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McGILL UNIVERSITY SENATE

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## University Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid

### ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** Professor Morton J. Mendelson  
Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning)  
Chair, University Committee on Scholarship and Student Aid

**SUBJECT:** UCSSA Annual Report 2008-2009

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**FOR:**  **DECISION**  **DISCUSSION**  **INFORMATION**

**BACKGROUND:** The UCSSA Annual Report is presented for information.

**APPENDICES:** UCSSA Annual Report 2008-2009



## ACTIVITIES DURING THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

### 1. Entrance Scholarships

#### a. Evaluation of the Revisions to the Entrance Scholarship Program

In 2007-2008, UCSSA approved one-year (non-renewable) entrance scholarships, and the first such scholarships were awarded in fall 2008-09. The take-up rate was not surprisingly lower for \$3,000 non-renewable scholarships than for \$5,000 and \$10,000 renewable scholarships. Nonetheless, one-year non-renewable entrance scholarship had a positive impact on the yield for applicants admitted from Ontario and the rest of Canada outside Quebec. Thus, the program fulfilled its primary purpose: to attract outstanding students to McGill. Furthermore, the non-renewable scholarships enabled the Scholarships and Student Aid Office to be more transparent with respect to the qualifications needed for a basic scholarship.

### 2. Composition and Mandate of UCSSA

UCSSA members discussed the composition and mandate of UCSSA, as part of the review of Senate committees undertaken on behalf of Senate Nominating Committee by a work group led by the Secretary General. Input from UCSSA contributed to the development of the mandate of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs, which amalgamated UCSSA, the University Admissions Committee, and the Committee on Student Affairs.

### 3. Awards Approved in the Name of Senate

The following table provides a brief summary of the activities of UCSSA regarding new and revised awards:

New awards approved	68
Changes in awards approved	107
Awards reported as discontinued	28

### 4. Funding to Students

Appendices I through V summarize information regarding funding provided to entering and continuing undergraduate and graduate students. As shown in Appendix I, compared to the previous year, 2008-09 saw a minimal increase (<1%) in the value of McGill loans, a 12% increase in the value of McGill bursaries, an increase of about 2% in the value of Work Study subsidies, an increase of almost 4% in the value of Scholarships, and a 12% increase in the value of Faculty Awards. Appendix II details the breakdown of scholarships and financial aid funded by the University and government sources, and shows that there was a 2.7% increase in the number of students who received government aid, and a 1.3% increase in the dollar amount of funding through government sources. Appendix IV provides additional loan details for 2008-09, and demonstrates an overall decrease in both the number of students receiving loans and the amount of loan assistance provided. Appendix V presents Graduate funding, showing that 2008-09 saw an increase of 171% in fellowships to students of Quebec origin, a 92% increase in fellowships to students originating from the rest of Canada and a 110% increase in fellowships to students of International origin. The sharp increase in total disbursements compared to 2007-2008 is explained by the introduction of the Provost's Graduate Fellowships (GERI's). The GERI's increased total disbursements by \$ 4.5 million. In addition, there was an increase in the number of international students, and this increased the amount disbursed under the MIDAS Awards by \$1.8 million.

## **UCSSA MEETING DATES 2008-2009:**

September 16, 2008	February 10, 2009 (electronic review)
October 15, 2008 (electronic review)	March 10, 2009
November 11, 2008	April 7, 2009 (electronic review)
December 9, 2008	May 13, 2009
January 13, 2009 (electronic review)	

## **UCSSA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008-2009:**

Professor Morton Mendelson, Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning, Chair  
Lissa Matyas, Director, Graduate Student Recruitment and Retention, GPS

The Chairs of Scholarships Committees or Dean's delegate:

Professor David J. Lewis, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Professor Enrica Quaroni, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), Arts  
Professor Spencer Boudreau, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), Education  
Professor Subhasis Ghoshal, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), Engineering  
Me. Véronique Bélanger/ Me Charmaine Lyn, Faculty of Law  
Professor Emine Sarigollu, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), Management  
Professor Pierre-Paul Tellier, Faculty of Medicine  
Professor Gordon Foote, Associate Dean (Student Affairs), Music  
Professor Peter Grutter, Faculty of Science  
Professor Gary Pekeles, (Board of Governors)  
Ms. Sally McDougall (Alumni Association)  
Ms. Pina Marra (Alumni Association)  
Mr. Ivan Neilson (undergraduate student)  
Mr. Melissa Wong (graduate student)

