
Minutes of Open Session

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development. She then noted that the budget contained investments for investigator-driven research funding. She explained that starting in 2016-17, an additional \$95 million per year has been allocated on an ongoing basis to the granting councils, on top of the \$46 million per year in additional funding beginning in 2016-17 that was allocated in last year's federal budget. She also mentioned that the budget provided for two additional Canada Excellence Research Chairs in fields related to clean and sustainable technology (in addition to the anticipated twenty new Chairs) and for up to \$800 million over four 4 years, starting in 2017-18, to support innovation networks and clusters as part of the Government's upcoming Innovation Agenda. Finally, the Principal noted that the budget put forward a series of student-related measures in order to make post-secondary education more affordable for low income students and families. Overall, the Principal stated that the budget was well-received by McGill.

In response to a question about the analysis of likely transfer payments and the impact on funding universities in Quebec, members were informed that this would be considered in time for the Board's consideration of the budget in April.

6. Discussion of CAMSR Report and Recommendations

The Chair provided a summary of the Closed session during which members of the Board discussed the Report of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) that was issued following the Committee's consideration of a submission concerning fossil fuels from Divest McGill. He explained that CAMSR reviewed the request for divestment extensively and obtained input from a variety of members of the McGill community. He reported that CAMSR found that social injury as defined in its terms of reference has not been established. He stated that CAMSR concluded that there was no basis to recommend divestment, and that divestment would not be an effective action to address climate change.

The Chair explained that the Report recognizes that fossil fuels at this time are essential to daily life throughout the world. It also acknowledges that climate change is an important issue for the world and McGill, and that the University needs to do more to address climate change and sustainability. Accordingly, in line with its mandate to advise the Board, it has made recommendations at the end of meiſ to (iſt6 h6 \$n)-89(m)4(c)4(t)-3(ons)-19(to)491(t)-9(e)4()

a level of simplicity that would be characteristic of a fossil fuel free society. Members also noted that the work of Divest McGill has advanced McGill's green initiatives and acknowledged that the Board will now receive regular reports on how McGill is working to reduce its carbon footprint. Other members stated that the recommendations provided an opportunity for dialogue and discussion of future actions with the McGill community. It was also pointed out that prior to the issue having reached the Board of Governors, various groups on campus voted in favour of divestment.

In line with the recommendations of the CAMSR Report, the Chair confirmed that the Board will receive a preliminary overview of the University's activities related to sustainability, noting that the overview will provide the basis for integrating and expanding tain (ti)-3((e)4s)JTJETBT

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SUMMARY OF MATTERS CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON MARCH 23, 2016

1. CAMSR Report and Recommendations on Divest McGill Submission Concerning Fossil Fuels

The Chair introduced the Report of the Committee to Advise on matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) dealing with the Divest McGill submission concerning fossil fuel companies, which had been approved at the March 17 meeting of CAMSR. He reminded the Board that CAMSR has a mandate to reach a decision on the Divest McGill submission and to report to the Board with any recommendations. In summary, CAMSR found that soci

page 15 of the CAMSR Report on the Divest McGill Submission of February 2015.

The motion carried, with three members voting against.

3. Other Business

There was none.

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