

Senate met on April 17, 2019. The following report is presented to the Board of Governors for its information

The Senate meeting documents are available at:

<https://mcgill.ca/senate/senate2018-2019/senate-meetingdocuments2018-2019>

I. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. 492nd Report of the Academic Policy Committee [D18-59]

On the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, Senate approved the following new teaching programs:

- x Professional Development Certificate in Full Stack Web Design and Development (12 CEUs) within the School of Continuing Studies
- x Certificate in Translation; English to Spanish (30) within the School of Continuing Studies.
- x Diploma in Commercial Cannabis (30.) within the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.
- x M.M. in Retailing; NonThesis (45cr.) within the Desautels Faculty of Management.

2. Open Discussion –The Future of the Master’s Degree [D18-55]

An open discussion is an opportunity for Senators to discuss an issue of academic significance facing the University. The Senate Steering Committee reviewed topics submitted by Senators earlier this year and selected “The Future of the Master’s Degree” as the topic for the spring open discussion. Senators discussed the goals of thesis Master’s programs, opportunities for innovation in the learning outcomes of such programs and the manner in which they are delivered), and how the University could facilitate the creation and delivery of innovative Master’s programs.

3. Annual Report from Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (2017-8) [D18-56]

Senators received this report information. The report provides information on the role of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and strategic priorities as they relate to graduate admissions and enrolment, graduate student support, supervision, program development, skills training and graduate outcomes.

4. Presentation on the McGill University Budget 2019-2020 [D18-57]

Senate received a presentation on the main elements of the proposed 2019-2020 budget for information. The budget was presented to the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors on April 16, 2019, and will be presented to the Board of Governors on April 25, 2019.

5. Presentation of McGill University Master Plan [D18-58]

Senate received this item for information. The McGill University Master Plan establishes a principled framework to guide the development of McGill's campuses in the short, medium and long term in support of the University's mission and priorities. The University Master Plan will be presented to the Building and Property Committee of the Board of Governors on May 16, 2019 and will be presented to the Board of Governors on May 23, 2019, along with the financial plan considered by the Finance Committee

6. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D18-60]

On the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee, Senate approved appointments of Senate representatives to committees and from University regulations and advisory committees. Notably, the Professors indicated below will serve as Senate representatives on the advisory committees

x Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Agricultural

and Environmental Studies

7. Report of the Committee on the Rights of Senate [D18-61]

The Committee on the Rights of Senate was convened further to a request by Senate to investigate a complaint of a breach of Senate's confidentiality. Senate received the Committee's report, which provided an overview of the Committee's work and five operational recommendations the implementation of which was endorsed by Senate.

8. Annual Report on Scholarships and Student Aid (2017-18) [D18-62]

Senate received this report for information in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the

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