

McGill University Senate Handbook 2023-2024



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(By work, all things increase and grow)

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McGill University Mission Statement and Principles

Mission

The mission of McGill University is the advancement of learning and the creation and dissemination of knowledge, by offering the best possible education, by carrying out research and scholarly activities judged to be excellent by the highest international standards, and by providing service to society.

Principles

In fulfilling its mission, McGill University embraces the principles of academic freedom, integrity, responsibility, equity, and inclusiveness.

Statement of Academic Freedom and Policy on Academic Freedom

Academic freedom is central to McGill University's mission of advancing learning through teaching, scholarship and service to society.

The scholarly members of the University have the freedom to pursue research and artistic creation and to disseminate their results, without being constrained by political or disciplinary orthodoxies, monetary incentives or punitive measures as a result of their academic pursuits. They may exercise this freedom in the service of both the university and the wider society. When scholarly members of the University participate in public forums and debates, they should represent their views as their own.

The exercise of academic freedom requires collegial governance with the full participation of scholarly members. They retain the right of free expression, including the freedom to criticize one another, University policies and administration.

The University and its officers have a duty to protect the academic freedom of its scholarly community, both individually and collectively, from infringement and undue external influence as well as to maintain the university's institutional autonomy.

The McGill University Policy on Academic Freedom is available [here](#).

| GOVERNANCE MEETING | DAY | DATE | TIME |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Senate Orientation | Monday | 11-Sep-23 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| Senate Orientation Lunch | Monday | 11-Sep-23 | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. |
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| Senate | Wednesday | 20-Sep-23 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Senate (Steering Approval of Degrees - 2:15 p.m.) | Wednesday | 18-Oct-23 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Joint Board of Governors - Senate | Wednesday | 08-Nov-23 | 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. |
| Senate | Wednesday | 15-Nov-23 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Senate | Wednesday | 06-Dec-23 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Senate | Wednesday | 17-Jan-24 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Senate (Steering Approval of Degrees - 2:15 p.m.) | Wednesday | 14-Feb-24 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Senate | Wednesday | 20-Mar-24 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Senate | Thursday | 18-Apr-24 | 2:30 p.m. |
| Senate | Wednesday | 08-May-24 | 2:30 p.m. |
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| Steering Committee | Tuesday | 05-Sep-23 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| Steering Committee | Thursday | 05-Oct-23 | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. |
| Steering Committee | Friday | 27-Oct-23 | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. |
| Steering Committee | Tuesday | 21-Nov-23 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| Steering Committee | Wednesday | 10-Jan-24 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| Steering Committee | Tuesday | 06-Feb-24 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| Steering Committee | Tuesday | 12-Mar-24 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. |
| Joint Executive Committee - Steering Committee | Thursday | 21-Mar-24 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. |
| Steering Committee | Tuesday | 02-Apr-24 | 10:30 - 11:30 p.m. |
| Steering Committee | Tuesday | 30-Apr-24 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| Steering Committee (Approval of Degrees e-vote) | Thursday | 23-May-24 | n/a |
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| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 22-Aug-23 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 26-Sep-23 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 24-Oct-23 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 07-Nov-23 | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. |
| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 30-Jan-24 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 27-Feb-24 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 26-Mar-24 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
| Nominating Committee | Tuesday | 23-Apr-24 | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. |
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| Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee | Friday | 08-Sep-23 | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. |
| Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee | Thursday | 23-Nov-23 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. |
| Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee | Monday | 05-Feb-24 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. |
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| Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee | Friday | 13-Oct-23 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. |
| Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee | Friday | 01-Mar-24 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. |
| Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee | Friday | 26-Apr-24 | 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. |

2023-2024 Deadlines for Submission of Questions and Motions

A question period limited to thirty minutes is scheduled on the Senate agenda for each meeting. Any Senator may submit a written question or motion before a Senate meeting for review by the Senate Steering Committee. The Steering Committee has the delegated authority of Senate to make a determination on the admissibility of questions and motions.

Please refer to the [Guidelines for the Review of Questions and Motions by the Senate Steering Committee](#) for more information on this process.

The deadline for submitting questions and motions for consideration by the Senate Steering Committee is **5:00 p.m.** on:

- Thursday, August 31, 2023, for consideration on September 5, 2023.
- Thursday, September 28, 2023, for consideration on October 5, 2023.
- Thursday, October 19, 2023, for consideration on October 27, 2023.
- Thursday, November 16, 2023, for consideration on November 21, 2023.
- Thursday, January 4, 2024, for consideration on January 10, 2024.
- Thursday, February 1, 2024, for consideration on February 6, 2024.
- Thursday, March 7, 2024, for consideration on March 12, 2024.
- Thursday, March 28, 2024, for consideration on April 2, 2024.
- Thursday, April 25, 2024, for consideration on April 30, 2024.

Also available at: <https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2023-2024/questionform>



Question

For review by the Senate Steering Committee*

TO: Senate

FROM: [Note: Questions may only be submitted by Senators]

SUBJECT: Question Regarding [...]

MEETING DATE: [Insert relevant Senate meeting date]

DOCUMENT #: [To be given by the Secretariat]

PREAMBLE: [Insert brief background information providing context for the question, if appropriate or necessary]

QUESTION: [Insert your question here]

**Please refer to the [Guidelines for the Review of Questions and Motions by the Senate Steering Committee](#) for more information on this process.*

Motion

for review by Steering Committee*

TO: Senate

FROM: Name of Person Bringing Issue

SUBJECT: Subject Matter of Memo

DATE: Date of Senate meeting

DOCUMENT #: DXX-XX (To be given by the Secretariat)

ACTION REQUIRED: ☐ INFORMATION ☒ APPROVAL/DECISION

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| ISSUE | Brief summary of issue (max. 2 sentences). |
| BACKGROUND & RATIONALE | <p>Include a summary of key points required in support of discussion and/or a decision. Include information about when the issue was last discussed (as relevant) the reference numbers of previous documents and/or approvals by Senate/Board (as relevant).</p> <p>Include the rationale and anticipated outcomes (including any risk the issue/decision poses, any human resource, finance, or other resource implications as well as communications/optics issues).</p> |
| PRIOR CONSULTATION | Information about what prior consultation has taken place, including legal and/or internal review, previous review by Senate and Senate Committees. |
| SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS | If applicable, please describe the sustainability factors considered during the development of this proposal, as well as any expected impacts this proposal may have on the University's sustainability efforts (social, economic, environmental). |
| IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS | The action that will be taken if the proposed resolution or recommendation is approved. If required, provide a communications strategy, including details as to when this matter can be made public or if it is to remain confidential. |
| MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL | <p>Examples:</p> <p><i>Be it resolved that Senate approve (...).</i></p> <p>or</p> <p><i>Be it resolved that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval, the following resolution.</i></p> |
| APPENDICES | <p>May include documentation which is explicitly classified as essential or optional reading for the item.</p> <p>Appendix A: Supporting document</p> <p>Appendix B: Supporting document</p> |

*Please refer to the [Guidelines for the Review of Questions and Motions by the Senate Steering Committee](#) for more information on this process.

Guidelines for the Review of Questions and Motions by the Senate Steering Committee

(Approved by the Senate Steering Committee on November 26, 2019)

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Senate Steering Committee (the “Committee”) has the delegated authority of Senate to review written questions and motions submitted to Senate in order to determine their suitability for inclusion on a Senate agenda.

These Guidelines serve as a point of reference and guidance for Senators who wish to submit questions or motions for review by the Committee. The Guidelines also serve as a point of reference for the Committee, which, ultimately, has the authority to make a determination on the question of admissibility on behalf of Senate.

I. REVIEW OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS: ADMISSIBILITY

In its review of a proposed question or motion, the Committee must first assess whether the question or motion falls within the purview of Senate.

In general, questions and motions that pertain to the academic mandate of Senate, as established by the Statutes of McGill University, would normally be accepted by the Committee. Examples of such topics are accounted for in the Statutes and include the following:

- Academic priorities and projects involving academic policy;
- Academic activities including academic programs, curriculum, courses of study, degrees;
- Affiliations with other institutions of learning or research;
- Senate governance and procedures;
- Student conduct; student discipline;
- Establishment or discontinuance of academic entities (faculties, schools, departments).

For additional information concerning the mandate of Senate, please see articles 6.3 to 6.3.16 of the [Statutes](#).

Questions and motions that pertain to the academic business of Senate, based on Senate’s consideration of reports/agenda items that have academic implications and which feature regularly on Senate’s agenda, would normally be accepted by the Committee. Examples of such items include the following:

- Budget Report;
- Staffing Report;
- Employment Equity Report;
- University Advancement Report;
- Official position of the University on a matter pertaining to its academic mission.

II. REVIEW OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS: SUBSTANCE AND FORMULATION

If the question or motion is deemed to be within the mandate of Senate, the Committee will evaluate the details of the question, based on the elements provided in the table below.

| QUESTION | MOTION |
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| Is drafted using the template established for questions (available on the Senate website); | Is drafted using the template established for motions (available on the Senate website); |
| Is clear and thematically cohesive; | Is clear and thematically cohesive; |
| Shows evidence of due-diligence, normally described in the preamble, which provides contextual information based on factual, accurate data supported by credible, legitimate sources; | Shows evidence of due-diligence, normally described in the preamble, which provides contextual information based on factual, accurate data supported by credible, legitimate sources; |
| | Seeks a specific outcome (i.e. approve, authorize, reconsider). |

Administrative deadlines for submitting questions and motions for review by the Committee are indicated on the Senate website and are generally set to fall on the Thursday preceding the Committee meeting. Questions or motions submitted after the deadlines may need to be considered by the Committee at its subsequent meeting.

III. OUTCOMES

The table below summarizes the types of actions that the Committee may take following its review of a question or motion.

| QUESTION | MOTION |
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| Accept the question for inclusion on the agenda of the next-scheduled Senate meeting and provide advice on the appropriate officer to answer the question submitted. | Accept the motion for inclusion on the agenda of the next-scheduled Senate meeting. |
| Defer the question to the agenda of a subsequent Senate meeting. This may be necessary if more time is needed to collect and assess information or data to issue a response. | Defer the motion to the agenda of a subsequent Senate meeting. This may be necessary if more time is needed to collect and assess information or data. |
| Return the question to the submitter(s) for revision and resubmission with such suggested changes as the Committee may advise. This would normally be done when the question pertains to the mandate of Senate but requires revisions, based on the Committee's review described in section II of these guidelines. | Return the motion to the submitter(s) for revision and resubmission with such suggested changes as the Committee may advise. This would normally be done when the motion is deemed to be in order but requires revisions, based on the Committee's review described in section II of these guidelines. |

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| <p>Refer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The question to the responsible University officer to provide a response directly to the submitter (outside of Senate) if the question is deemed to pertain to matters that are outside Senate's mandate (broaching largely non-academic issues); or - The submitter to the appropriate resources if the information is readily available through other sources. | |
| <p>Refuse the question if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is highly speculative; - It solicits personal opinions of individuals; - It could be answered in the context of the presentation of an item already included on the Senate agenda. | <p>Refuse the motion if it is deemed to pertain to matters that are outside Senate's mandate (broaching largely non-academic issues).</p> |

If a question/motion is accepted by the Committee, it will be included in the Senate document package and form part of the official Senate record. With respect to questions, a written response will be provided prior to the Senate meeting and will form part of the official Senate record. The Senator(s) who submitted the question will be permitted to ask one or more supplementary questions at the Senate meeting, after which, all other Senators will have the same opportunity.

If a question/motion is not included on the Senate agenda, a rationale for the Committee's decision will be provided in the Committee's report to Senate. Any Senator wishing to view a question/motion not included on a Senate agenda is able to do so by consulting the Secretariat. In addition, Senators whose questions or motions were refused may choose to transmit them to the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) with a request that they be uploaded to an online hub. Senators wishing to post documents on the hub need to reformat them to ensure that they are not presented on official Senate templates. The hub, which will serve as an unofficial repository for these documents, will be maintained by SSMU.

