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# Question

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**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** Marc Richard

**SUBJECT:** New Terminology Designating the Director of Libraries

**MEETING DATE:** October 20, 2010

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**PREAMBLE:** The Statutes of the University and several of its Regulations (notably the Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff) currently use the term "Director of Libraries" to designate the head of the McGill University Libraries. The appointee to the position has also been titled the "Trenholme Director of Libraries" since the establishment of the Margery Trenholme Chair in University Libraries. The position of Director of Libraries is considered equivalent to that of a Dean, and is accordingly listed in the category "Deans of other areas" on the "All Academic Administrative Appointments at McGill" web page.

In an email sent to all McGill staff on September 29, 2010, Principal Munroe-Blum announced that Dr. Colleen Cook has been named the Trenholme Dean of Libraries, and that Dr. Cook will commence her deanship at the beginning of January 2011. The email does not employ the usual formulation "Director of Libraries."

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**QUESTION:**

- 1) Has the position title of the Director of Libraries been formally changed to "Dean of Libraries", or does the use of this term in the Principal's email have another status?
- 2) Will the references to the "Director of Libraries" in the University Statutes and Regulations be amended to reflect this new terminology?
- 3) Will the positions of the Associate Directors of Libraries be renamed so that they will carry the title "Associate Dean", in order to concur with the change of the position title "Director of Libraries" to "Dean of Libraries"?

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