

Senate Report, 2024-10-16

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on October 16, 2024.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Dean Fellows for Professor Emeritus Harvey Sigman, by Dean Orsat for Professor Emeritus Sherman Touchburn and by Dean Shapiro for Professor Geneviève Leidelinger. Senate then adopted the report of the Steering Committee [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee\\_24-25\\_02.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/01_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_24-25_02.pdf), the minutes of the September 18 meeting of Senate [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate\\_minutes\\_september\\_18\\_2024\\_24-25\\_01.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_september_18_2024_24-25_01.pdf) and the agenda [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00\\_senate\\_agenda\\_october\\_16\\_2024.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_october_16_2024.pdf).

President Saini opened his comments from the Chair by congratulating Governor Emerita Cynthia Price Verreault on her recent appointment by the Board of Governors as McGill's first Deputy Chancellor. He then discussed the events of October 7. The planning which was conducted in the weeks prior to this date included work with various student and faculty groups representing different communities at McGill. A number of events were conducted peacefully by these groups during the day, which also saw a protest by several hundred participants and acts of vandalism on a McGill building. The following day, October 8, McGill announced that the Quebec Superior Court had granted a provisional injunction, valid for 10 days, preventing the obstruction of spaces where McGill activities are underway and the disturbance of these activities. Regarding government relations, the President discussed the recent tabling of Bill 74, titled "An Act Mainly to Improve the Regulatory Scheme Governing International Students," which would give Quebec new powers to regulate the number of international students. McGill will be analyzing the potential impacts of this proposed law and will be participating in the consultations about the bill.

Senate adopted the report of the Nominating Committee [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-11\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_nominating\\_committee.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-11_report_of_the_senate_nominating_committee.pdf). This included the adoption of revised terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Libraries; the primary change is the establishment of one committee seat per faculty (for a total of 11 seats), with each seat to be filled by a faculty member.

An agenda item originally planned for approval was a proposal to revise the Policy on Hazing and Inappropriate Initiation Activities. It was determined, however, that the circulated text ([https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-12\\_proposed\\_revisions\\_to\\_the\\_policy\\_on\\_hazing\\_and\\_inappropriate\\_initiation\\_activities.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-12_proposed_revisions_to_the_policy_on_hazing_and_inappropriate_initiation_activities.pdf)) was not the most recent version of the document. Consideration of this item was therefore postponed until the November meeting of Senate.

Senate received for information the 528th report of the Academic Policy Committee [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-13\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_academic\\_policy\\_committee.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-13_report_of_the_academic_policy_committee.pdf). The Secretary-General presented a reminder

about the upcoming Joint Meeting of the Board of Governors and Senate, which will be held on November 7 [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-14\\_reminder\\_of\\_the\\_joint\\_meeting\\_of\\_the\\_board\\_of\\_governors\\_and\\_senate.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-14_reminder_of_the_joint_meeting_of_the_board_of_governors_and_senate.pdf).

Two annual reports were presented for information:

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-15\\_annual\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_committee\\_on\\_staff\\_grievances\\_and\\_disciplinary\\_procedures.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-15_annual_report_of_the_committee_on_staff_grievances_and_disciplinary_procedures.pdf)  
(presented by Senator Kochkina, Chair of the Committee).

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-16\\_annual\\_report\\_on\\_the\\_investigation\\_of\\_research\\_misconduct.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d24-16_annual_report_on_the_investigation_of_research_misconduct.pdf) (presented by Professor Craig Mandato, Research Integrity Officer).

As its final item of business, Senate moved into confidential session to consider the report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee.

The next meeting of Senate will take place on November 13, 2024. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us.

Regards,  
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