2023-2024 Senate Membership (as of September 1, 2023)

(Please note that terms begin September 1st and end August 31st, unless otherwise indicated)

| EX OFFICIO | |
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| Chancellor | John McCall MacBain |
| Chair of the Board | Maryse Bertrand |
| Principal and Vice-Chancellor | Deep Saini |
| Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) | Christopher Manfredi |
| Deputy Provost, Student Life and Learning | Fabrice Labeau |
| Vice-Principal, Administration and Finance | Diana Dutton (<i>interim</i>) |
| Vice-Principal, University Advancement | Marc Weinstein |
| Vice-Principal, Research and Innovation | Martha Crago |
| Vice-Principal, Communications and External Relations | Louis Arseneault (<i>end September 2023</i>) |
| University Registrar & Executive Director, Enrolment Services | Gillian Nycum |
| Director, Teaching and Learning Services | Laura Winer |
| Deans of Faculties | Anja Geitmann, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences |
| | Lisa Shapiro, Arts |
| | Elham Emami, Dentistry |
| | Victoria Talwar, Education (<i>interim</i>) |
| | Viviane Yargeau, Engineering |
| | Robert Leckey, Law |
| | Yolande Chan, Desautels Faculty of Management |
| | Lesley Fellows, Medicine and Health Sciences |
| | Sean Ferguson, Schulich School of Music |
| | Bruce Lennox, Science |
| Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies | Josephine Nalbantoglu |
| Dean of Students | Robin Beech |

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| Trenholme Dean of Libraries | Guyline Beaudry |
| Dean of the School of Continuing Studies | Carola Weil |
| MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS | |
| Manon Vennat (June 30, 2025) | |
| Luciano D'Iorio (June 30, 2025) | |
| Diletta Prando (June 30, 2026) | |
| ELECTED MEMBERS | |
| Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences | Jacqueline Bede (2024) |
| | Jennifer Ronholm (2025) |
| | Petra Rohrbach (2025) |
| Faculty of Arts | Miranda Hickman (2024) |
| | Daniel Weinstock (2024) |
| | Michael Fronda (2025) |
| | Derek Nystrom (2025) |
| | Juliet Johnson (2025) |
| | Thomas Soehl (2025) |
| | Eran Shor (2026) |
| | Catherine Lu (2026) |
| | Tabitha Sparks (2026) |
| | Manuel Balán (2026) |
| Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Science | Alissa Levine (2024) |
| Faculty of Education | Amir Kalan (2026) |
| | Tara Flanagan (2026) |
| Faculty of Engineering | Pierre-Luc Girard-Lauriault (2024) |
| | Nathaniel Quitarano (2025) |
| | Jan Kopyscinski (2026) |
| | Brett Meyer (2026) |
| | Ipek Türeli (2026) |
| Faculty of Law | Angela Campbell (2024) |
| | Lara Khoury (2025) |

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| Desautels Faculty of Management | Saku Mantere (2024) |
| | Francesca Carrieri (2025) |
| Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences | Laurie Snider (2024) |
| | Karsten Steinhauer (2024) |
| | Josée Bonneau (2024) |
| | Annmarie Adams (2026) |
| | Eleanor Elstein (2026) |
| | Maiya Rachel Geddes (2026) |
| | Terry Hébert (2026) |
| | Srinivasan Krishnamurthy (2026) |
| | Momar Ndao (2026) |
| | Michael Shevell (2026) |
| | Ma'n Zawati (2026) |
| | Edith Zorychta (2026) |
| | Beth-Ann Cummings (2026) |
| Schulich School of Music | Julie Cumming (2024) |
| | Patrick Hansen (2025) |
| Faculty of Science | Mathieu Blanchette (2024) |
| | Brigitte Vachon (2024) |
| | Laura Nilson (2025) |
| | Anthony Mittermaier (2025) |
| | Genevieve Ali (2026) |
| | Natalya Gomez (2026) |
| | Peter Grütter (2026) |
| | David Stephens (2026) |
| | Alanna Watt (2026) |
| School of Continuing Studies | Margaret Levey (2024) |
| University Libraries | Marc Richard (2024) |
| | Houman Behzadi (2024) |
| | Svetlana Kochkina (2026) |

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| Members-at-Large | Jacob Levy (2024) |
| | Elizabeth Elbourne (2025) |
| | Jaye Ellis (2025) |
| Administrative and Support Staff | <u>Group 1:</u> Bonnie Borenstein (2025) Krystle Van Hoof (2026) |
| | <u>Group 2 :</u> Darlene Hnatchuk (2025) Cheryl Smeall (2026) |
| | <u>Group 3 :</u> Catriona Moore (2024) Chidimi Abakar (2026) |
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| ELECTED STUDENT MEMBERS | |
| Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) | Alexandre Ashkir, SSMU President |
| | Lalia Katchelewa, SSMU VP University Affairs |
| | Sophia Garofalo (Arts 1) |
| | Juliet Morrison (Arts 2) |
| | Sonya Liu (Arts & Science) |
| | Matthew Diabo (Education) |
| | Muhammad Qureshi (Engineering) |
| | Weeam Benrejeb (Law) |
| | Qais Janbaksh (Management) |
| | Mustafa Fakih (Medicine and Health Sciences) |
| | Naomi Pastrana Mankovitz (Nursing) |
| | Grace Parish (Science) |
| | TBD |
| McGill Association of Continuing Education Students (MACES) | Isabelle St-Arneault |
| | Katherine Joseph |
| Macdonald Campus Students' Association (MCSS) | Vaishnavi Parey |
| Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) | Satish Kumar Tumulu, PGSS Secretary-General |
| | Racchana Ramamurthy, PGSS University Affairs Officer |
| | Hosseini Poorhemati |

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| | TBD |
| | TBD, Postdoctoral Scholar |

Statutes of McGill University

Enacted by the Board of Governors on May 1, 1972, and amended by the Board of Governors to February 10, 2022.

The *Statutes* are maintained by:

The Secretariat
McGill University
845 Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal, QC
Canada, H3A 0G4

Preamble and Enacting Clause

By virtue of the authority vested in the Board of Governors of McGill College and University, under the Royal Charter, as amended, and all relevant laws, and to provide responsible management and government of the affairs, including academic control of the curriculum and courses of study, of McGill College and University, be it and it is hereby enacted that the following Statutes numbered from Article 1 to Article 15 inclusive shall come into effect on the first day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, and that all Statutes now in force be and the same are hereby repealed; the whole subject only to disallowance by the Visitor of the University and such disallowance signified by writing to the Board of Governors within sixty days after a certified copy of these Statutes, sealed with the College seal and addressed to the Visitor, shall have been delivered to the Post Office at the City of Montreal.

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Article One: The Board of Governors

- 1.1.1 The Trustees, Members of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, and Governors of McGill College and University, shall not be more than twenty-five in all, of whom the Chancellor and the Principal of the University shall *ex officio* be two. Of this number,
- twelve members-at-large shall be elected by the Board of Governors from amongst those nominated by the Board's Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, with staggered terms of not more than four years;
- three shall be elected by the McGill Alumni Association from amongst its active members, with staggered terms of not more than five years;
- two shall be elected by Senate from amongst its members, with staggered terms of not more than three years, provided that if during their term such members cease to be members of Senate, they thereupon cease to be members of the Board;
- two shall be elected by the full-time administrative and support staff of the University from amongst their number in accordance with electoral procedures approved by the Board, with staggered terms of not more than three years, and provided that if, during their term, such members cease to be members of the full-time administrative and support staff, they thereupon cease to be members of the Board;
- two shall be elected by and from the full-time academic staff at large in accordance with the electoral procedure approved by the Board, for staggered terms of not more than three years;
- and one shall be an undergraduate student of the University appointed by the Students' Society of McGill University (the "SSMU"), provided that at the time of such appointment he or she was registered in a faculty other than the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in an undergraduate degree or diploma program for not fewer than eighteen credits or the equivalent. An undergraduate student of the University appointed by the SSMU who is a member of its executive and who does not meet these criteria shall nonetheless be eligible to serve on the Board of Governors provided that at the time of their election to the SSMU executive and the time of their appointment to the Board he or she shall be a registered student, and shall throughout the eighteen consecutive months prior to their appointment to the Board will have been registered in a faculty other than the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in an undergraduate degree or diploma program and will have been so registered for no fewer than eighteen credits or the equivalent. The term of the SSMU appointed member on the Board of Governors shall be one year, non-renewable.
- and one shall be elected from among the persons who are members of the Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill, for a one-year term, under electoral procedures approved by the Board, provided that at the time of his or her election the person shall be a registered graduate student or postdoctoral scholar. Non-resident students and full-time members of the teaching staff are ineligible.
- 1.1.2 The McGill Association of Continuing Education Students (MACES) shall elect from amongst its members, under electoral procedures approved by the Board, an Observer to the Board of Governors, to serve a one-year term. The student elected to represent MACES shall be registered in the School of Continuing Studies in a certificate or diploma program and taking at least one course, or a degree candidate who has been assessed the association fee.
- This Observer shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board and may participate in its discussions but shall not have the right to vote.
- 1.1.3 The Macdonald Campus Students' Society (MCSS) shall elect from amongst its members, under electoral procedures approved by the Board, an Observer to the Board of Governors, to serve a one-year term. The student elected to represent the MCSS shall be registered in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in a degree or diploma program and taking not fewer than eighteen credits or the equivalent.
- This Observer shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board and may participate in its discussions but shall not have the right to vote.
- 1.1.4 Suspension under the Student Disciplinary Code shall render a student ineligible for office where such suspension is of all University privileges and is in force at the time of nomination or election. Such suspension during a term of office shall render a student governor ineligible to sit on the Board or its committees so long as the suspension lasts.

- 1.1.5 Subject to section 1.1.5.1, all elected governors shall be eligible for re-election.
- 1.1.5.1 A member-at-large of the Board of Governors shall normally serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, for a total of not more than eight years.
- 1.1.5.2 At least five of the twelve members-at-large of the Board of Governors shall be graduates of McGill University.
- 1.1.6 Subject to section 1.1.7, the term of office of governors elected by the Alumni Association, by Senate, by the full-time administrative and support staff, and by the full-time academic staff, shall commence on the first day of July following their election. In the case of governors elected by the students, their term of office shall commence on the first day of June following their election. In cases where an election is held after the first day of June for a term of office that was to commence on the first day of June, the term of office shall then commence on the first day of the month following the election and terminate on the thirty-first day of May next following.
- 1.1.7 Vacancies on the Board, whether caused by death, disqualification, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled as soon as may be possible, in the manner provided by these Statutes for the appointment or election of new members, and for the like term, save that those elected by the Alumni Association, the Senate, the full-time administrative and support staff, the full-time academic staff, and the student body shall hold office only for the unexpired residue of the term of the previous holder of the seat vacated.
- 1.1.8 Following the completion of a governor's term on the Board, the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, may appoint as governor emeritus/a, a governor who has served the University with exceptional distinction for a period of not less than six consecutive years on the Board.
 - 1.1.8.1 The Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, in making a recommendation for appointment to the rank of governor emeritus/a, shall consider the nature and scope of the governor's contributions to the University and his or her capacity to continue to do so in the future.
 - 1.1.8.2 The Principal, the Chair of the Board of Governors, and the Chancellor shall meet at least once each year with the governors emeriti.
 - 1.1.8.3 Governors emeriti shall normally be appointed by the Board for an unlimited term, to recognize, in perpetuity, exemplary support and long-standing dedication to the institution.
 - 1.1.8.4 Governors emeriti shall be entitled to receive all materials related to meetings of the Board of Governors. Governors emeriti, while not members of the Board, shall be eligible for appointment to the committees of the Board of Governors as well as to represent the Board on other bodies. When appointed to a committee of the Board of Governors, governors emeriti shall be full members of the committee, with both voice and vote, and their presence shall be considered in determining whether a quorum is present.
 - 1.1.8.5 Governors emeriti shall be entitled to participate as members of the platform party at all convocation and installation ceremonies.
- 1.2 The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, which consists of the aforesaid Board of Governors, holds as trustee all University property and is responsible for the maintenance and the administration thereof.
- 1.3.1 The Board of Governors of the University, under the terms of the Charter, possesses general jurisdiction and final authority over the conduct of the affairs of the University. It makes all contracts and all appointments on behalf of the University.
- 1.3.2 It may establish, and from time to time amend, rules and regulations governing its own meetings and procedure for the transaction of business properly coming before it, and ten of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.
- 1.3.3 It shall meet at the call of the Chair or, in the event of the latter's absence or inability to act, at the call of a Vice-Chair or the member of the Board senior in order of appointment, on written notice given at least five clear days before the date fixed for the meeting, at least three times a year, once in the autumn, once in the winter, and once in the spring.
- 1.3.4 For greater certainty, but without limiting the generality of its authority, the Board of Governors shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- 1.3.4.1 It shall appoint the Principal after consultation with a committee comprised as follows: the Chair of the Board of Governors (or other member of the Board designated by the Board of Governors) as chair; the Chancellor; two members appointed by the Board of Governors; two members appointed by the Senate; one member appointed by the Students' Society of McGill University and one member appointed by the Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill University; two members appointed by the Council of the McGill Association of University Teachers; two members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association; two members elected by the administrative and support staff. Alternates to the designated members may be named. Such alternates shall serve only in the event that the designated members are unable to serve and shall be permanent replacements. The quorum of this committee shall be seven. The Board of Governors shall select the Principal only from those names submitted to it by this committee.
- 1.3.4.2 It shall appoint, on the recommendation of the Principal, as hereinafter provided, the Provost, the Deputy Provost, the vice-principals, deans, professors, and all other members of the teaching, research, and administrative staff, and all other University personnel; and shall determine and fix their tenure of office.
- 1.3.4.3 It may, in accordance with regulations relating to the employment of academic staff which it promulgates from time to time, dismiss any members of the teaching staff of the University; and it may, after hearing the interested parties, dismiss any senior administrative officer for cause which in the opinion of its members affects adversely the general well-being of the University. A senior administrative officer is any member of the non-teaching staff of the University who holds an office designated as such by the Board of Governors. It may also suspend and dismiss any employee of the University other than members of the teaching staff and senior administrative officers and delegate this authority to an officer or officers of the University.
- 1.3.4.4 It shall, in accordance with applicable law, promulgate regulations from time to time establishing the normal retirement dates for all staff, as well as the terms and conditions of their retirement at their normal retirement date or at an earlier or a later date.
- 1.3.4.5 It shall have full power to determine and fix from time to time the salaries and emoluments of the Principal, Provost, Deputy Provost, vice-principals, deans, professors, and all other officers and employees of the University, and to determine and fix all fees to be paid to the University for instruction given therein or which may be given anywhere under its auspices and direction, and for all other University privileges and to determine and fix the time and mode of payment thereof.
- 1.3.4.6 It shall appoint:
- (a) an Executive Committee, consisting of not more than ten members, all governors, including the Chair, one of the Vice-Chairs of the Board and the Principal; two of these members shall be chosen from among the members of the Board elected by Senate and by the academic staff; one member to be chosen from among the Board members elected by the administrative and support staff; four members to be chosen from among the members-at-large and Alumni Association Board members. A student member of the Board or Observer shall also be chosen to participate in meetings of the Executive Committee as a non-member, with voice and no vote;
- (b) a Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee consisting of the Chair of the Board, the Chancellor, the Principal, and seven members, four of whom shall be chosen from among the members-at-large on the Board, the members of the Board elected by the Alumni Association, and the governors emeriti; one chosen from among the Board members elected by the administrative and support staff; one chosen from among the Board members elected by the academic staff or by Senate; and one chosen from among the students elected to the Board.
- These committees shall have the powers hereinafter provided for, and the Board, alone or jointly with Senate, may appoint other committees clothed with such powers as it may deem advisable. Members of such committees shall be appointed for such terms as the Board may from time to time determine.
- 1.3.4.7 As provided for in Article 6.1.1, it shall appoint three representatives on the Senate for a period of three years each, at least two of whom shall be members of the Board, including at least one who is a member of the Board elected by the McGill Alumni Association.
- 1.3.4.8 It shall appoint the Chancellor of the University. It shall also appoint from among its members-at-large a chair to preside over its meetings. In addition, it shall appoint, up to two vice-chairs from among its members-at-large.
- 1.4.1 The Executive Committee shall have authority to exercise all the powers held by the Board of Governors

