
Memorandum

Office of the Secretariat

James Administration Building,
845 Sherbrooke Street West, Room 313
Montreal, QC
Tel: 514.398.3949 | Fax: 514.398.4657

TO: Senate
FROM: Mr. Stephen Stropole, Secretary-General
SUBJECT: Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees
DATE: April 22, 2015
DOCUMENT #: D14-55

ACTION

REQUIRED: INFORMATION APPROVAL/DECISION

ISSUE: Presentation of the report of the Joint Executive-Steering meeting of March 26, 2015.

BACKGROUND The Statutes of McGill University state:

&

RATIONALE: 6.3.9.1 The Senate and Board of Governors shall hold an annual joint meeting in the fall term. At this meeting, the Principal, the Provost, the Deputy Provost, and the vice-principals, as appropriate, shall present for discussion matters they consider relevant to the University's mission for the ensuing year.

On March 26, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2015-16 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will likely be held in November 2015.

MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL: N/A

PRIOR CONSULTATION: N/A

NEXT STEPS: N/A

APPENDICES: Appendix A - Report of the Joint Executive-Steering Meeting of March 26, 2015.

Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees - Meeting of March 26, 2015

On March 26, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee met to select a topic for the 2015-2016 Joint Board-Senate meeting, which will be held on November 3, 2015. The Committees considered a number of new and previously submitted topics. Examples of topics considered included the McGill Commitment, Mentorship, and Sustainability (Vision 2020).

The Committees emphasized the need for the chosen topic to be relevant to both governance bodies and to the University's mission. Following a review of topics, members agreed that the topic for the 2015-2016 Joint Board-Senate meeting will be "Designing a Smart Campus for the 21st Century".

While the idea of what constitutes a "smart campus" is broad, it contains a variety of elements that may be explored by Senators and Governors. Ideas linked to developing a smart campus may relate to the physical and digital infrastructure of the campus, student life and learning, research, and community engagement.

The Committees agreed that the development of the topic should be guided by the interest for Senators and Governors to explore the idea of a "smart campus", and to have ample opportunity for focused discussions and exchanges.

The Principal will be coordinating a working group that is to develop the necessary background materials and plan the agenda of the joint Board-Senate meeting.