



McGill

# Question

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**TO:** Senate  
**FROM:** Terry Hébert  
**SUBJECT:** Question Regarding Funding of University Education  
**MEETING DATE:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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**PREAMBLE:** Given the continued pressure on revenue at McGill, exacerbated by rescinded tuition increases and reductions in provincial funding, I begin to wonder what the actual cost of a McGill education is. With the proviso that this likely varies from Faculty to Faculty, Department to Department, and student to student:

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- QUESTION:**
- 1) How much does it cost per year to educate the average “in province” McGill undergraduate student?
  - 2) What are the relative contributions of the student and the Province to this cost?
  - 3) Is there a gap between the total cost to educate a student and the funds provided via tuition and the provincial grant?
  - 4) What funding sources make up any gaps?
  - 5) If these gaps are large and known, why aren't we making the case publicly for increases in tuition and/or the provincial contribution based on these numbers?
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