between regular meetings of the Board, except that it shall not have the power to amend, modify, or repeal any or all of these Statutes, or to appoint a Chancellor or appoint a Principal, or dismiss a member of the teaching staff or a senior administrative officer; it shall submit to each regular meeting of the Board a report on all matters with which it has dealt since the previous regular meeting thereof.

- 1.4.2 The Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee shall make nominations to the Board of Governors for the filling of all vacancies on the Board, except those occurring among the members elected by the Alumni Association, by Senate, by the full-time administrative and support staff, by the full-time academic staff, and by the student body; and such first mentioned nominations shall not be acted on by the Board at the same meeting as that at which they are presented. Candidates for re-election must be nominated in the same manner as new members. The Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee shall make nominations to the Board of Governors for the standing committees of the Board, including the Executive Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee, and for representation of the Board on Senate. In addition to the responsibilities stipulated in the Statutes, the Board Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee shall recommend the creation or abolition of committees and shall review the terms of reference of Board committees, recommending revisions thereto as it deems appropriate.

Article Two: The Chancellor, the Chair of the Board of Governors, and the Vice-Chair(s) of the Board of Governors

- 2.1.1 The Chancellor shall be presiding officer of Convocation and of joint sessions of the Board of Governors and the Senate and shall represent the University at official functions. The Chancellor shall be an *ex officio* member of the Board of Governors and of Senate.
- 2.1.2 The Chancellor shall preside over meetings of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee.
- 2.2 The Chair of the Board of Governors shall be the president of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, presiding officer of the Board of Governors, and a Board of Governors' representative on Senate and may according to discretion call joint meetings of the Board of Governors and Senate.
- 2.3 The Vice-Chair(s) of the Board of Governors shall assist the Chair of the Board of Governors.
- 2.4 In the case of the absence of the Chair of the Board of Governors, or in the event of a temporary vacancy in that office, the Board of Governors will appoint one of the Vice-Chairs as the Acting Chair of the Board of Governors, with all duties and powers pertaining to the office of the Chair of the Board of Governors.
- 2.5 The Chancellor shall normally serve a term of up to three years.
- 2.6 Subject to article 1.1.5.1, the Chair shall normally serve a term of up to four years.
- 2.7 Subject to article 1.1.5.1, a Vice-Chair shall normally serve a term of up to two years.
- 2.8 The Board of Governors may renew the terms of service of the Chancellor, the Chair and the Vice-Chairs.
- 2.9 To recognize their exemplary service and contributions to the University, the Board of Governors may bestow the rank of emeritus/a upon the Chancellor, the Chair of the Board of Governors or a Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors following the completion of their respective terms in these positions.

Article Three: The Principal

- 3.1 The Principal shall be the academic head and chief executive officer of the University and shall have general supervision over and direction of the University, including the teaching staff thereof, and all persons employed in connection with its work, and shall also have such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be conferred upon or may be assigned by the Board of Governors.
- 3.2 The Principal shall also bear the title and discharge the functions and duties of Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- 3.2.1 The Principal shall have the status of full professor with tenure unless the Board of Governors determines otherwise.
- 3.3 The Principal may initiate any project which the Principal considers beneficial to the University and may present to the Senate or the Board of Governors, or to both, any project of whatsoever kind that may seem to the Principal to be in the interests of the University.

- 3.4 The Principal shall recommend to the Board of Governors the appointments, and terms thereof, of the Provost, Deputy Provost, vice-principals, deans, professors, and all other members of the teaching, research, and administrative staff and all other University personnel.
- 3.4.1 Before recommending an appointment for the office of Provost, Deputy Provost, or vice-principal, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee consisting of four representatives of the Board of Governors, four representatives of the Senate and two students. The Principal shall be *ex officio* chair of the advisory committee.
- 3.4.2 Before recommending an appointment or reappointment for the office of dean of a large faculty, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee of thirteen members, which shall consist of four members nominated by the faculty immediately concerned, four members not necessarily members of the faculty concerned, nor of Senate, appointed by Senate, two members appointed by the Board of Governors, and three student members. In the case of small faculties, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee of seven members, which shall consist of two members nominated by the faculty immediately concerned, two members, not necessarily members of the faculty concerned, nor of Senate, appointed by Senate, one member appointed by the Board of Governors, and two student members. Before recommending an appointment or reappointment for the office of Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, the Principal shall have consulted an advisory committee of thirteen members, which shall consist of eight members of faculties offering graduate programs appointed by Senate, two members appointed by the Board of Governors, and three student members.
- Any faculty having fifty or more full-time members of faculty, exclusive of joint appointments with other faculties, shall be deemed a large faculty; any faculty having fewer than fifty full-time members exclusive of joint appointments with other faculties, shall be deemed a small faculty. Nevertheless, part-time faculty members are eligible for election as faculty representatives on advisory committees on the appointment of deans.
- The Principal shall normally be *ex officio* chair of the advisory committees for the appointment of deans. Deans shall be appointed for a period of five years and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- 3.4.3 Before recommending an appointment to the rank of full professor or full librarian, the Principal must first have consulted a committee consisting of two governors selected by the Chair of the Board, two vice-principals, the dean of any faculty in which the appointment is to be made, or, in the case of appointment to the rank of full librarian, the Director or Dean of Libraries, and two members selected by the Senate; and such other members as the Principal may see fit.
- 3.4.3.1 In the case of new appointments where the candidate has attained the rank of full professor or full librarian, the Principal may recommend appointment at that rank having consulted with the dean of the faculty or the Director or Dean of Libraries as appropriate.
- 3.4.4 Before recommending appointments, and the terms thereof, to ranks below that of full professor, the Principal must have consulted with any dean concerned and such others as may seem desirable to the Principal, and must recommend in accordance with such regulations relating to the employment of academic staff as are promulgated from time to time by the Board of Governors.
- 3.4.5 Before recommending the appointment or re-appointment with tenure of a member of the academic staff, the Principal must have consulted in accordance with such regulations relating to the employment of academic staff as are from time to time promulgated by the Board of Governors.
- 3.5 The Principal shall have power to suspend any members of the teaching staff of the University for cause which in the Principal's opinion affects adversely, or is likely to affect adversely, the general well-being of the University in accordance with such regulations relating to the employment of academic staff as are from time to time promulgated by the Board of Governors. The Principal may also for similar cause suspend any senior administrative officer.
- 3.6 The Principal shall make recommendations to the Board as to all promotions and changes in, and all resignations, retirements, and removals from, the teaching staff of the University. The Principal shall also determine, subject to the authority of the Board, the appointment, term, and remuneration of all other employees of the University.
- 3.7 The Principal shall be a member of the Senate, with all the privileges attached thereto; and shall be Chair thereof and shall preside over its meetings; and in the event of a tie vote shall have an additional or casting vote; the Principal may call special meetings of the Senate upon giving, in writing, notice as prescribed by Article 6.4.2 of

these Statutes.

- 3.8 The Principal shall be a member of all faculties, with all the privileges attaching thereto, and may preside at any faculty meeting if requested to do so by the dean. The Principal may call and preside at special meetings of faculties, separately or jointly.
- 3.9 The Principal shall be a member of all committees of the University and shall have access to all records of the University.
- 3.10 The Principal shall prepare an annual budget and submit the same to the Board of Governors.
- 3.11 The Principal shall report annually to the Visitor upon the work of the University and its requirements and make such recommendations thereon as the Principal may deem necessary.

Article Four: The Provost, Deputy Provost, and Vice-Principals

- 4.1 The Provost, Deputy Provost, and vice-principals shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Principal, and shall be members of the Senate, of all faculties, and of all University committees designated by the Principal, other than the committees of the Board of Governors. A Provost, Deputy Provost, or vice-principal designated by the Principal may represent the latter and discharge the duties and exercise the authority of the Principal during the latter's absence, except as provided in Section 1.3.3.

Article Five: The Secretary-General

- 5.1 The Secretary-General shall be the Secretary of McGill College and University and shall be responsible for the University Secretariat.

Article Six: The Senate

- 6.1.1 The Senate shall be composed of:
 - a) The Chancellor;
The Principal and Vice-Chancellor;
The Chair of the Board of Governors;
The Provost;
The Deputy Provost;
The vice-principals;
The deans of faculties;
The Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies;
The Dean of Students;
The Dean of Continuing Studies;
The Director or Dean of Libraries;
The University Registrar and Executive Director of Enrolment Services;
The Director of Teaching and Learning Services.
 - b) Three representatives of the Board of Governors, appointed by the Board for a period of three years each, at least two of whom shall be members of the Board, including at least one who is a member of the Board elected by the McGill Alumni Association;
 - c) Three members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-election, the electorate to be all librarians performing the function of librarian in the University's library system;
 - d) Six members of the administrative and support staff for a period of three years, namely:
 - i) Two representatives from the Faculties of Arts, Education, Law, Management, Music, and Religious Studies; School of Continuing Studies; and non-faculty administrative and support services reporting to the Provost, the Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations), the Principal, and the Secretary-General, following an election conducted by the Dean of Arts.
 - ii) Two representatives from the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dentistry, Engineering, Medicine, and Science; the University Libraries; and non-faculty administrative and support services reporting to the Deputy Provost, following an election conducted by the Dean of Science.

iii) Two representatives from non-faculty administrative and support services reporting to the Vice-Principals (Administration and Finance) and (University Advancement), following an election conducted by the University Secretariat.

- e) The following members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of three years, and all of whom may be re-elected, the electorate to be all professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and full-time faculty lecturers appointed to the faculty by the Board of Governors, or otherwise authorized by the faculty concerned:

Ten from the Faculty of Arts;
Three from the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences;
One from the Faculty of Dentistry;
Two from the Faculty of Education;
Five from the Faculty of Engineering;
Two from the Faculty of Law;
Thirteen from the Faculty of Medicine;
Two from the Faculty of Music;
Two from the Faculty of Management;
One from the Faculty of Religious Studies;
Nine from the Faculty of Science;
One from the School of Continuing Studies elected from among its full-time faculty lecturers.

- f) Three from the faculty-at-large elected by ballot conducted by the Secretariat.

- g) The following members, each of whom shall serve a one-year term:

One student from the MCSS membership;
Two students from the MACES membership;
Five students from the PGSS membership, including one member elected from among postdoctoral students;
Thirteen students from the SSMU membership;

The eligibility of students for membership on Senate at the time of their nomination or election, and while holding office is determined by the following conditions:

- 6.1.1.1 They are registered as graduate or undergraduate students in a degree or diploma program of the University and are taking not less than three year-long courses or eighteen credits or their equivalent; or,
- 6.1.1.2 They are registered as postdoctoral scholars; or,
- 6.1.1.3 They are members of the executives of the Students' Society of McGill University or of the Macdonald Campus Students' Society, and are registered students of the University; or,
- 6.1.1.4 They are registered in the School of Continuing Studies.
- 6.1.1.5 Non-resident students and full-time members of the teaching staff are ineligible.
- 6.1.2.1 Suspension under the Student Disciplinary Code shall render a student ineligible for office where such suspension is of all University privileges and is in force at the time of nomination or election. Such suspension during a term of office shall render a student member of the Senate ineligible to sit on Senate or its committees so long as the suspension lasts.
- 6.1.2.2 Whenever an elected member of the Senate resigns or ceases to be a full member of the University or of the member's constituency before the expiry of the term, the competent body shall select a successor to complete the term. If a Faculty Senate seat is vacated before the normal end of term, the Faculty concerned should employ the following procedures:
- i. if the remainder of the representative's term is for one year or less, the Faculty may appoint a replacement for the duration of the former member's term;
 - ii. if the remainder of the representative's term is for greater than one year, the Faculty should elect a new member using its normal election procedure for the full Senate term of three years;
- 6.1.3 If an administrative and support staff seat is vacated before the normal end of term, the same procedure indicated in section 6.1.2.2 for the selection of a successor should be used.
- 6.1.4 Senate shall undertake a comprehensive review of its composition at least once every ten years.