Resource persons:

Ms. Judy Stymest, Director of the Scholarship and Student Aid Office and International Student Services  
Ms. Kim Bartlett, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, Enrolment Services  
Ms. Lori Yersh, Executive Director, Donor Engagement and Stewardship, DAR  
Ms. Nathalie Beaulieu, Gift Agreement Officer, DAR  
Ms. Myrosia Cap, Manager, Scholarships Office  
Ms. Linda Webb, Administrative Coordinator, Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning),  
Secretary

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE**

1. The committee shall review and formulate policies on all matters pertaining to awards made by the University to its students. Awards shall include scholarships, fellowships, prizes, medals, bursaries, loans, and the work study program.
2. The committee shall approve in the name of Senate new awards and changes in the conditions of existing awards, including their values.
3. The committee shall report annually to Senate about changes in policies, new and revised awards, and awards and financial aid provided to McGill students.

## **COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) or delegate, Chair  
The Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Associate Provost (Graduate Studies), or delegate  
The Chairs of Scholarships Committees or Dean's Delegate from:  
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Arts  
Education  
Engineering  
Law  
Management  
Medicine  
Music  
Science  
One member of or a representative appointed by the Board of Governors  
Two representatives named by the Alumni Association  
One undergraduate student  
One graduate student  
Resource Persons:  
The Director of the Scholarship and Student Aid Office  
The Director of Admissions  
Two people from Development and Alumni Relations (DAR) as designated by the Vice-Principal (DAR)  
The Manager, Scholarships Office  
Assistant from the Office of the Provost, secretary

Source: Senate Minute 110, May 1, 1996  
Amendment: Senate Minute 6, October 25, 2000  
Senate Minute 10, October 10, 2001  
Senate Minute 12, March 13, 2002  
Senate Minute 11, September 17, 2003  
Senate Minute 7, April 11, 2005  
Senate Minute 9, March 29, 2006  
Senate Minute 9, October 11, 2006

**Appendix I**  
**McGill Scholarships and Student Aid**  
**2004-2009 (5 year comparison)**

2008-09		2007-08		2006-2007		2005-2006		2004-2005	
Students	Awards	Students	Awards	Students	Awards	Students	Awards	Students	Awards

**McGILL LOANS**

Undergraduate	975	\$2,235,964	1,001	\$2,231,643	1,074	\$2,417,162	1,029	\$2,242,213	983	\$2,107,360
Graduate	312	\$740,723	310	\$717,124	345	\$863,655	322	\$731,402	356	\$760,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>\$2,976,687</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>\$2,948,767</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>\$3,280,817</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>\$2,973,615</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>\$2,867,541</b>

**McGILL BURSARIES**

Undergraduate Entrance	390	\$1,255,048	382	\$1,285,037	397	\$1,330,000	140	\$293,050		
Undergraduate In-Course	973	\$2,798,437	1,205	\$3,294,652	849	\$1,927,037	833	\$1,958,939	915	\$1,913,499
UG Travel	369	\$935,250								
Graduate In-Course	105	\$217,896	115	\$217,591	103	\$193,201	98	\$187,921	104	\$177,752
Graduate Travel	22	\$42,500								
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>\$5,249,131</b>	<b>1,702</b>	<b>\$4,797,280</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>\$3,450,238</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>\$2,439,910</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>\$2,091,251</b>

**WORK STUDY**

Undergraduate	636	\$653,266	573	\$584,957	557	\$603,243	540	\$635,379	583	\$643,650
Graduate	170	\$197,086	197	\$250,803	184	\$224,823	195	\$237,759	205	\$271,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>\$850,352</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>\$835,760</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>\$828,066</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>\$873,138</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>\$914,800</b>

**UCSSA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Undergraduate Entrance			236	\$971,500	267	\$1,000,500	324	\$1,297,200	279	\$1,103,000
Entrance Non-renewable	195	\$579,000								
Entrance Renewable	129	\$514,500								
Undergraduate In-Course	846	\$2,349,850	798	\$2,340,850	806	\$2,308,600	768	\$2,102,900	779	\$1,886,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>\$3,443,350</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>\$3,312,350</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>\$3,309,100</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>\$3,400,100</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>\$2,989,800</b>

