



(January 11, 2011 meeting, in preparation for Senate Meeting, January 19, 2011)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2010 have been circulated. It is recommended that they now be considered for approval.

2. APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF SENATE

Steering Committee reports that it has scrutinized the confidential minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2010 and has approved them on behalf of Senate. These minutes are not published or circulated but are available for perusal by Senators in the office of the Secretary of Senate.

3. SPEAKING RIGHTS

The Senate Steering Committee requests speaking rights for Professor Emine Sarigollu for item IIB3 (Policy on the Assessment of Students).

4. SENATE CHAIR

The Dean of Arts, Professor Christopher Manfredi, has agreed to chair senate in the Principal's absence.

5. ACADEMIC ISSUES FOR SENATE DISCUSSION

The Senate Steering Committee has decided to allot time on the January and February Senate agendas for discussion of issues that have academic impacts at McGill, but are not part of the normal calendar of business. These items will be for discussion only, and are intended to give Senate an opportunity to voice opinions about issues of academic importance and learn from the experiences of various areas of the University. The topic for the January agenda is Mentoring and Advising, and the topic for the February agenda is Technological Innovation in Pedagogy.

Present: Professor Heather Munroe-Blum(Chair), Mr. Joshua Abaki, Ms. Alexandra Bishop, Mr. Gregg Blachford, Professor David Covo, Professor David Harpp, Professor Richard Janda, Professor Anthony Masi, Professor Bernard Robaire, Mr. Stephen Strople (Secretary).

Regrets: None