

**TO:** McGill University Librarians  
**FROM:** Bernard Shapiro, Principal  
**RE:** Vice-Principal (Information Systems and Technology)  
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The plans for the appointment of a Vice-principal (Information Systems and Technology) has raised questions on the part of librarians and some faculty members concerning issues of relating academic programs and policies with the Libraries. Although the Director of Libraries will no longer report to the Vice-Principal (Academic), I will take the necessary steps to assure a continuing discussion as between the Libraries and the academic community with respect to academic priorities. I will, of course, ask the Director of Libraries to continue to serve as an ex-officio member of Senate, APPC, and the regular meetings of the Deans.

At the same time, the status of McGill librarians as academics is not in question. Librarians will continue to be governed by the regulations outlined in the Academic Handbook and will be eligible for promotion, tenure and sabbatical leaves (as approved by the Vice-Principal (Academic)) as in the past.

With the appointment of the Vice-Principal (Information Systems and Technology), the University will be able to move forward in a faster and more coordinated manner in the application of information technology throughout McGill.

BJS/kmk

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