



Memorandum

TO: Senate

FROM: Professor John Galaty; Ms Lily Han; Ms Emily Clare

SUBJECT: Excellence in Teaching and Learning at McGill

DATE: March 21, 2012

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ACTION REQUIRED: INFORMATION APPROVAL/DECISION

ISSUE: Advancing teaching and learning excellence at McGill.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE: Insofar as teaching and learning is core to the mission of the University and will be central to the strategic planning of McGill, this is an opportunity to get input from Senate - to take a pulse regarding issues of concern.

The item will begin with a presentation from Teaching and Learning Services that suggests attributes and requirements for teaching excellence. The presentation will offer examples of how this occurs at all levels of McGill: individual professors, faculties and the institution.

Following the presentation, Senate will have an open discussion on aspirations, questions and concerns about achieving excellence in teaching and learning at McGill.

MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL: N/A

PRIOR CONSULTATION: The Senate Steering Committee decided to bring forth this topic for discussion at Senate, designating senators John Galaty, Lily Han and Emily Clare to take up the issue. The designated senators consulted with Cynthia Weston and Laura Winer of Teaching and Learning Services to formulate an appropriate approach to the topic and to frame the discussion to take place at Senate.

NEXT STEPS: We hope that this discussion provides tangible actions or recommendations to advance excellence in teaching and learning at the University.

APPENDICES: Appendix A: teaching snapshots <http://www.mcgill.ca/teachingsnapshots/>
Appendix B: presentation on teaching excellence
