

Report from Senate GD16-10

Board of Governors meeting of October 6, 2016

Senate met on September 21, 2016. This report contains items which are presented to the Board of Governors for its consideration and information.

I. FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**1. 474th Report of the Academic Policy Committee** [D16-02]

Senate reviewed the Academic Policy Committee's proposal for the creation of the McGill Centre for Islam and Science and recommended that it be approved by the Board.

The Centre represents a major initiative to deal with the role of rational scientific and philosophical discourse in Islamic societies, both past and present. A great deal of commentary, both scholarly and otherwise, has been put forth in the past decade regarding the role of Islam (both as a religion and as a civilization) in either promoting or hindering scientific development. Among the goals of the Centre is to deal with these and related issues through a tripartite structure consisting of interrelated research, teaching, and outreach components. The Centre will focus on science policy in Islamic countries, historical perspectives on the rational sciences in Islam and scientific literacy in Muslim societies.

Be it resolved that the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approve the creation of the McGill Centre for Islam and Science/Centre McGill de l'Islam et de la science.

2. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D16-03]

Senate approved recom9efollowing:

- *The appointment of Ms. Marie-Elyse Lafaille-Magnan (PhD candidate, Integrated Program in Neuroscience, MEDICINE) as a student member of the Intellectual Property Appeals Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2017;*
- *The appointment of Professor Heather Durham (Neurology and Neurosurgery, MEDICINE) as Chair and Professor Gregory Dudek (Computer Science, SCIENCE) as Vice-Chair of the Intellectual Property Appeals Committee, beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2017.*

II. FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. 474th Report of the Academic Policy Committee [D16-02]

On the recommendation of the Academic Policy Committee, Senate approved a Master of Public Policy within the newly created School of Public Policy. This School is located within the Faculty of Arts and was approved by Senate on February 17, 2016 and by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors on March 22, 2016.

2. Annual Report Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct (2015-16) [D16-01]

In accordance with the *Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct*, Senate received this annual report for information. The report contains statistical information concerning allegations of research misconduct and their disposition for the past six academic years. It reveals that there has not been much change since last year. The report will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors on October 28, 2016.

3. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee [D16-03]

Senate approved this report, which contained a series of appointments to Senate Standing Committees, Committees Arising out of the University Regulations, and the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Charter of Students' Rights.

The report also contained appointments to the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-Principal (Communications and External Relations) and the Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Medicine and Vice-Principal, Health Affairs. For the Board's information, the following individuals have been named by Senate to serve on the advisory committees:

The Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Vice-Principal, Communications and External Relations:

- Corey Phelps (MANAGEMENT)
- Thomas Duchaine (Biochemistry, MEDICINE)
- Lawrence Goodridge (Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry, FAES)
- Jaye Ellis (LAW)

The Advisory Committee for the Possible Reappointment of the Dean of Medicine and Vice-Principal, Health Affairs:

- Shelley Clark (Sociology, ARTS)
- Paul Lasko (Biology, SCIENCE)
- Susanne Lajoie (Educational and Counselling Psychology, EDUCATION)
- Sarah Kimmins (Animal Science, FAES)
- Audrey Moores (Chemistry, SCIENCE) [alternate]

- Alenoush Saroyan (Educational and Counselling Psychology, EDUCATION)
[alternate]

4. Appointment of a new Assessor under the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law* [D16-04]

Senate approved the appointment of Professor Natalie Oswin (Geography, SCIENCE) for a three-year term beginning 1 October 2016 and ending 30 September 2019, as an assessor under the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*.

5. Annual Report on the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law* (2015-16) [D16-05]

Senate received this annual report for information in accordance with the *Policy on Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law*. The report covered educational activities as well as the work of the harassment assessors appointed under the Policy. Senators were informed of the enhanced quantity and quality of training provided to harassment assessors and of plans to review the Policy during the 2017 calendar year.

6. Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services (2015-16) [D16-06]

In accordance with the Committee's terms of reference, Senate received this annual report for information. The document provided an overview of the matters that the Committee addressed during the 2015-2016 academic year and its plans for 2016-2017. The Deputy-Provost (Student Life and Learning) highlighted that the Committee focused on the Innovation Fund and priorities for the current academic year include continuing to develop and define administrative processes related to the Innovation Fund and proposing minor changes to the Committees Terms of Reference.

7. Annual Report of the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Equity [D16-07]