- 6.2 All members of the Senate shall have the title of “Fellow.”
- 6.3 Subject to the authority and powers of the Board of Governors, the Senate shall have the following general and specific powers and duties:
 - 6.3.1 It may establish, and from time to time amend, rules and regulations governing its own meetings and procedure for the transaction of business properly coming before it, and forty percent of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business, except that in the period from June 1 to August 31 in each year, twenty percent of its members shall constitute a quorum.
 - 6.3.2 It shall exercise general control and supervision over the academic activities of the University, with special reference to the development of the curriculum and courses of study in the several faculties and schools; it shall receive from the several faculties and schools regulations for admission into such faculties and schools and shall grant or withhold approval thereof; it may initiate for the consideration of faculties and schools suggested changes in curriculum and courses of study; it shall examine and approve all requirements for degrees, diplomas, or certificates granted by the University. No courses leading to degrees, diplomas, or certificates shall be offered or given until the approval of the Senate has been declared. Before, however, passing any regulation governing any faculty, otherwise than on the proposal of such faculty or an appeal to it from the decision of any faculty, council, or committee, concerning courses of study, curriculum, or other academic activity, the Senate shall, so far as is feasible, communicate its project to such faculty.
 - 6.3.3 It shall establish and grant all degrees, both in course and honorary, and all diplomas and certificates to be conferred by the University.
 - 6.3.4 It may recommend the establishment and discontinuance of faculties, schools, and departments.
 - 6.3.5 It shall examine and make recommendations concerning any project involving the academic policy of the University or of any faculty or school or the establishment of any academic building.
 - 6.3.6 It shall recommend the acceptance or refusal of any gift, grant, or bequest submitted to it by the Principal on the grounds that it might, in the Principal’s judgement, affect University academic policy.
 - 6.3.7 It may offer recommendations for the affiliation with the University of any college or colleges or other institutions of learning or research and for the dissolution of any such affiliations or the amendment or alteration of the terms thereof.
 - 6.3.8 It may make such representations, through the Principal, to the Board of Governors as may from time to time become necessary or desirable, touching any claims and needs of the University or any part thereof.
 - 6.3.9 In case of disagreement with the Board of Governors regarding recommendations made under paragraphs 6.3.4; 6.3.5; 6.3.6; 6.3.7; or 6.3.8, the question at issue shall be submitted to a Conference Committee. This committee shall consist of not more than eleven members, consisting of the Principal and equal representation from the Board of Governors on the one hand and the Senate on the other, with power to submit its findings and recommendations to the Board of Governors whose decision shall be final.
 - 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.
 - 6.3.10 It may hear and determine appeals made to it by any member of the teaching staff from any decision of a Senate committee, or of a faculty, concerning courses of study, curriculum, examinations, timetable, or other academic activity, and subject to ratification by the Board of Governors its decision shall be final.
 - 6.3.11 It may make rules and regulations for the management of the University libraries and museums.
 - 6.3.12 It shall exercise general disciplinary authority over the student body of the University and may delegate authority to make and enforce student disciplinary regulations to University bodies and officers of its choosing.
 - 6.3.13 It shall regulate academic dress and University ceremonial.

- 6.3.14 It shall fix the academic calendar, including the dates of academic functions and holidays, or general suspensions of lectures; and shall co-ordinate all timetables affecting more than one faculty.
- 6.3.15 It shall appoint such committees, boards, or other bodies as may be necessary for the proper exercise of its authority.
- 6.3.16 It may determine the titles of all ranks and grades of the teaching staff below the rank of full professor.
- 6.4.1 Regular meetings of the Senate shall be held at least once a calendar month throughout the University session.
- 6.4.2 Special meetings may be summoned by the Principal according to discretion and must be summoned on the request of any ten members of the Senate. Notice of any such special meeting shall be sent by the Secretary of the Senate at least three days in advance of the date of the meeting to every member of the Senate and shall specify the business of the meeting.

Article Seven: The Faculties

- 7.1 The following are faculties of the University:
 - Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
 - Arts
 - Dentistry
 - Education
 - Engineering
 - Law
 - Management
 - Medicine
 - Music
 - Religious Studies
 - Science
- 7.2 Each faculty shall be composed of all professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and faculty lecturers who are appointed to it by the Board of Governors. Where a question of membership is in doubt, the dean or the deans concerned shall reach a decision, or shall seek the ruling of the Principal.
- 7.3 A faculty may provide for the election to the faculty meeting of additional members, and may make regulations concerning their number, their qualifications, and their term of office, the right to vote at their election, the procedure to be followed thereat and the date thereof; and such faculty may from time to time repeal or amend such regulations; provided, however, that no regulation made under the authority of this section and no repeal or amendment of such regulation shall have any effect until approved by the Senate. Unless the faculty provides otherwise, the eligibility for student members of faculty meetings shall be governed by the provisions of Article 6.1.1.1, 6.1.1.5, and 6.1.2.1 relating to student membership on the Senate.
- 7.4 The Director or Dean of University Libraries shall be a member *ex officio* of the Faculties of Arts and of Science.
- 7.5 Each faculty shall, subject to the authority of Senate, control the courses of study and the academic work of the faculty, and provide rules governing the arrangement of its timetable and examinations and the conduct of its meetings.
- 7.6 All faculties shall meet not less than four times during the academic session.

Article Eight: The Deans

- 8.1.1 There shall be a dean of each faculty appointed as provided in Articles 1.3.4.2 and 3.4.2. There shall also be a Dean of Students, a Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and a Dean of Continuing Studies.
- 8.1.2 The dean of each faculty shall, subject to the provisions of Article 3.8, preside at all meetings of the faculty, and in the event of a tie vote shall have an additional or casting vote.
- 8.1.3 The Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies shall preside at meetings of a council whose mandate and composition shall be approved by Senate.

- 8.1.4 The dean of each faculty shall, under the direction of the Principal, administer the affairs of the faculty, academic and executive. The Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and the Dean of Continuing Studies shall, under the direction of the Principal, administer academic and administrative affairs appropriate to their office.
- 8.1.5 The dean of each faculty and the Dean of Continuing Studies shall make to the Principal all recommendations for appointment and promotion of their teaching staff in accordance with such regulations relating to the employment of academic staff as are from time to time promulgated by the Board of Governors.
- 8.1.6 The dean of each faculty shall, after consultation with a committee broadly representative of the membership of a department and including, if desired, representatives from outside of the department concerned, make recommendations to the Principal for the appointment or reappointment of a departmental chair. Prior to recommending the re-appointment of a chair who has served in that office for five years, the dean shall again consult with a committee broadly representative of the membership of the department and including, if desired, representatives from outside of the department concerned.
- 8.1.7 The dean of each faculty shall be responsible for the preparation of the budget of the faculty for submission to the Principal. In faculties with departments, the dean shall consult with chairs of departments before preparing the budget. The Dean of Students, the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and the Dean of Continuing Studies shall each be responsible for the preparation of a budget for submission to the Principal.

Article Nine: The Academic Departments

- 9.1.1 The members of the teaching staff appointed to give instruction in the various subjects or field of study or to conduct research may be organized for administrative purposes into departments as defined by the dean of the faculty, or by the council of the faculty, if one exists, subject to the approval of the Principal and ratification of the Senate.
- 9.1.2 Where courses of instruction are presently offered or in the future proposed by the teaching staff of any department as an integral part of the course of study or curriculum of two or more faculties, or are offered in one faculty leading to a course of study in another faculty, the details thereof and the jurisdiction thereover shall be settled by the deans concerned, subject to the approval of the Principal and ratification by the Senate.
- 9.1.3 Each department may recommend to the council of the faculty, or to the faculty meeting if there is no council, modifications in, deletions of, or substitutions for courses of instruction offered there-in. It may, through its chair and dean, discuss its objectives and problems with the Principal.
- 9.1.4 There shall be no department independent of a faculty.
- 9.2.1 There shall be a chair of each department appointed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 1.3.4.2 and 8.1.6.
- 9.2.2 Each departmental chair shall be generally responsible to the dean or deans of the faculty or faculties in which members of the teaching staff of the department may be offering courses of instruction, and shall prepare and administer a budget for the department under the direction and supervision of such dean or deans.

Article Ten: Schools, Institutes, Centres, and Other Academic Units

- 10.1 Each school, institute, centre, or other academic unit of the University shall be placed in a faculty under the direction and supervision of the dean. The Senate, on recommendation of the Principal, shall have the authority to allocate each school, institute, centre, or other academic unit to an appropriate faculty. There shall be over each a director.
- 10.2 The director of each school, institute, centre, or other academic unit shall be under the direction and supervision of the dean of the faculty to which it has been allocated, and shall exercise the functions of chair of a department.
- 10.3 Articles 10.1 and 10.2 do not apply to the School of Continuing Studies.

Article Eleven: Royal Victoria College

- 11.1 The Royal Victoria College is a college of McGill University and, except when otherwise specially provided by the terms of the College charter and its endowments or by the Statutes and resolutions made from time to time by the Board of Governors of the College in special relation to its separate interests and except where inapplicable to conditions in fact, all statutes, rules, regulations, and by-laws of the University and of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning shall apply to the government and administration of the College.
- 11.2 The members of the Board of Governors of the University shall also be the members of the Board of Governors of the College.
- 11.3 All officers, employees, and servants of the College shall be appointed or employed by the Board of Governors of the College or by the Principal of the University or by some person appointed by the Principal, acting under the authority of the Board, and the said Board shall also exercise all powers of dismissal.
- 11.4 Any academic or educational work carried on in or by the College shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes, and all rules and regulations of the Senate in force from time to time in relation to the aforesaid matters shall apply to the College.
- 11.5 The Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be a member of the Board of Governors of the College, and shall *ex officio*, and as near as the nature and objects of the College will permit, possess the like powers and perform the like duties in relation to the government and administration of the College as the Principal ordinarily possesses and performs in relation to the University as a whole, together with such other and further duties and powers as may be specially assigned to or conferred from time to time by the Board of the College in relation to the separate interests of the College.
- 11.6 The Secretary-General of the University shall be the Secretary of the College, and shall possess the like powers and perform the like duties in relation to the affairs of the College as to the affairs of the University and its various constituent bodies.
- 11.7.1 The warden of the College and the treasurer thereof shall each be appointed by the Board of Governors of the College, upon the recommendation of the Principal of the University. The warden, subject always to the supervision and authority of the Principal and to the provisions of these Statutes, shall have and possess all powers and perform all duties necessary and incidental to the following purposes:
 - 11.7.2 To advise and assist all students of the College on all matters affecting the progress of their education and training.
 - 11.7.3 To make and administer subject to the enactments of Senate all rules and regulations for the comfort, good health, and discipline of the students resident in the College, and for the preservation of the good character and name of the College.
 - 11.7.4 To make and administer all rules, regulations, and orders for the efficient household management and maintenance of the College residence and of all premises and places occupied by the College.

Article Twelve: Macdonald Campus

- 12.1 Macdonald Campus is an integral part of McGill University. Except as hereinafter or in any statute or agreement or deed of gift provided, all statutes and regulations of McGill University and of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning shall have full force and effect in the government and administration of the said Macdonald Campus.

Article Thirteen: Degrees

- 13.1 The University may offer degrees-in-course in any field of knowledge as shall be approved from time to time in accordance with these Statutes. The official record of degrees granted by the University shall be maintained by the Secretary General.
 - 13.1.1 Any degree may be granted jointly with another institution of higher learning as a single degree, as established from time to time by Senate.
 - 13.1.2 Any degree may be granted jointly with a degree granted by another institution of higher learning, as established from time to time by Senate.

- 13.2.1 The University may grant the degree of Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science, Doctor of Music, and Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa*, and such other honorary degrees as may from time to time be approved by the Senate.
- 13.2.2 Proposals for honorary degrees shall be made to and considered by a committee appointed by the Senate, and having the Chancellor as chair. Those proposals approved by this committee shall be referred to the Senate for final decision; but no honorary degree shall be granted unless two-thirds of the members of the Senate present and entitled to vote shall vote for it.

Article Fourteen: Convocation

- 14.1 Convocation shall be a general meeting of all members and graduates of the University, or of one or more faculties of the University, called by the Principal and Senate, for any public ceremonial function of the University. The Chancellor, or, if absent, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, or in the absence of both, such persons as the Chancellor or the Principal may name for the purpose, shall preside and shall confer such degrees as may have been granted by the Senate.

Article Fifteen: Statutory Amendments

- 15.1 The Senate may, by a two-thirds vote of its members who are present and entitled to vote, recommend to the Board of Governors amendments to these Statutes, provided that due notice of the proposed amendments shall have been given in writing at a previous meeting of the Senate by its Secretary.
- 15.2 Nothing herein contained shall be construed as in any way limiting or impairing the power of the Board of Governors to amend, modify, or repeal the foregoing Statutes or any of them; the notice convening any meeting of the Board of Governors at which such amendment, modification, or repeal is to be considered shall declare the purpose of the meeting in that respect and shall be sent in writing to each member of the Board five clear days before the date fixed for the holding of the meeting.

