of Senate consists in such improper obstruction, including intentional untruthful statement or representation by a member, or attempt at or threat of obstruction, of Senate, its members, officers, or committees, as is causing or likely to cause, substantial interference with the performance of their respective functions.

2. Where the business of Senate or of any of its committees or of any officer of either involves confidential matter, a breach of that confidentiality shall (subject to the rules and principles relating to University discipline) be a breach of the discipline of the University; and shall per se also be a breach of the rights of the Senate.

3. An act will not be dealt with by Senate as a breach of the rights of Senate unless it is essential to do so in order to provide reasonable protection for the Senate, its members, officers, or committees in the performance of their respective functions.

The Committee on the Rights of Senate shall investigate any complaint referred to it by Senate, and report to Senate its findings and recommendations.

The committee may recommend administrative action, the institution of disciplinary proceedings, or such other measures as it may think fit.

### ***Composition***

The Committee on the Rights of Senate shall be a standing committee of Senate and, unless the Senate orders otherwise, the committee shall:

- i. be appointed on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee;
- ii. consist of seven senators;
- iii. include, as one of its members, an *ex officio* or elected senator who is a member of the staff of the Faculty of Law;
- iv. include one student;
- v. have a quorum consisting of the majority of its members; and
- vi. have the power to hold closed sessions.

Source: Senate Minute 105, April 5, 1995

Amendment: Senate Minute 5, January 30, 2002

Senate Minute IIB4, April 28, 2010

## **APPOINTMENTS TO SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES ARISING FROM UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

### **University Tenure Committees for the Faculties**

#### **Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**

*Action: Approve three Senate representatives to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Colin Rogers (Engineering) - 2013

Professor Cynthia Weston (Education) – 2013

Professor Steven Maguire (Management) - 2013

Professor Hudson Meadwell (Arts) – 2012

Professor Serge Gauthier (Medicine) – 2012

Professor Barbara Hales (Medicine) – 2012

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#### **Faculty of Arts**

*Action: Approve one Senate representative to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Armando Jardim (Agricultural and Environmental Science) – 2013

Professor Lisa Bornstein (Engineering) – 2012

Professor Inteaz Alli (Agricultural and Environmental Science) – 2012

Professor Donald Taylor (Science) – 2012

Professor Jean-Francois Yale (Medicine) – 2012

Professor Caroline Turner (Education) – 2012

Professor Bartha Knoppers (Medicine) – 2012

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#### **Faculty of Dentistry**

*Action: Approve one Senate representative to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Luis Agellon (Agricultural and Environmental Science) - 2013

Professor Laura Nilson (Science) – 2012

Professor Bruce A. Arndtsen (Science) – 2012

Professor Nancy Heath (Education) – 2012

Professor Steve Backman (Medicine) – 2012

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## **Faculty of Education**

*Action: Approve two Senate representatives to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Kenneth Ragan (Science) – 2013

Professor Inna Sharf (Engineering) – 2013

Professor Allan Hepburn (Arts) – 2012

Professor Eyal Goren (Science) – 2012

Professor Joann Whalen (Agricultural and Environmental Sciences) – 2012

Professor Francesca Carrieri (Management) – 2012

Professor Marilyn Scott (Agriculture and Environmental Sciences) – 2012

Professor Philip Buckley (Arts) – 2012

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## **Faculty of Law**

*Action: Approve three Senate representatives to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor David Brown (Engineering) – 2013

Professor Vijaya Raghavan (Agricultural and Environmental Sciences) - 2013

Professor Stephen McAdams (Music) - 2013

Professor William Straw (Arts) – 2012

Professor Margaret Graham (Management) – 2012

Professor Antony Humphries (Science) – 2012

## **Faculty of Management**

*Action: Approve one Senate representative to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Roderick Guthrie (Engineering) - 2013

Professor Gregory Reid (Education) – 2012

Professor Abraham Fuks (Medicine) – 2012

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## **Faculty of Medicine**

*Action: Approve two Senate representatives to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Jonathan Webb (Engineering) – 2013

Professor Joelle Pineau (Science) - 2013

Professor Jeffrey Derevensky (Education) – 2012

Professor Martin Drapeau (Education) – 2012

Professor Andrew Hynes (Science) – 2012

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## **Schulich School of Music**

*Action: Approve three Senate representatives to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Jacques Hurtubise (Science) – 2013

Professor Bettina Kemme (Science) – 2013

Professor Louis Hermo (Medicine) - 2013

Professor Luc Mongeau (Engineering) – 2012

Professor Alejandro Rey (Engineering) – 2012

Professor Brian Lewis (Arts) - 2012

Professor Ratna Ghosh (Education) – 2012

Professor John F. Hayes (Agricultural and Environmental Science) – 2012

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## **Faculty of Religious Studies**

*Action: Approve one Senate representative to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Christopher Buddle (Agricultural and Environmental Science) - 2013

Professor Ingrid Sladeczek (Education) – 2012

Professor Sandra Hyde (Arts) – 2012

Professor Kyoko Hashimoto (Music) – 2012

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## **Faculty of Science**

*Action: Approve three Senate representatives to serve a two year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Dietlind Stolle (Arts) – 2013

Professor Craig Mandato (Medicine) – 2013

Professor Tal Arbel (Engineering) - 2013

Professor Tamer Boyaci (Management) – 2012

Professor David Ragsdale (Medicine) – 2012

Professor George Demopoulos (Engineering) – 2012

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## **University Tenure Committees for the University Libraries**

*Action: Approve two Senate representatives to serve a two-year term commencing May 1, 2011.*

Professor Jacqueline Bede (Agricultural and Environmental Science) - 2013

Professor Rene Michel (Medicine) - 2013

Professor David Ronis (Science) – 2012

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## **FOR THE INFORMATION OF SENATE**

None