



program at York University. One of Eduardo's main responsibilities will be to support the Associate Dean (Research), and to support faculty members by facilitating the process of applying for research grants, in addition to other related projects.

**505.2**

- **2) Mr. Fergus Grieve** has been appointed as the Faculty of Science Communications Officer/Strategist. In his most recent position, Fergus designed and built websites at McGill's Office of Communications and External Relations. Fergus's broad

V.-P. Beauchamp and Associate V.-P. Tinmouth presented the annual report on the financial state of the University ([http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/4\\_d17-31\\_financial\\_state\\_of\\_the\\_university\\_0.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/4_d17-31_financial_state_of_the_university_0.pdf)).

There were numerous questions including a request that the tables for all staff groups should have a comparable multi-year span. Another request was for more details be provided in future about entertainment expenses. Principal Fortier noted that some of these expenses relate to events celebrating major donations being made to the University.

Provost Manfredi presented the first of this year's projected reports to Senate on the budget planning process for 2018-2019 ([http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/5\\_d17-32\\_budget\\_planning\\_report\\_i.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/5_d17-32_budget_planning_report_i.pdf)).

He also presented the report of the Senate Nominating Committee ([http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/6\\_d17-33\\_nominating\\_report.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/6_d17-33_nominating_report.pdf)), which was adopted.

The last item of business was the annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries ([http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/8\\_d17-34\\_committee\\_on\\_libraries\\_revised.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/8_d17-34_committee_on_libraries_revised.pdf)

The next Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us. The relatively short meeting ended well before 5 PM.

## 8) **MEMBERS' QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no members' questions.

## 9) **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 509.1 **(i) Financial Services Teams (FSTs)**

In reply to Prof. Ruths, Dean Lennox said that the Faculty was in the process of restructuring the relationship of the seven FSTs serving ten units in the Faculty of Science. The FSTs would not all be located in one room, but would be paired accordingly to ensure continued support to researchers during leave, vacation, etc. Three additional Account Administrators will be hired to improve the support for the FSTs.

### 509.2 **(ii) Computer Infrastructure**

Dean Lennox said that the Faculty's IT services were under review, and that a consultant had been hired to assess and make recommendations for an improved structure for the Faculty.

### 509.3 **(iii) Prep 101**

In reply to Prof. Stephens about the Faculty's policy concerning Prep 101, a company that aggressively recruits students for the sale of lecture materials, Dean Lennox asked Prof. Stephens to send the information to himself, Director Allard, and Associate Dean Hundemer. The information will be forwarded to the Deputy Provost.

There being no further business, Prof. McKenzie **moved**, seconded by Prof. Damha, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**The motion carried.**