Date of posting to the Visitor of the University, in accordance with the Enacting Clause:

Enactment

May 9, 1972

Amendments:

Article 1

June 14, 1972
February 27, 1974
March 28, 1974
April 1, 1975
June 1, 1977
February 2, 1978
January 31, 1979
May 30, 1979
October 22, 1980
January 18, 1984
November 20, 1990
June 3, 1994
January 19, 1995
May 29, 1997
May 29, 1998
March 26, 1999
February 7, 2000
April 18, 2001
January 29, 2003
May 28, 2003
October 9, 2003
September 28, 2004
February 7, 2005
November 3, 2005
June 8, 2007
June 9, 2009
June 2, 2010
May 30, 2011
February 28, 2013
May 25, 2017

Article 2

February 10, 2022
November 20, 1990
February 10, 2022

Article 3

February 25, 1975
October 1, 1975
June 1, 1977
November 20, 1990
February 19, 1991
March 1, 1996
April 18, 2001
May 17, 2002
October 9, 2003
November 3, 2005
October 13, 2010

Article 4

November 20, 1990
October 9, 2003

Article 5

November 3, 2005
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November 29, 1973

Article 6

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Article 14

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Article 15

STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE, GOVERNING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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**STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE, GOVERNING THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE SENATE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY**
(Hereinafter, the “Rules”)

1. Enacting Clause

The proceedings of Senate are governed by the Statutes of McGill University (as enacted in 1939, and re-enacted or amended by the Board of Governors from time to time) insofar as they are applicable; in particular, with reference to the following:

- Regular and Special Meetings (Articles 6.4.1, 6.4.2)
- Constitution of Quorum (Article 6.3.1)
- The Chair (Article 3.7)
- The Secretary-General (Article 5.1)
- Appointment of Committees (Article 6.3.15)
- Granting of Honorary Degrees (Article 13.2.2)
- Amendment of Statutes (Article 15)

2. Open Meetings of Senate and Spectator Attendance Conditions

Although certain items on the Senate agenda may require confidential treatment (see section 8), Senate meetings are normally open meetings. An "open" meeting is one that is open to observation by any member of the University community and accredited press, subject to limitations of space and good conduct.

The number of spectators and members of the press will be limited to the capacity of the room in which a Senate meeting is held. Admission of spectators and members of the press will be on first-come, first-accommodated basis. Seating may also be reserved prior to a meeting by contacting the Secretariat.

No external person should be asked to address Senate without the proposal having been approved at a meeting of Senate or of the Steering Committee.

Committee reports are normally presented to Senate by the committee's Chair. If the committee Chair is not a Senator, the committee Chair will be invited to the Senate meeting and granted speaking rights to present the report and act as the committee's spokesperson. Other members of the committee are welcome to attend the Senate meeting in the area reserved for spectators and could, if Senate so desired, be invited to participate in the discussion.

3. Recording of Senate Meetings

The open sessions of Senate meetings may be livestreamed by the University and accessible to members of the McGill community on the Senate website. The livestream of each open session will be accessible until the minutes of the meeting are approved. No other recording, communication or transmission of sound or images of the deliberations of Senate is allowed during meetings, except with the express permission of Senate.

4. Frequency and Time of Meetings

4.1 Frequency of Meetings

Based on article 6.4.1 of the Statutes, Senate will normally meet once a calendar month during the academic session (i.e. from September to May). The Steering Committee is empowered to call special meetings or to cancel scheduled meetings of Senate, as required. Based on Article 6.4.2 of the Statutes, "special meetings may be summoned by the Principal according to discretion and must be summoned on the request of any ten members of the Senate."

4.2 Time of Meetings

Senate meetings normally commence at 2:30 p.m. and adjourn no later than 6:10 p.m.

4.3 Meetings held by Electronic Means

The Steering Committee may recommend that a meeting, or a part thereof, be held (1) remotely by means of equipment enabling virtual participation or (2) by electronic vote.

If a meeting is held remotely, access to Senate's open session proceedings by spectators and members of the press will be permitted through a process established by the Secretariat.

Meetings conducted entirely by means of an electronic vote will only include Senators.

5. Senator Attendance (Elected Members)

Senators who will be on leave from the University for a period longer than three months or unable to attend Senate for a period of the same length should normally resign and the competent body will select a successor following the procedure described in section 6.1.2.2 of the Statutes.

If Senators do not attend three consecutive meetings of Senate, or five meetings in a governance year, without sufficient reason, their seat will be deemed vacant by the Secretary and the competent body will select a successor following the procedure described in section 6.1.2.2 of the Statutes.

6. Notice of Meetings and Meeting Documents

6.1 Notice of Meetings

Written notice of regular meetings will be mailed, normally in electronic format, to Senators by the Secretary at least **five** calendar days in advance. As per article 6.4.2 of the Statutes, notice of special meetings will be sent at least **three** calendar days in advance.

6.2 Agenda and Meeting Documents (Open Session)

The agenda, together with related documents, will be distributed to Senators and, with the exception of draft meeting minutes, will be posted on the Senate website or otherwise made publicly available. The agenda and documents should be circulated at least four calendar days in

advance of the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the Senate website or otherwise made publicly available once they have been approved by Senate.

6.3 Meeting Documents (Confidential Session)

Confidential documents will not be distributed but made available for consultation in the Secretariat by Senators only. In the case of remote meetings and meetings conducted by electronic vote, confidential documents will normally be made available to Senators on a secure and access-restricted platform.

7. Order of Business

The order of business at regular meetings will be as follows:

- Memorial Tributes for members or distinguished colleagues of the University
- Report of the Steering Committee
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Business Arising from the Minutes
Chair's Remarks
- Part A (i) Questions by Senators
(ii) Motions by Senators
- Part B - Motions and Reports from Organs of University Government
- Other Business

The order of business at special meetings will follow the order of the items contained in the notice calling the meeting.

The order of business at any meeting, as fixed by the above, may be changed by a majority vote of those present at such meeting. When considering the adoption of the agenda, there are to be no amendments permitted to alter the order of questions and motions in the question and motion period, all questions and motions to be considered in the order in which they are submitted prior to the meeting of Senate.

8. Confidential Sessions of Senate Meetings

In most cases, there should be advance knowledge of items that require confidential treatment and they should be so specified in the Steering Committee's Report or on the agenda. Since the motions to adopt the recommendations of the Report of the Steering Committee and the agenda are debatable, any reservation about confidentiality should be raised and settled at this stage. Once the agenda is adopted, Senate should automatically move into closed session when the item "Confidential Business" is reached, and all spectators should retire from the meeting. This would not preclude the presentation of a procedural motion to have a particular item transferred to "Confidential Business." "Confidential Business" would be minuted in an Appendix to the Minutes of Senate, accessible only to Senators; but the minutes themselves would indicate the general nature of the confidential items and the reasons for them being considered confidential.

Current and former Senators will respect the confidentiality of information received in the performance of their duties, as well as the confidentiality of Senate's deliberations.

At the conclusion of a confidential session there may be, if appropriate, a motion concerning whether any resolutions adopted by Senate during the confidential session, or any part of them, should be made public.

9. Questions and Motions by Senators

9.1 Submission of Questions and Motions

Any Senator may submit a written question or motion, on templates established by the Secretariat, to the Secretary for review by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee has the delegated authority of Senate to make a determination on the admissibility of questions and motions. The Senate Steering Committee is responsible for developing guidelines for the review of questions and motions.

9.2 Time Allocation

As the first item under Part "A" of the Senate agenda, a question and motion period limited to thirty minutes is to be scheduled. Items that remain unaddressed at the end of the thirty minutes will be tabled until the conclusion of Part "B" of the agenda to be addressed then, if time permits. Items remaining unaddressed will be added to the agenda of the subsequent meeting.

9.3 Questions

Written questions and responses will normally be circulated to Senators in advance of the meeting. During the question and motion period, the Senator(s) who submitted the question will be permitted to ask one or more supplementary questions, after which, all other Senators will have the same opportunity. No debate is to be permitted of either the question or the response.

In the case of questions directed to the Principal, the Secretary will assume the chair of Senate for the duration of any supplementary questions and their replies.

9.4 Motions

In view of the lengthy discussion that might develop in Senate when motions by members do not specify fully their intent, Senators are advised to preface the motions they submit for Part "A" of the agenda of Senate with a written rationale, based on a template provided by the Secretariat.

10. The Chair

Pursuant to the Statutes, the Principal or the Acting Principal / Interim Principal if one is appointed by the Board of Governors, is the Chair of Senate and presides over its meetings. The Chair will not normally vote unless there is a tie vote, in which case the Chair will have the deciding vote.

If the Principal is absent from a meeting, the Steering Committee will normally recommend the appointment of a faculty dean to serve as Acting Chair for that meeting. The Steering Committee's recommendation will be presented by the Secretary, who will take the chair at the outset of the meeting for that purpose.

In the case of an unanticipated absence of the Principal, the Secretary will take the chair and call for the appointment of a temporary chair. The member appointed as Temporary Chair will then take the chair and conduct the business of the meeting, with all the powers of the statutory Chair.

11. The Secretary

The Secretary-General is the Secretary of Senate. If the Secretary-General is absent from any meeting, an individual in the employ of the University appointed by the Chair will assume the duties of the Secretary.

12. Conflicts of Interest

Senators are expected to consult and adhere to the applicable University regulation governing conflicts of interest, review the agenda items and declare any conflicts of interest to the Chair or Secretary. They should indicate whether they will abstain from voting or withdraw from participation in the consideration of the agenda item.

13. Voting

Senators will vote as follows: IN FAVOUR / AGAINST / ABSTAIN. Given that a Senator should hear the full arguments on a motion, there will be no provision for absentee voting. On any vote, Senators may request that their names be recorded in the minutes as voting in favour, against or abstaining. In all cases, in determining the number required for a majority, those members present but voting ABSTAIN are excluded from the total eligible to vote.

All motions will be decided by simple majority except those that require a two-thirds majority or a three-fourths majority, as established by these Rules or as stipulated in the Statutes in respect of recommendations such as the grant of honorary degrees and amendments to the Statutes.

Depending on the format of the meeting, voting will be conducted as follows:

a) For In-Person Meetings

Senators will vote on motions by a show of hands, unless by a majority vote upon a motion or, at the suggestion of the Chair, Senators decide in any particular case that the vote should be taken by secret ballot.

b) For Meetings Held by Electronic Vote

Senators will vote on motions by submitting an electronic ballot using a platform made available by the Secretariat for this purpose.

c) For Meetings Held Remotely

Senators will vote on motions either by voice or, as appropriate, by using the features within the remote platform made available by the Secretariat.

14. Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider any decision previously taken and recorded as a resolution of Senate may be presented, subject to the following conditions:

- a) At the meeting at which the resolution was adopted, a motion to reconsider may be presented after all items on the agenda have been disposed of.
- b) Otherwise, a notice of a motion to reconsider may either be given at the regular meeting immediately preceding the meeting at which such motion is to be presented, or be submitted to the Steering Committee for presentation at the next meeting of Senate; and it cannot be so presented unless it has been mentioned in the agenda included in the notice of such meeting.
- c) In any circumstances, the minimum vote required to carry a motion to reconsider will be two-thirds of the members present.

When a motion to reconsider has been duly presented and carried, the subject matter of the original motion is thereby reopened for discussing and voting anew.

15. Suspension of the Rules

Any or all of the present Rules may be suspended by a vote of not less than three-fourths of those present, provided that such three-fourths constitute an absolute majority of all Senators.

16. Amendment of the Rules

The present Rules may be amended by a majority vote of those present at any regular or special meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous meeting and that the wording thereof has been included in the notice calling the meeting at which it is to be considered.

17. Allocation of Time for Debate and Discussion

The Steering Committee may submit with the agenda a recommended allocation of time for each item on the agenda. This schedule would be approved by Senate in the context of its approval of the agenda. The Chair would normally close debate at the end of the assigned period unless by a majority vote of those present, discussion were prolonged for a specific period. The motion to prolong debate would not itself be debatable. Before closing the debate on an item, which has not yet reached the end of its allocated time, the Chair will ask Senators if they have any further comments.

18. Duration and Frequency of Interventions

A Senator, in making a motion, will be permitted up to a total of four minutes to provide a rationale for the motion. The seconder of the motion, all other speakers on the motion, and Senators making amendments and sub-amendments will be permitted up to three minutes of speaking time. Seconders and speakers to amendments and sub-amendments will be permitted up to two minutes of speaking time.

In regard to questions or comments on agenda items, Senators will be permitted up to two minutes of speaking time.

Presenters will normally have up to four minutes of speaking time to deliver a report. The Steering Committee may recommend more time, which would be reflected in the recommended allocation of time for items included on the agenda (see section 17).

A list of speakers will be kept by the Chair and/or Secretary. Interventions by those who have already spoken will not be allowed until all Senators speaking for the first time have had a chance to speak. Senators desiring to speak on an amendment may express themselves without prejudice to their position on the speaker's list for the motion, and the same will apply with regard to the speaker's list for a motion and an amendment in the case of members desiring to speak on a sub-amendment. When the sub-amendment has been disposed of, there will be a return to the speaker's list for the amendment, and when the amendment has been disposed of there will be a return to the original speaker's list. In all of the above situations, the Chair may permit brief second interventions once the speaker's list in question has been exhausted.

