
(October 9, 2012 meeting, in preparation for Senate meeting of October 17, 2012)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2012 were circulated and the Steering Committee provided feedback. 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 20, 2012 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. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The Steering Committee recommends that Senate hold a Confidential Session for discussion of item IIB1, Report of Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee (D12-08).

4. THEMES AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT SENATE MEETINGS

The Steering Committee reviewed the following themes (placed in no specific order) for open discussions at Senate meetings. The Committee aims to develop two of these themes into discussion topics to be placed on future Senate agendas:

- Academic freedom;
- Teaching environments, boundaries and the role of technology;
- What does “international” mean to McGill; and
- Considerations of diversity.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Steering Committee was informed that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Recording and Transmission of Senate Meetings met on October 4 and was finalizing its Report to Senate. The Ad Hoc Committee report has been placed on the November 14 Senate Agenda for approval.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Present: Professor Heather Munroe-Blum (Chair); Ms. Haley Dinel; Professor Jan Jorgensen; Mr. Jonathan Mooney; Christina Wolfson; Mr. Stephen Strople (Secretary).

Regrets: Graham Bell; David Covo; John Galaty; David Harpp.