**FACULTY AWARDS**

Undergraduate	1,382	\$2,593,431	1042	\$2,237,948	970	\$1,980,129	923	\$1,960,934	718	\$1,628,069
Graduate	276	\$1,361,354	224	\$1,298,888	226	\$1,317,656	194	\$1,004,579	139	\$712,210
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>\$3,954,785</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>\$3,536,836</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>\$3,297,785</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>\$2,965,513</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>\$2,340,279</b>

<b>CANADIAN MERIT SCHOLARS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$136,474</b>	<b>Data not available</b>							
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**Appendix II**  
**Government Assistance and University Awards**  
**by Geographic Region 2008-2009**

<b>Student Residence</b>	Students on Government Aid	Government Aid	McGill Loans	McGill Bursaries	UCSSA Scholarships	Faculty Awards	Work Study Program	<b>TOTAL</b>
Quebec <b>MELS PBCSE Travel</b>	3,852	27,085,944	1,362,858	1,503,580 <i>919,750</i>	1,413,900	1,940,593	276,389	34,503,014
Ontario <i>Travel</i>	1,020	9,755,087	498,470	802,251 <i>21,750</i>	639,050	563,910	143,680	12,424,198
Alberta <i>Travel</i>	146	1,398,550	41,496	55,200 <i>2,750</i>	114,800	156,050	12,040	1,780,886
British Columbia <i>Travel</i>	370	3,419,269	176,942	260,729 <i>8,000</i>	244,150	174,302	44,987	4,328,379
Manitoba	28	266,662	24,874	33,592	41,500	53,500	7,600	427,728
New Brunswick	39	410,446	10,218	15,500	20,000	17,000	7,949	481,113
Newfoundland	18	215,345	13,500	10,000	42,200	10,325	0	291,370
Nova Scotia <i>Travel</i>	54	491,232	14,247	34,895 <i>2,250</i>	95,700	63,700	8,074	710,098
Prince Edward Island	21	217,507	6,500	10,000	10,000	9,217	664	253,888
Saskatchewan	33	296,381	8,062	24,300	29,900	51,575	2,225	412,443
Yukon/NWT/Nunavut	5	35,130	6,000	3,000	0	2,000	0	46,130
U.S.A. <i>Travel</i>	647	10,406,579	188,323	589,376 <i>14,500</i>	250,050	402,210	83,579	11,934,617
International <i>Travel</i>	0	0	572,892	1,025,831 <i>5,750</i>	459,000	472,453	246,288	2,782,214
Canada undetermined <i>Travel</i>	0	0	52,305	39,601 <i>3,000</i>	83,100	37,950	16,877	232,833
<b>Total Bursaries</b>				<b>4,407,855</b>				
<b>Total Travel</b>				<b>977,750</b>				
<b>Total 2008-2009</b>	<b>6,233</b>	<b>53,998,132</b>	<b>2,976,687</b>	<b>5,385,605</b>	<b>3,443,350</b>	<b>3,954,785</b>	<b>850,352</b>	<b>70,608,911</b>
2007-2008	6,072	\$53,309,140	\$2,948,767	\$4,797,280	\$3,312,350	\$3,536,836	\$835,760	\$68,740,133
2006-2007	5,911	\$50,900,572	\$3,280,817	\$3,450,238	\$3,309,100	\$3,297,785	\$828,066	\$65,066,578
2005-2006	5,682	\$50,885,409	\$2,973,615	\$2,439,910	\$3,400,100	\$2,965,513	\$873,138	\$63,537,685
2004-2005	5,879	\$53,876,958	\$2,867,541	\$2,091,251	\$2,989,800	\$2,340,279	\$914,800	\$65,080,629
2003-2004	5,970	\$46,813,618	\$2,874,415	\$2,144,478	\$3,000,800	\$1,855,045	\$949,400	\$57,637,756
2002-2003	5,830	\$45,209,679	\$2,616,812	\$1,850,732	\$2,793,901	\$1,731,312	\$750,014	\$54,952,450
2001-2002	5,595	\$40,448,842	\$2,565,807	\$1,926,425	\$3,111,000	\$758,500	\$748,884	\$49,559,458
2000-2001	5,232	\$33,665,725	\$2,711,158	\$1,648,235	\$3,149,600	\$778,480	\$661,178	\$42,614,376