At the discretion of the Chair, Senators whose knowledge or expertise is required in order to aid the Senate debate or discussion may be permitted to speak briefly to a given point even if they have already spoken, and without prejudice to their position on the speaker's list if they have not yet spoken.

All Senators have equal rights to be heard without interruption; however, the Chair may use discretion in judging the relevancy of an argument or commentary, and may act in the interest of using time efficiently so as to ensure that discussion is germane to the subject matter of the motion or discussion item and that Senate has sufficient time to address other agenda items.

19. Points of Order and Rulings of the Chair

19.1 Points of Order

If a Senator believes that the present Rules have been incorrectly applied or overlooked, the Senator may raise a Point of Order to bring the matter to the attention of the Chair.

The Senator will raise the Point of Order as soon as the alleged breach occurs by stating "Point of Order". When recognized by the Chair, the Senator will be invited to briefly state the Point of Order to be addressed by the Chair. The Chair will then make a ruling on the matter.

A Senator may not use a Point of Order in an attempt to gain the floor to participate in or provoke a discussion; in such cases, the Chair may refuse the intervention and the ruling of the Chair will not be subject to a challenge.

19.2 Rulings of the Chair

The duty of ruling on all questions of procedure rests with the Chair. However, any two Senators may, except as noted above, challenge a ruling by the Chair, as follows:

1. A Senator can challenge a ruling of the Chair by moving to challenge immediately following the ruling.
2. A seconder is required for such a motion.
3. The mover of the challenge is allowed two minutes in which to explain the basis of the challenge, and the Chair is allowed two minutes in which to explain the ruling. The vote then proceeds in the form "Does Senate sustain the ruling of the Chair?", and the result is decided by simple majority.
4. If the vote is affirmative, Senate's business proceeds. If negative, Senate reverts to the matter that was originally disallowed by the Chair.
5. During the whole procedure of a challenge to a ruling of the Chair, further challenges to rulings of the Chair will not be allowed.

20. Rules on the Rights of Senate

20.1. Rights of Senate

1. A breach of the rights of Senate consists in such improper obstruction, or attempt at or threat of obstruction, of Senate, its members, officers, or committees, as is causing, or likely to cause, substantial interference with the performance of their respective functions.
2. Where the business of Senate or of any of its committees or of any officer of either involves a confidential matter, a breach of that confidentiality will be a breach of the rights of Senate, without prejudice to application of rules relating to University discipline.
3. An act will not be dealt with by Senate as a breach of the rights of Senate unless it is essential to do so in order to provide reasonable protection for the Senate, its members, officers, or committees in the performance of their respective functions.

20.2. Order at Meetings

1. It is the right and duty of the Chair to keep order at meetings of Senate.
2. (a) When any person, whether a Senator or not, by disorderly words or disorderly conduct obstructs the business of Senate, the Chair may:

- (i) If of the opinion that, despite the continued presence of the offender, the business of the Senate can continue unobstructed, order that it do so for the time being, subject, in the case of a Senator, to the loss by the offender of the right to speak for the duration of the meeting; and subject, also, to the right of the Chair at any time to determine that the meeting cannot continue unobstructed; or
- (ii) Require the offender to withdraw from the meeting.

(b) Either order, unless varied by the Chair, continues in force for the remainder of that meeting, and extends to any time and place to which the Chair may adjourn the meeting.

(c) In those cases where obstruction is forthcoming from persons other than Senators, the Chair may order that some or all non-Senators withdraw. An order that all non-Senators withdraw constitutes, unless the Chair orders otherwise, an order that no non-Senators enter thereafter. This order will be confirmed by a majority vote of Senators after the room has been cleared.

3. (a) Following an order by the Chair described in section 20.2(2) above:

- (i) It is the duty of a Senator who has been deprived of voice by the Chair to remain silent for the duration of the meeting.
- (ii) It is the duty of any person ordered by the Chair to withdraw to leave the meeting immediately.
- (iii) The Chair's order to a Senator to withdraw automatically deprives the Senator in question of the exercise of the Senator's rights as such for the remainder of the meeting, whether or not the ruling of the Chair is obeyed. The Senator is accordingly without voice or vote during that time.

(b) A Senator deprived of voice by order of the Chair, may, before ceasing to participate in the meeting, formally object and may, if given leave by the Chair, and during such time as the Chair permits, offer explanation.

Likewise, a Senator required to withdraw from the meeting may, before doing so, formally object, and may, if given leave by the Chair and during such time as the Chair permits, offer explanation.

(c) Where the Chair is satisfied with an explanation offered by a Senator under subsection 20.2(3)(b), the Chair may rescind the order which then ceases to have effect.

(d) When a Senator has been ordered to withdraw from the meeting and has in fact withdrawn and remained absent, the Chair may, with respect to the Senator's conduct and exclusion from the meeting:

- (i) Invite opinions from Senators;
- (ii) Entertain motions by Senators;

subject, in every case, to the Chair's right at any time to close discussion or debate and to call any question which may have arisen, keeping in mind Senate's scope of authority.

(e) When a Senator has been deprived of voice, and has in fact ceased to participate in the meeting otherwise than by exercising the right to vote, the Chair may, at the Chair's discretion, with respect to the Senator's conduct and loss of voice:

- (i) Invite opinions from Senators;
- (ii) Entertain motions by Senators;

subject, in every case, to the Chair's right at any time to close discussion or debate and to call any questions which may have arisen, keeping in mind Senate's scope of authority.

4. (a) When a person excluded from a meeting of Senate enters or continues to be present, the Chair may:
- (i) Order an adjournment, either without a set date or to such other time as the Chair may fix; or
 - (ii) Order the forcible physical exclusion of the offender.

(b) In exercising discretion, the Chair will have regard to the desirability, in the interests of the dignity of the Senate and the good governance of the University, of avoiding, if possible, the use of force while protecting the Senate against forcible interference by any person whatever.

5. The provisions of section 20.2 will apply, with the necessary adaptations, to the committees of Senate; the Chair of the committee being substituted for the Chair of Senate and a member of the committee being substituted for a Senator.

20.3. Proceedings to Protect the Rights of Senate

1. (a) Complaint of breach of the rights of Senate may be made by the Chair or any Senator. It must be submitted to the Chair or to the Secretary for referral to Senate and be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the facts alleged are said to cause the substantial interference required by section 20.1(1).

(b) It must be accompanied also by a motion to refer the matter to the Committee on the Rights of Senate for investigation and report or, in cases thought to be of exceptional urgency, a motion for immediate consideration of the complaint by Senate. A motion to refer to the Committee on the Rights of Senate cannot be amended save to propose that Senate take the matter immediately into its consideration, and vice versa.

Either motion and any amendment, will be put to the question without debate. In the event that an unamended motion for immediate consideration by Senate is defeated, a motion for reference to the Committee on the Rights of Senate may be entertained but can neither be amended nor debated.

(c) Senate will not refer any complaint, which appears trivial or unworthy of consideration or, which on its very face, does not involve the substantial interference required by section 20.1(1).

21. Reference to *Robert's Rules*

With respect to any point or procedure not covered by the University *Statutes* or the present Rules, reference will be had to the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

If the said manual does not address the point in question, then the decision will rest with the Chair, provided that the Chair's decision may be overruled on a motion supported by the vote of the majority of those present.

22. Records

The minutes of meetings prepared by the Secretary and approved by Senate, together with all documents circulated to Senate or presented to Senate at the meeting, constitute the official record. However, only minutes and documents that are not confidential are made publicly available.

23. Routine Functions – A Steering Committee

Senate will be served by a Steering Committee that will, among other duties, carry out routine functions and deal with some of the contingencies that arise between meetings. The Steering Committee's mandate and composition will be described in its terms of reference, which will be approved by Senate. A written report of actions taken by the Steering Committee will be submitted to Senate.

24. Meetings and Minutes of Senate Committees

Senate committees that deal habitually with topics involving the private and confidential affairs of individuals, such as the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee and the Senate Nominating Committee, will hold closed meetings. These meetings may be held in open session if the committee members resolve to carry out a meeting or a part thereof in open session, provided that no breach of confidentiality would result from such a decision.

All other Senate committees and subcommittees should accept the same procedure as Senate, i.e., meetings should be open to observers, except in extraordinary circumstances when the majority of the members present vote to meet in closed session. In such cases, public justification should be given.

Reports and minutes of Senate committees that are not confidential should be made available for public access either online or upon request to the Secretariat.

25. Nominations and Elections to Committees and Other Bodies

Certain Senate Committees, such as the Senate Nominating Committee and the Senate Steering Committee, include elected academic or administrative and support staff members of Senate whose membership on the particular Committee is subject to a nomination and an election process, administered by the Secretariat.

Should the period for a call for nominations for committees and other bodies for which elections by Senate are required expire with no nominations, or with fewer nominations per stated position having been received, a second call for nominations will be issued by the Secretariat. Should vacancies remain unfilled following a second call for nominations, the matter will be referred to the Senate Nominating Committee for recommendations of candidates to fill the vacancies.

The Secretariat will inform the SSMU, PGSS, MCSS, and MACES of all positions on Senate committees that require students. Such notice will normally be given before the final meeting of the Senate Nominating Committee of the academic year.

Approved by Senate on November 18, 2020, Minute IIB4

McGILL'S APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

McGill's Climate & Sustainability Strategy 2020-2025 lays out a framework for achieving the highest possible standards of sustainability on our campuses. The Strategy was endorsed by the Board of Governors in December 2020, after an extensive consultation process that engaged students, staff, and faculty across McGill. The Strategy highlights McGill's commitment to three long-term sustainability targets, including a newly approved target to become a zero-waste campus. The targets are:

- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2040
- Become a zero-waste by 2035
- Attain a Platinum sustainability rating by 2030

To support the achievement of these three long-term targets, the content of the Strategy examines the University's activities across eight categories:

Research & Education encompasses the research activities conducted on and off campus, as well as the learning outcomes that shape all McGillians.

Buildings & Utilities focuses on the built physical spaces, as well as activities involved with heating and cooling.

Waste Management addresses waste collection, sorting, reduction, and diversion efforts on campus, including recycling and composting.

Travel & Commuting encompasses the ways in which members of the University move to, from, and between campuses, including business-related travel.

Food Systems involves the full cycle by which food is produced, distributed, and consumed at McGill.

Procurement considers the environmental, social, and economic impact in the selection and purchase of goods, resources, and services.

Landscapes & Ecosystems emphasizes effective management and responsible stewardship of the University's outdoor spaces.

Community Building addresses how the University builds connection amongst its people and integrates social sustainability.

Each category is headlined by one flagship action, with another 54 complimentary actions distributed throughout the Strategy. Additionally, each category highlights ways students, staff, and faculty can get involved and contribute to a sustainable McGill.

SUSTAINABILITY IN DECISION MAKING

Senate members are encouraged to take into account sustainability in their deliberations and decision making. To help with that, a section entitled “Sustainability considerations” is included in the memorandum accompanying every dossier that is presented to Senate.

EXAMPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Here are a few examples of achievements that highlights McGill’s commitment to sustainability:

Sustainability Projects Fund: The Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) mandate is to build a culture of sustainability on McGill campuses through the development and seed-funding of interdisciplinary projects. It creates opportunities for the McGill community to actively engage in sustainability initiatives on campus, empowering individuals to be change agents in their own studying and work environment. The SPF is the largest fund of its kind in Canada, valued at more than \$1 million annually. It is supported by a student fee of \$0.55 per credit to be collected from each Students Society of McGill University (SSMU), Macdonald Campus Students Society (MCSS), and Post-Graduates Students' Society (PGSS) student, matched, dollar-to-dollar, by the University.

CAUBO Award: In 2022, the McGill Sustainable Workplace Certification was recognized with a Quality and Productivity Award, Canadian Association of University Business Officers. CAUBO is a non-profit professional organization representing the chief administrative and financial officers at over 100 universities and affiliated colleges in Canada. Since 1987, CAUBO’s Quality and Productivity Awards have recognized “effective and innovative practices that enable excellence in the management of risk, and human, financial, IT and physical resources on our Canadian campuses.” The Sustainable Workplace Certification program was recognized “as a strong enabler of excellence in optimizing technology,” CAUBO explained.

Procurement: McGill received the 2020 Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) Purchaser Award from Green Electronics Council. The award recognizes leading institutions which follow the EPEAT guidelines for IT procurement. For several years, McGill has shown continued dedication to environmentally sound electronics purchases, a large part of its overall strategy for sustainable IT asset management.

Phase-out of single-use plastic water bottles. Since May 1st, 2019, non-carbonated water is no longer sold in retail and vending machine locations on the downtown and Macdonald campuses, which represents approximately 85,000 bottles/year.

