REPORT TO SENATE AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ANNUAL TENURE MEETING McGILL UNIVERSITY

In accordance with Section 5.60 of the "Regulations Relating to the Employment of Academic Staff" and Section 5.60 of the "Regulations Relating to the Employment of Librarian Staff", members of the Departmental Tenure Committees, University Tenure Committees, University Tenure Committee for Recruitment, tenure candidates, the MAUT President, and other interested parties were invited to a meeting to discuss general criteria and the operation of the tenure system. Two meetings were held, one on January 24, 2007, and one on January 26, 2007.

The Principal, Professor Heather Munroe-Blum, welcomed those present. She stressed the importance of all three categories of academic duties (teaching, research and service), citing McGill's role as Canada's most research-intensive university and our obligation to maintain the high standards applied to tenure review. She ended her remarks with an assurance of the senior administration's support and expressed her appreciation to those seeking tenure for making their career at McGill. The Provost, Professor Anthony C. Masi, delivered a presentation on the nature and importance of tenure, including its privileges and responsibilities.

The Associate Provost (Policies and Procedures), Professor William Foster, then highlighted a number of substantive and procedural issues of particular importance to candidates.

A question period followed.