

#### MCGILL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

# **Report from Senate** GD23-29

Board of Governors Meeting of December 14, 2023

Since last reporting to the Board of Governors, Senate met on November 15, 2023, and December 6, 2023. This report contains items which are presented to the Board of Governors for its consideration and information.

#### I. FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Report of the Academic Policy Committee

[D23-15]

1.1 Proposed Policy on Research Entities

On the recommendation of Senate, the Board of Governors is asked to approve the repeal of

### 2. Reports of the Academic Policy Committee (APC)

#### 2.1 Committee Meeting of October 26, 2023

[D23-15]

This report provided an overview of matters considered by the Committee at its meeting of October 26, 2023. Senate approved, on the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, the proposed Policy on Research Entities, and endorsed, on the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, the recommendations included in the Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning's Report on the Use of Generative AI.

#### 2.2 Committee Meeting of November 23, 2023

[D23-24]

This report provided an overview of matters considered by the Committee at its meeting of November 23, 2023. Senate approved, on the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, the proposed M.Sc. in Bioethics (45 cr.), and M.Sc. in Bioethics; Non-Thesis (48 cr.). Senate also discussed the proposed revisions to the Regulation on Conflict of Interest.

#### 3. Report from the Board of Governors to Senate

[D23-16]

Senate received this report for information. It provided an overview of matters considered by the Board of Governors at its meeting of October 5, 2023, and by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors at its meeting of October 27, 2023.

## 8. Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee

[D23-22]

On the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee, Senate approved various items concerning University Awards and Honorary Degrees.

## 9. Proposed Revisions to the McGill University Sustainability Policy

[D23-23]

Senate approved

16. Annual Report on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategic Plan [D23-31]Senate received this report for information. It provided

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Related Documents	- Procedures for Research Units
	<ul><li>Procedures for Core Facilities</li><li>Policy Relating to the Naming of University Assets</li></ul>

#### 1. Preamble

McGill University proudly supports the advancement of stimulating and collaborative research environments through the establishment of formally recognized research entities. Such entities play a central role in the University's research mission while supporting institutional and Faculty strategic priorities. Research entities have clearly defined research goals and objectives and are established to serve compelling, strategic research priorities and needs that have been identified through planning and consultation with stakeholders.

Research entities contribute to academic life at McGill by complementing and enhancing the University's academic organizational structure. Whereas departments and Faculties are enduring academic units that offer for-credit educational programs with provincial oversight, research entities are accountable to the University to address specific current or longer-term research priorities. They may be housed within a specific Faculty or span multiple Faculties and focus on a targeted research area. Research entities increase the visibility and reputation of the research mission of the University, nationally and internationally, and contribute to its measurable output and impact. They are overt expressions of the University's research strengths and priorities, and are instrumental to securing research funding, attracting and retaining expertise via leading researchers, highly-qualified specialised staff and trainees, providing training opportunities for students, promoting collaboration with other entities, partnership opportunities with industry, and disseminating knowledge to stakeholders and the public.

The Policy on Research Entities ("Policy") provides a framework to guide the establishment, oversight, review, and operations of research entities, while ensuring accountability and clear governance. This



















