



**Professor Xue Liu** from the School of Computer Science became an IEEE Fellow for “contributions to power and performance management of data centres and networked servers.” The IEEE Fellow is one of the highest honours of the IEEE, and is bestowed upon a very small number of Senior Members who have contributed importantly to the advancement or application of engineering, science and technology, bringing significant value to our society.

**Professor Victoria Kaspi** from the Department of Physics was named among Nature's Ten “people who mattered” in science in 2019 for her leading role in developing the CHIME (Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment) radio telescope's Fast Radio Burst or FRB detection capabilities.

**Professor Wayne Pollard** from the Department of Geography was awarded the Weston Family Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Northern Research. The prize recognizes his nearly four decades of research in Canada's North and, in particular, his investigations into the permafrost that underpins the landscape in this remote region.

### **III. Appointment of Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Programs)**

With regard to Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) Christopher Manfredi's mention of the appointment of Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Programs) Christopher Buddle at the Faculty meeting of 3 December 2019, Dean Lennox said that Associate Provost Buddle will be a very valuable partner for the Faculty and departments, and that he will be invited to the Faculty meeting on 14 April 2020. Working in partnership with Associate Provost Buddle are Vice-Dean David Stephens, Associate Dean (Education) Laura Nilson, and Associate Dean (Academic) Axel Hundemer.

Dean Lennox emphasized the importance of this initiative because of the Faculty's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. He added that climate and wellness deserve a lot of attention.

- d) Associate Dean (Research) John Stix  
There was no report.

**10) REPORT ON ACTIONS OF SENATE**

Please note that the entire Minutes of Senate are available on the web at:  
<https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2019-2020/senate-meeting-documents-2019-2020>

**Senate Meeting of 4 December 2019 – Senator Jeffrey McKenzie**

- (1) Memorial tributes were presented for Professors Wissam Musallam of Engineering and Prem Ponka of Physiology.
- (2) Principal Fortier gave remarks, including:
  - a. The new Federal Cabinet has many McGill Alumni.
  - b. The Quebec Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs wants to increase international outreach, including more international student recruitment.
  - c. The Board of Governors was going to release a Report from the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) on divestment the following day. The report recommended that the University decrease the overall carbon-intensity of the University's investment portfolio. It is weak, but better than nothing. The science