

Senate Meeting Report, 2016-05-11

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting

(http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_april_20_2016.pdf), the report of the Steering Committee

(http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_11.pdf) and the agenda (http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1_agenda_-_senate_may_11_2016_0.pdf). As points of business arising from the previous minutes, Deputy-Provost Dyens provided verbally a further response to the question regarding course outlines, and Secretary-General Strople provided a further response to the question regarding the resolution of grievances under the Committee of Student Grievances (http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/4_item_3.2_further_response_grievances_revised.pdf)

In her comments from the Chair, Principal Fortier provided an update on the \$2B in funding which the federal government has announced for strategic infrastructure investments in the post-secondary education sector. The funding comes with a number of constraints, notably the requirement that projects receiving this funding must be shovel-ready, must be completed by April 2018, and must receive funds from elsewhere because the federal government will only contribute up to 50% of the funding. In Quebec, moreover, project proposals must be reviewed by the provincial government before being sent to Ottawa. In early May, McGill and its affiliate

Provost Manfredi

(http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/question_and_response_re_overhead_charges.pdf).

Senate approved the 473rd Report of the Academic Policy Committee

(http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/6_d15-57_473rd_apc_report_and_appendices.pdf), which was presented by Provost Manfredi. This included the approval of a set of Guidelines for Developing a Research Portfolio, which will form Appendix B to the *Regulations Relating to the Employment of Tenure Track and Tenured Academic Staff*. Regarding this item, Senator Richard asked whether there are any plans to develop a similar appendix to the

the Statement is now displayed on the McGill website (<http://www.mcgill.ca/secretariat/statement-academic-freedom>)