



(October 8, 2013 meeting, in preparation for Senate meeting of October 16, 2013)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2013 were circulated to the Steering Committee. It is recommended that they now be considered for approval.

2. APPROVAL OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF SENATE

The Steering Committee reports that it has scrutinized the confidential minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2013 and has approved them on behalf of Senate. These minutes are not published or circulated but are available for perusal by Senators in the office of the Secretary of Senate.

3. SPEAKING RIGHTS

The Senate Steering Committee requests speaking rights for Ms. Jana Luker, Executive Director, Student Services, for item IIB3 (Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services) who will be present to answer Senators' questions. The Deputy-Provost (Student Life and Learning) will present the report.

4. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The Steering Committee recommends that Senate hold a Confidential Session for discussion of item IIB10, Report of Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee (D13-16).

5. SENATE OPEN DISCUSSION

The Steering Committee decided to include an open discussion on the October 16 and December 4, 2013 Senate agendas. Following review of topics suggested by Senators, the Steering Committee selected the following topic for the discussion at the October Senate meeting: "Making Senate meetings more meaningful: Enhancing discussion and engagement."

The Committee tentatively identified the following themes for open discussion: December 2013, "McGill's mission, principles and objectives;" Winter 2014: "Breaking Down Silos:" How can we break down the barriers among departments and faculties at McGill, for more effective and efficient collaboration, cooperation, and resource sharing for teaching, research, and administration?

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Steering Committee has reviewed the Agenda for the present meeting and recommends it for approval.

Present: Professor Suzanne Fortier (Chair); Professor Graham Bell; Professor Daniel Bernard; Professor David Covo; Professor David Harpp; Professor Anthony Masi; Mr. Jonathan Mooney; Ms. Joey Shea; Professor Christina Wolfson; Stephen Strople (Secretary)

Regrets: none