



**SECTION I**

The contributions of Dr. Rogers as Chair of the Department of Meteorology were invaluable. When he was appointed Chair in 1978, the department had been seriously weakened by the departure of two senior faculty members to high-level administrative positions at McGill and the departure of a third key professor. He utilized his superb organizational and interpersonal skills to expand the department's faculty with five new hires, including two NSERC Chairs. With increasing student enrolments and an expansion of the departmental expertise to encompass oceanography and climate, McGill's



and its ability to make representations, through the Principal, to the Board of Governors. He invited Senators to consult the motion, which was available in the Secretariat and posted on the SSMU University Affairs Facebook page.

Senator Wilson expressed the view that divestment was an academic, political and financial decision that should not fall under the sole purview of the Board. She mentioned that the motion touched upon collegiality and stated that the Board is not representative of the collegium as only 52% of its members are members of the McGill community. She stated that social and ethical stances should be made solely by members of the McGill community and expressed her disappointment in the decision to reject the motion, indicating

Regarding community relations, the Chair shared that the School of Continuing Studies celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 7<sup>th</sup>. She reported on the McGill Alumni Association Honours and Awards Banquet held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and McGill's Equity and Community Building Awards, which were conferred on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Regarding external relations, the Chair spoke of her participation at meetings of the Association of American Universities (AAU) and Universities Canada. She highlighted that discussions focused on security (notably cybersecurity) and the "Varsity Blues" Scandal regarding college admissions at several top American universities.

The Chair then reminded Senators that Spring Convocation would take place from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> under the tent on the lower field and on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Macdonald Campus. She noted that over 7,600 students would be graduating: the youngest being 18 years old and the oldest being 66. She encouraged all Senators to participate and join in congratulating the graduating class of 2019.

The Chair concluded her remarks by giving highlights of the kudos circulated prior to the meeting. She shared that Professor Joëlle Pineau (School of Computer Science) was among the six recipients of the Governor General's Innovation Awards and that Jean-Philip Lumb (Department of Chemistry) were conferred the 2019 Award for Research Excellence in Materials Chemistry and the 2019 Keith Fagnou Award, respectively, by the Canadian Society for Chemistry. She congratulated Professor Matt Dobbs (McGill Space Institute) on receiving the Killam Fellowship in Natural Sciences, Professor Krzysztof Pelc (Department of Political Science) on being awarded the 2019 CBC Short Story Prize and Dr. Rémi Quirion (Department of Psychiatry) on being inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. The Chair then shared that Professor Céline Le Bourdais (Department of Sociology) was one of the honorees at a gala hosted by CIRANO (Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis of Organizations) and that the student-led Clean It Up initiative was a success. Finally, she congratulated Professor Jocelyne Feine (Faculty of Dentistry) on receiving an honorary degree from the Université Laval.

The Chair then opened the floor to questions and comments. Senator Buraga encouraged the

## **Part “B” – Motions and Reports from Organs of University Government**

### **1. 493<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Academic Policy Committee** (D18-65)

Senator Campbell presented this report for Senate’s consideration. The report contained three new teaching programs recommended by the Academic Policy Committee and a change in degree designation.

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the proposed Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership (15 CEUs).*

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the proposed B.A.; Major Concentration in Statistics (36 cr.).*

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the proposed Certificate in Accounting and Finance (30 cr.).*

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the proposed change in degree designation from LL.B. to J.D.*

### **2. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee** (D18-66)

Senator Campbell presented this report for Senate’s consideration. The report contained recommendations for appointments to Senate standing committees and committees arising from University regulations as well as appointments for Senate representatives to the Advisory Committee for the Possible Extension of Term of the Trenholme Dean of Libraries. Senator Campbell informed Senators

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the appointments of Niladri Basu and Alexander Liepins as assessors under the Policy on Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited by Law, each for three-year terms beginning 1 June 2019 and ending 31 May 2022.*

**4. Calendar of Academic Dates for 2022-23 and Proposed Revisions to Dates (D18-68) for 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22**

Senator Nycum presented this item for Senate’s consideration. She highlighted that the proposed dates did not include the possibility of a fall reading break but that the ESAAC (Enrolment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee) Subcommittee on Fall Reading Break was studying this matter and engaging in further consultations with members of the McGill community.

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the 2022-23 Calendar of Academic Dates, as presented in Appendix A of document D18-68.*

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the revisions to the fall 2019, fall 2020, winter 2021, fall 2021, winter 2022 Calendar of Academic Dates, as presented in Appendix B of document D18-68.*

**5. Faculty of Engineering: Faculty Council Terms of Reference (D18-69)**

Senator Nicell presented this item for Senate’s consideration in accordance with section 7.3 of the McGill University Statutes. He stated that the Faculty of Engineering’s Faculty Council was established in 1968 and minor revisions to its Terms of Reference were made in 2006 and 2007. He highlighted that the proposed Terms of Reference grant authority to the Faculty Council to establish the list of student societies that are eligible for representation on Faculty Council, the procedures for its meetings, and the terms and composition of its committees.

*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the Terms of Reference of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Engineering, as presented in Appendix A of document D18-69.*

**6. Biennial Report on Employment Equity (D18-70)**

Senator Campbell presented this report for Senate’s information in accordance with the *Employment Equity Policy*. She mentioned that the report contained information on legal sex designation from Human Resources that was collected using the traditional binary but work was being done to account for non-binary, two-spirit and trans individuals. She highlighted that the data was derived from a new employment equity survey launched in Fall 2017, noting that the new survey allowed the collection of more refined data that would enhance the ability to identify and respond to shortcomings in representation. She indicated that objectives for the coming year included deepening intersectional analyses of the employment equity data, identifying serious areas of underrepresentation as well as designing and implementing appropriate remedies related to recruitment, retention, job satisfaction, and/or promotion, as required.