RELEVANT MCGILL PLANS AND POLICIES PERTAINING TO SUSTAINABILITY

- Climate & Sustainability Strategy (2020-2025)
- Procurement Policy (adopted in 2018)
- Strategic Academic Plan
- Strategic Research Plan
- Sustainability Policy (updated in 2018)



The McGill Senate can appoint committees necessary for the proper exercise of its authority. There are nine standing committees of Senate and one joint committee with the Board of Governors:

1. [Academic Policy Committee](#)
 - [Subcommittee on Academic Freedom](#)
2. [Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs](#)
3. [Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee](#)
4. [Committee on Libraries](#)
5. [Senate Nominating Committee](#)
6. [Committee on Physical Development](#)
7. [Committee on the Rights of Senate](#)
8. [Senate Steering Committee](#)
9. [Committee on Student Services](#)
10. [McGill Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee \(Joint Board-Senate\)](#)

There are ten committees arising from various University regulations that include representatives of Senate as members:

1. [Advisory Council on the Charter of Students' Rights](#)
2. [Appeal Committee for Student Discipline and Grievances](#)
3. [Committee on Student Discipline](#)
4. [Committee on Student Grievances](#)
5. [Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures](#)
6. [University Appeals Committee](#)
7. [Panel for the Investigation of Research Misconduct](#)
8. [University Tenure Committees for the Faculties, and Libraries](#)
9. [University Tenure Committee for Recruitment](#)
10. [Statutory Selection Committees](#)

Senate may establish ad hoc committees from time to time on a particular subject matter. The committees are dissolved after the completion of their mandate. There are currently no active ad hoc committee of Senate.

The terms of reference and membership of each committee can be found on the Senate website (<https://www.mcgill.ca/senate>) and by following the links above.



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| Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee Terms of Reference |
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I. MANDATE

The Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee (“Committee”) is a Standing Committee of Senate. Its mandate is to recommend to Senate outstanding individuals for the conferral of McGill honorary degrees, the highest honour that the University can bestow. It shall also advise on convocations matters as required.

Individuals nominated for honorary degrees have lifetime records of outstanding scholarly, scientific or artistic achievement, or of exceptional contributions to the public good through professional or philanthropic activity, that make them worthy candidates and position them to contribute to McGill’s reputation and distinction both at home and internationally.

The Committee shall meet in closed session and all matters related to individuals nominated for honorary degrees shall be treated in strict confidence by the Committee.

II. SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Committee shall:

1. Solicit, receive and review nominations for the conferral of honorary degrees from the Faculties, from individual members of the McGill community, from members of Senate, from the McGill Alumni Association and from members of the broader community;
2. Select candidates for the conferral of honorary degrees and submit them to Senate for approval;
3. Recommend the particular honorary degree that should be awarded to each candidate submitted to Senate for approval;
4. Recommend to Senate the revocation of an honorary degree in situations where maintaining the honorary degree would be prejudicial to the University’s reputation and/or found to be in contradiction to the University’s mission or values.
5. Receive, review and recommend to Senate for approval nominations from the Principal’s Advisory Committee for the conferral of the McGill University Medal for Exceptional Academic Achievement (The McGill Medal);
6. Receive, review and recommend to Senate for approval nominations from the Adjudication Committee for the Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Learning for the conferral of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Learning;
7. Approve, on behalf of Senate, dates for convocation ceremonies;

8. Advise Senate and the appropriate administrative unit of the University as required, on convocation matters;
9. Develop guidelines, as necessary, for the purpose of operationalizing its mandate;
10. Meet at least twice a year (in closed session).

III. COMPOSITION

The Committee shall be composed of 14 members, as follows:

- Chancellor (Chair of the Committee), *ex officio*
- Principal and Vice-Chancellor, *ex officio*
- Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic), *ex officio*
- Chair of the Board or delegate, *ex officio*
- A University Co-Marshal, *ex officio*
- President of the McGill Alumni Association, *ex officio*
- Six representatives of Senate, to be nominated by the Senate Nominating Committee and appointed by Senate to reflect the breadth of the University
- One graduate student
- One undergraduate student

The Secretary-General shall serve as Secretary and governance advisor to the Committee.

The University Registrar and Executive Director, Enrolment Services, or delegate, shall serve as a resource person.

Source: Senate Minute 102, January 27, 1960

Senate Minute 11, September 30, 1987

Amendment: Senate Minute 118, May 3, 1995

Senate Minute 8, May 24, 2000

Senate Minute IIB4.2, May 20, 2009

Senate Minute IIB2.2, September 22, 2020



Guidelines for the Senate Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee

PREAMBLE

An honorary degree is the highest honour within the power of the University to confer, and the manner of conferral of such a degree is to reflect McGill University's highest aspirations and ideals.

McGill honorary degrees are to be awarded to distinguished individuals, in recognition of a lifetime of scholarly, scientific or artistic achievement, or of exceptional contribution to the public good through professional or philanthropic activity. Individuals selected to receive a McGill honorary degree will have a record of contribution and accomplishment such that they will serve as an inspiration and role model to our students, graduates and our community as a whole, and which positions them to enhance the reputation of McGill University.

The primary criterion for selection of a candidate for a McGill honorary degree is the level of excellence the candidate has demonstrated in scholarship, scientific inquiry or artistic endeavour, or the exceptional nature of his or her contribution to the public good. The Committee may honour individuals whose outstanding contributions to their fields or to society may not yet have been widely recognized, as well as those who have received recognition.

Through its recommendations of outstanding individuals, the Senate Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee (the "Committee") will endeavour to reflect the intellectual and cultural diversity of the McGill community and the broader communities in Quebec and Canada, and the international impact and reach of the University.

I. GENERAL

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 Nationals of any country are eligible for the award of honorary degrees at McGill University.
- 1.2 With the exception of section 2.3, active staff or staff who have retired from the University within the past three years, current students, members of the Board of Governors of McGill University, and Canadian politicians currently in office will not normally be eligible for McGill honorary degrees.
- 1.3 Normally, honorary degrees will not be awarded posthumously or in absentia.

2. Criteria

In selecting candidates for submission to Senate, the Committee shall consider the following factors:

- 2.1 Scientific or scholarly distinction, or outstanding contribution to the creative or performing arts;
- 2.2 Outstanding service to the community, through professional or philanthropic activities, including distinguished public service nationally, internationally or locally;
- 2.3 Longstanding and distinguished record of service to the University, as can be reflected in the tradition of conferring an honorary degree on the Visitor, on the Chair of the Board of Governors when that person no longer holds that office, and on the Principal when he or she retires or is no longer in the employ of the University.
- 2.4 Relevance to a McGill anniversary or other special event may be considered by the Committee in support of a particular candidacy, but will not be the primary criterion for selection of candidates.

3. Honorary Degrees

The following honorary degrees may be conferred by the University:

- 3.1 *Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa (DD)*: Awarded for outstanding scholarship in theology or exceptional service to a religious community;
- 3.2 *Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LLD)*: Awarded for outstanding scholarly achievement in law or for exceptional service to the University or the community-at-large;
- 3.3 *Doctor of Letters, honoris causa (DLitt)*: Awarded for outstanding achievement in the humanities or social sciences, or for outstanding achievement in the arts, whether of a scholarly or creative nature;
- 3.4 *Doctor of Music, honoris causa (DMus)*: Awarded for outstanding achievement in music, including scholarship, composition and performance; and
- 3.5 *Doctor of Science, honoris causa (DSc)*: Awarded for outstanding achievement in the pure and applied sciences, whether of a scholarly nature or in scientific, technological or social innovation.

II. PROCEDURES

4. Nomination

- 4.1 Nominations to the Committee are made on a strictly confidential basis.
- 4.2 Given the confidential nature of the decision making process, which may result in a decision not to grant the nominee the award, nominators should not discuss their nomination with the nominee.
- 4.3 On at least an annual basis, the Secretary-General will issue, on behalf of the Committee, a call to the University community inviting nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded at Convocations.

Notices soliciting candidacies will be communicated widely using established University media.
- 4.4 The Secretary-General shall receive, on behalf of the Committee, nominations for honorary degrees by the deadline specified in the call for nominations.
- 4.5 Late submissions may need to be considered at a subsequent meeting.
- 4.6 Incomplete submissions will be returned to the nominators and, once complete, may be resubmitted for consideration by the Committee.
- 4.7 Nominations must be submitted on the established nomination form and include the following information:
 - a) Name and address of nominee;
 - b) Career summary;
 - c) Summary of education;
 - d) List of awards and recognitions; and
 - e) Reasons for recommending award, with consideration to the suitability of the nominee as a convocation speaker.
Supporting documentation may be attached to the nomination form (e.g., curriculum vitae, news clippings, etc.).
- 4.8 The Committee will review nominations received, with a view to recommending candidates for honorary degrees to Senate.
- 4.9 In all cases, the name of a nominee will be kept in the strictest confidence until the University publicly announces the candidacy, following approval by Senate and acceptance by the nominee.
- 4.10 The names of nominators shall remain confidential.

5. Selection

- 5.1 In considering all nominations, the Committee will apply uniformly rigorous selection standards.
- 5.2 Candidates recommended by the Committee will be brought to Senate for approval.
- 5.3 The Committee shall recommend the degree to be conferred as part of its submission of a candidacy to Senate.
- 5.4 The Principal shall select the individuals for the conferral of honorary degrees from among the Senate approved candidates and shall assign them to a particular ceremony, on behalf of the Committee, keeping in mind the following considerations:
 - a) Recognizing the prestige of a McGill honorary degree, the University will not normally confer more than one honorary degree per Convocation ceremony. When a suitable candidate is not identified for a given ceremony, no honorary degree will be awarded at such a ceremony.
 - b) Candidates for the conferral of an honorary degree at Spring Convocation shall normally be endorsed by a Dean of a Faculty or School but need not be.
 - c) One of the candidates for the conferral of an honorary degree at Fall Convocation shall normally be (but need not be) selected from among nominations received from the McGill Alumni Association.
- 5.5 The Committee will endeavour to ensure that, over time, honorary degrees recommended and awarded reflect the University's commitment to intellectual diversity and principles of equity.

6. Time Limits and the Standing List

- 6.1 Materials relating to nominations not selected by the Committee for submission to Senate will be destroyed by the University Secretariat in accordance with the *McGill University Records Retention Schedule*.
- 6.2 The Committee shall maintain a Standing List of nominations to consider at a later date. The Standing List shall also include those nominations, subject to 6.3, approved by Senate but for which the conferral of the degree remains pending.
- 6.3 Candidates approved by Senate for the conferral of an honorary degree who do not receive their degree within five years will normally be eliminated from the Standing List unless and until they are selected by the Committee and approved by Senate a second time, following a resubmission of the nomination to the Committee.

7. Revocation of Honorary Degrees

- 7.1 In situations where maintaining the honorary degree would be prejudicial to the University's reputation and/or found to be in contradiction to the University's mission or values, the Committee may recommend to Senate the revocation of an honorary degree from an honorary degree recipient.
- 7.2 In such situations, the Committee Chair, in consultation with the Secretary-General, will form and convene an *ad hoc* sub-committee composed of the Principal and three to five members of the Committee, to consider the matter and to advise the Committee accordingly.

*Approved on March 12, 2020, by the
Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee*



HONORARY DOCTORATE NOMINATION FORM

Confidentiality and Privacy Notice Statement

The nomination process is a confidential process. Any personal information collected as part of this process will be used solely for the purpose of assessing and completing the nomination, as well as administering the Honorary Degree award.

Please include all the following information in support of the Honorary Doctorate nomination:

I. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

1. Name of the Individual submitting this nomination:

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2. Mailing address:

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3. Is this nomination submitted on behalf of a Department, Faculty, or Organization? *(If yes, please provide the name of the Department, Faculty, or Organization).*

☐ YES -

☐ NO

4. Contact Person *(should questions arise regarding this nomination):*

- Name:

- Telephone:

- Email address:

II. NOMINEE INFORMATION

1. Name:

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2. Mailing address:

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3. Telephone:

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4. Email address:

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5. Education attained (*please list degrees awarded, plus the names of the granting universities or institutions*):

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6. Please provide a detailed summary of the nominee's career:

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7. Notable awards and/or honors received:

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8. Please describe the nominee's relationship, if any, with McGill University:

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9. Please highlight the reasons for which you recommend the nominee for the award of an honorary degree:

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10. Please provide a **200 word (approx.)** brief overview of the nominee's life, career, and accomplishments, suitable for inclusion in University media should the nominee be selected to receive the award of an honorary degree.

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11. Please describe the suitability of the nominee as a public speaker (*as recipients of honorary degrees usually give a convocation address*):

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12. Recommended convocation ceremony/ceremonies for the award of the honorary degree (*check all that apply*):

- ☐ Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- ☐ Arts
- ☐ Continuing Studies
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Health Science
- ☐ Law
- ☐ Management
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Fall Ceremonies

13. In your view, would the award of an honorary degree to the nominee contribute to furthering the University's [commitments to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#)?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

Additional comments are welcomed:

14. Are you aware of any activities undertaken by, or linked to the nominee that could be perceived as prejudicial to the University's reputation and/or found to be in contradiction to the [University's Mission and Principles](#)? If yes, please explain.

- ☐ YES -
- ☐ NO

15. Has this nomination been reviewed by the Faculty Dean (*or Deans, if applicable*)?
NB: for internal submissions only.

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

16. Appended documents *(please list any additional material that you will be sending in support of this nomination, such as a curriculum vitae, news clippings, etc.):*

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17. By signing below, you, the nominator, certify that the information contained in this nomination is, to the furthest extent of your knowledge possible, complete and accurate.

