
To: Senate

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Subject: Question re: McGill's environmental initiatives.

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Background:

Environmental sustainability is a topic receiving much press recently. There has been an upsurge on campus in environmentally friendly initiatives. For example, Architecture students are competing in a solar house competition and the Environment and the Law club in the Law Faculty has purchased wind power in order to run the Law Student Association's computers. Further, the "Rethink your Environment" page on the McGill website mentions many environmental projects underway, though much of the information that is provided is several years old.

Question:

whereas McGill is clearly committed to Environmental sustainability initiatives;

and whereas the "Rethink your Environment" website lists several projects, some of which have been approved by Senate;

and whereas many in the McGill community feel that the environment is an important topic;

The following questions are posed:

Q1: What resources are available to members of the University who wish to make their departments more "green"?

Q2: Can senate have an update on initiatives approved by senate and its standing bodies that concern the environment? For example, the Green Building standards and the recycling system.

