



Memorandum

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TO: Senate

FROM: Dr. Rose Goldstein, Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations)

SUBJECT: Update on the Quartier de l'innovation (QI)

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ACTION REQUIRED: INFORMATION APPROVAL/DECISION

ISSUE: Update on the Quartier de l'Innovation

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:

In 2010, McGill and École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS) embarked upon a collaboration to create a unique innovation hub and urban environment in the heart of downtown Montreal, called the Quartier de l'innovation (QI). Today, the QI is poised to become a reality. The initiative aims to leverage McGill's research and training strengths in order to forge partnerships between academia, community organizations, and government, as well as to develop the means to promote innovation and entrepreneurship across all sectors, based on the QI's four pillars: Industrial, Education and Research, Social and Cultural, and Urban.

The QI is an important McGill initiative that is part of our goal to transform our approach to innovation, public service, and the intersections between the two. Senators can act as advocates for the project, and we wish to keep them well informed about major QI accomplishments and initiatives.

To this aim, Dr. Rose Goldstein, Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations), will share details on the progress being made in relation to the QI's governance, mandates, and community engagement. In particular, she will highlight past QI-related events (e.g. C2-MTL, Montreal Summits on Innovation); the support of community leaders (e.g. "QI Ambassadors"); initiatives to identify the project's concentrations (e.g. in culture, urban planning, social innovation, industrial partnerships, etc.); concrete projects that are now underway (e.g. BioFuelNet Canada, Centech for students, Centre for Aerospace Professional Education, Social Economy Initiative, etc.); and discuss plans for the QI official launch on May 13, 2013. Dr. Goldstein will also briefly review the creation of a new Standing Committee on Innovation, which will be chaired by Dr. Phil Barker, who led the initial internal QI planning committee.

**MOTION OR
RESOLUTION
FOR APPROVAL:** N/A

**PRIOR
CONSULTATION:** Principal, Provost, Vice-Principals, Deans, Associate Deans Research, Chair
of Innovation Steering Committee, students, and faculty members

NEXT STEPS: N/A

APPENDICES: N/A