- Signature: _____

- Date:



1 INTRODUCTION

The *Statutes* require that an advisory committee be established when considering the appointment or reappointment of:

- The Principal;
- The Provost, Deputy Provost and Vice-Principals; and
- The Deans.

2 COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Appointment of the Principal

The Board of Governors is responsible for appointing and reappointing the Principal. Before doing so, the Board must consult an advisory committee with the following composition:

- Chair of the Board of Governors (or other member designated by the Board of Governors) as chair of the Advisory Committee;
- The Chancellor;
- Two members appointed by the Board of Governors;
- Two members appointed by Senate;
- One member appointed by the Students' Society of McGill University;
- One member appointed by the Post-Graduate Students' Society;
- Two members appointed by the Council of the McGill Association of University Teachers;
- Two members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association; and
- Two members elected by the administrative and support staff.

[Source: *Statutes*, section 1.3.4.1]

Appointment of other senior administrators

The Principal is responsible for recommending to the Board of Governors the appointment or reappointment of the provost, deputy provost, vice-principals, and deans. Before doing so, the Principal must consult advisory committees constituted in accordance with the *Statutes*.

For the appointment and reappointment of the **Provost, Deputy Provost, and Vice-Principals**, the advisory committee is composed of:

- Four representatives of the Board of Governors;
- Four representatives of Senate; and
- Two students.

[Source: *Statutes*, Article 3.4.1]

For the appointment and reappointment of a **Dean of a large faculty***, the advisory committee is composed of:

- Four members nominated by the faculty immediately concerned;
- Four members not necessarily members of the faculty concerned, nor of Senate, appointed by Senate;
- Two members appointed by the Board of Governors; and
- Three student members.

**Any faculty having fifty or more full-time members of faculty, exclusive of joint appointments with other faculties, is deemed a large faculty.*

For the appointment and reappointment of the **Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**, the advisory is composed of:

- Eight members of faculties offering graduate programs, appointed by Senate;
- Two members appointed by the Board of Governors; and
- Three student members.

[Source: *Statutes*, Article 3.4.2]

For the appointment and reappointment of a **Dean of a small faculty***, the advisory committee is composed of:

- Two members nominated by the faculty immediately concerned;
- Two members, not necessarily members of the faculty concerned, nor of Senate, appointed by Senate;
- One member appointed by the Board of Governors; and
- Two student members.

**Any faculty having fewer than fifty full-time members, exclusive of joint appointments with other faculties, is deemed a small faculty.*

[Source: *Statutes*, Article 3.4.2]

3 GENERAL PROCEDURES

In the normal course, an advisory committee is usually struck about one year prior to the end of the incumbent's term. The Principal usually chairs advisory committees for the appointment or reappointment of the provost or vice-principals. The Provost usually chairs the advisory committees for the appointment or reappointment of the deputy provost and deans. The Chair of the Board chairs advisory committees for the selection and reappointment of the Principal.

4 SENATE APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

When nominations are made for representatives of the Senate to serve on advisory committees for the selection of deans, vice-principals, the provost and the deputy provost, the Senate Nominating Committee proposes names of “members” as well as “alternates”. The number of alternates approved by the Senate, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, is usually half the number of members required for the committee. Alternates may be called upon to permanently replace a member if the member is unable to serve. However, a member will not be replaced on an advisory committee if the committee has already begun substantive discussions related to its mandate. Alternate members attend meetings of the advisory committee only if they have been called upon to permanently replace a member.

5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members are expected to attend the vast majority of meetings of the advisory committee in order to be able to participate meaningfully in discussions and decisions. All deliberations and recommendations of advisory committees are confidential.

At the end of its deliberations, the committee, via the Chair, will make a recommendation to the Principal or to the Board of Governors, as the case may be. All recommendations require the approval of the Board.

| SENATE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS (v.1) 2023-2024 | | | |
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| Governance Body | Meeting Date | Item of Business | Action |
| Senate | September 20, 2023 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report from EDIC | For information |
| Senate | | Presentation on Call to Action #51 (Indigenous Advisory Council) | For information |
| Senate | | Board Report to Senate (from the special meeting of the Board) | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Committee on Enrolment and Student Affairs | For information |
| Senate | October 18, 2023 | Senate Steering Approval of Degrees - in person, before Senate | For approval |
| Senate | October 18, 2023 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Academic Policy Committee | TBD |
| Senate | | Proposed Policy on Research Units (TENTATIVE) | For approval |
| Senate | | Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Email Communication with Students | For approval |
| Senate | | Update on New Models of Academic Program Delivery | For information |
| Senate | | Update on the Strategic Academic Plan | For information |
| Senate | | Report from BOG to Senate | For information |
| Senate | | Notice of the Joint-BOG Senate Meeting (November 8, 2023) | For information |
| Senate | | Confidential Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | | |
| Senate | November 15, 2023 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Academic Policy Committee | TBD |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Academic Policy Committee | For information |
| Senate | | Open Discussion: <i>TBD</i> | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Physical Development | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures | For information |
| Senate | December 6, 2023 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Academic Policy Committee | TBD |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Policy on the Ethical Conduct of Research involving Human Participants | For approval |
| Senate | | Annual Report on the Financial State of the University | For information |
| Senate | | Proposed Revisions to the Regulation on Conflict of Interest | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Office of Indigenous Initiatives | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on the EDI Strategic Plan | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on the Action Plan to Address Anti-Black Racism | For information |
| Senate | | Indigenous Citizenship Policy | For information |
| Senate | | Budget Planning 2024-2025 Report I | For information |
| Senate | | Report from EDIC | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report from University Advancement | For information |
| Senate | | Report of the Joint Board-Senate Meeting | For information |
| Senate | | | |
| Senate | January 17, 2024 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Academic Policy Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Proposed Revisions to the Regulation on Conflict of Interest | For approval |
| Senate | | Indigenous Citizenship Policy | For approval |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Committee on Libraries | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on the Advisory Council on the Charter of Students' Rights | For information |
| Senate | | Report from BoG to Senate | For information |
| Senate | February 14, 2024 | Senate Steering Approval of Degrees - in person, before Senate | For approval |
| Senate | | | |
| Senate | February 14, 2024 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Presentation of the McGill Accessibility Strategy | For approval |
| Senate | | Presentation on the implementation of the Initiative against Islamophobia and Antisemitism (IAIAS) | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on the Policy against Sexual Violence | For information |
| Senate | | Report from EDIC | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on Student Life and Learning | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Ombudsperson for Students | For information |
| Senate | | Confidential Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee | For Approval |
| Senate | | | |

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| Senate | March 20, 2024 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Academic Policy Committee | TBD |
| Senate | | Senate 2024-2025 Meeting Dates | For information |
| Senate | | Budget Planning 2024-2025 Report II | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on Enrolment and Strategic Enrolment Management | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report on Research and Innovation | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies | For information |
| Senate | | Open Discussion: TBD | For information |
| Senate | | Report from BOG to Senate | For information |
| Senate | | Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee | For approval |
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| Senate | April 18, 2024 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Biennial Report on Employment Equity | TBD |
| Senate | | Report of the Academic Policy Committee | TBD |
| Senate | | McGill University Staffing Report (TBD) | For information |
| Senate | | Proposed McGill University Budget 2024-2025 | For information |
| Senate | | Report of the Joint Senate Steering and Board Executive Committees Meeting | For information |
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| Senate | May 8, 2024 | Report of the Senate Steering Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Report of the Senate Nominating Committee | For approval |
| Senate | | Calendar of Academic Dates for Upcoming Years | For approval |
| Senate | | Annual Report on Scholarships and Student Aid | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Policy on Academic Freedom | For information |
| Senate | | Annual Report of the Policy on Safe Disclosure | For information |
| Senate | | Report from BOG to Senate | For information |
| Senate | | Confidential Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee | For approval |
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Background

As per article 6.3.9.1 of the Statutes of McGill University, the Senate and Board of Governors hold an annual joint meeting each fall. At this meeting, the Principal, the Provost, the Deputy Provost, and the Vice-Principals, as appropriate, present for discussion matters they consider relevant to the University's mission for the ensuing year. Topics for discussion are selected at a joint meeting of the Senate Steering Committee and the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors from among suggestions submitted by Senators and Governors.

The 2023 joint meeting of McGill's Board of Governors and Senate will take place on **Thursday, November 9, 2023, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

This year's topic is **Building on McGill's Record of Excellence for the Third Century: Challenges and Opportunities Ahead**. The agenda and meeting documents will be made available closer to the meeting date.

Topics from Previous Years:

- 2022 - Experiential Learning Opportunities at Local, National, and International Levels
- 2021 - The Execution of McGill's Mission in a Post-Pandemic World
- 2020 - Pandemic Planning and Preparedness: Local Impact of Global Health Crises
- 2019 - How can McGill be a Model of an Open, Connected and Purposeful University?
- 2018 - How could McGill transform itself for a world of lifelong learning?
- 2017 - Building stronger communities and citizenship through mentorship
- 2016 - McGill's Sustainability Plans and Initiatives
- 2015 - Designing a Smart Campus for the 21st Century
- 2014 - Strengthening McGill's Engagement with the External Community through Research and Innovation
- 2013 - Mental Health at McGill
- 2012 - Universal Design: Sustainable, Inclusive Teaching
- 2011 - Research and Innovation in the Undergraduate Educational Experience
- 2010 - Strategic Initiatives in Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies in the Context of Academic Planning and the White Paper
- 2009 - Are we who we think we are?
- 2008 - Intellectual Property
- 2007 - Sustainability



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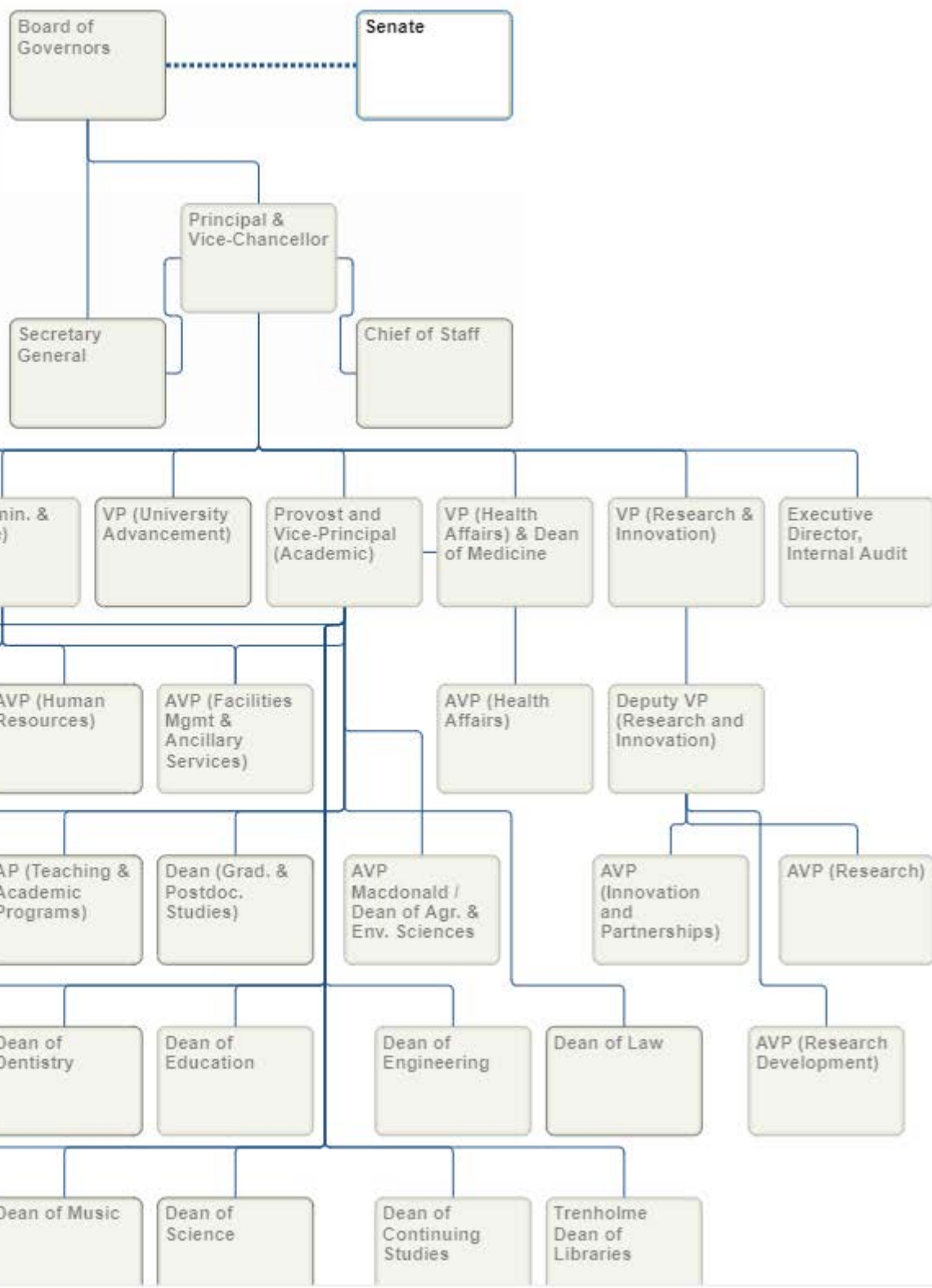
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