WAINWRIGHT FUND

Annual Report 2004-2005

- 1. For 2004-2005 the members of the Wainwright Committee were Dean Nicholas Kasirer, Professors Madeleine Cantin Cumyn, Pierre-Gabriel Jobin, Shauna Van Praagh, Roderick Macdonald (Chair) and Daniel Boyer (Wainwright Civil Law Librarian).
- 2. The Committee administered a budget of approximately \$180,000. The distribution of funds was as per the attached budget. It should be noted that the \$25,000 contribution to the Wainwright Chair was not made since there was no incumbent of that position this year. The grant of \$25,000 to the Library collection was maintained.
- 3. In all, the Committee attributed grants to 10 professors in the fall -- for a total of \$18,509. In the summer round, grants were made to 9 professors -- for a total of \$46,624.
- 4. At the end of the budget year, the balance brought forward was \$83,545.
- 5. The capital value of the fund is now approximately \$1,534, 170.
- 6. The major policy decisions this year concerned the manner of calculating the budget, and the allocation of percentages to these various budget posts. The committee discussed this issue at each of its meetings, and after considerable reflection, adopted a new policy at its April Meeting.
- 7. The principal modification reflected by this new policy was the decision to allocate as a priority an annual sum of \$75,000 for the next five years to be used in connection with the recruitment of a Wainwright Professor of Civil Law.
- 8. Thanks to Daniel Boyer, the relevant files from this year have been deposited with the McGill archives.

Roderick A. Macdonald President 2004-2005

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