**Appendix III  
Work Study Program  
1992 – 2009 Comparison**

Year	Jobs Available	Student Applicants	Students Accepted	Students Employed			Subsidies Paid		
				<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>2008-09</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>1,757</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>\$653,266</b>	<b>\$197,086</b>	<b>\$850,352</b>
2007-08	997	2,234	1,622	573	197	770	\$585,292	\$250,468	\$835,760
2006-07	951	2,044	1,446	557	184	741	\$603,243	\$224,823	\$828,066
2005-06	928	2,058	1,309	540	195	735	\$635,379	\$237,759	\$873,138
2004-05	923	2,085	1,405	583	205	788	\$643,650	\$271,150	\$914,800
2003-04	826	2,275	1,508	594	197	791	\$690,097	\$259,303	\$949,400
2002-03	871	2,035	1,346	578	177	755	\$585,763	\$164,251	\$750,014
2001-02	765	1,824	1,332	772	173	945	\$576,641	\$172,243	\$748,884
2000-01	720	1,644	1,113	644	147	791	\$528,942	\$132,236	\$661,178
1999-00	728	1,777	1,143	545	147	692	\$463,152	\$126,273	\$589,425
1998-99	617	1,725	990	471	103	574	\$281,133	\$62,013	\$343,146
1997-98	555	1,506	892	406	118	524	\$211,394	\$54,378	\$265,772
1996-97	439	1,330	717	331	91	422	\$158,554	\$49,079	\$207,633
1995-96	388	1,237	736	309	90	399	\$148,622	\$42,323	\$190,945
1994-95	379	1,062	597	285	96	381	\$129,105	\$33,433	\$162,538
1993-94	302	1,262	820	288			\$124,398		
1992-93	285	991	746	260			\$96,614		
1991-92 (1 term)	222	646	403	156			\$41,473		

**Appendix IV  
McGill Loans**

		<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2007-08</b>
Undergraduate	Number of students	975	1,001
	New loans	\$950,923	
	Re-dates (loan extensions)	\$1,285,041	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,235,964</b>	<b>\$2,231,643</b>

Graduate	Number of students	312	310
	New loans	\$223,390	
	Re-dates (loan extensions)	\$517,333	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$740,723</b>	<b>\$717,124</b>

	<b>Total students</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>1,311</b>
	<b>Total loans</b>	<b>\$2,976,687</b>	<b>\$2,948,767</b>

<b>* Outstanding loans as of May 31, 2009</b>	<b>Loans on collection with external agency as of May 31, 2009</b>	<b>Loan write-offs in 2008-09</b>	<b>Bursary paid directly to loan in 2008-09</b>
<b>\$3,586,717</b>	\$144,830	\$172,733	\$175,984

\* data supplied by Student Accounts



## Appendix V

### Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Graduate and Internal fellowships administered by the GPSO (Funds under the Financial Management of the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)

Residency Status	2008-2009*	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004	Total
Quebec	\$3,627,087.51	\$1,340,058.17	\$1,509,187.33	\$1,314,846.15	\$1,205,957.20	\$1,078,850.95	\$10,075,987.31
Rest of Canada	\$2,866,678.88	\$1,491,320.16	\$1,481,976.70	\$1,387,098.30	\$1,188,131.40	\$975,606.98	\$9,390,812.42
International	\$7,308,861.22	\$3,477,248.02	\$1,541,348.08	\$1,352,837.32	\$1,296,732.59	\$999,967.80	\$15,976,995.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,802,627.61</b>	<b>\$6,308,626.35</b>	<b>\$4,532,512.11</b>	<b>\$4,054,781.77</b>	<b>\$3,690,821.19</b>	<b>\$3,054,425.73</b>	<b>\$35,443,794.76</b>

Residency Status	2008-2009*	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004	Average
Quebec	26%	21%	33%	32%	33%	35%	28%
Rest of Canada	21%	24%	33%	34%	32%	32%	26%
International	53%	55%	34%	33%	35%	33%	45%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* 2008-2009 Introduction of the Provost's Graduate Fellowships (GERI)

Prepared by the Fellowships Officer (Internal)  
22-Sep-09