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Minutes of the meeting of Senate held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Robert Vogel Council Room (Room 232, Leacock Building)

**PRESENT**

Bader, Darine	Fuhrer, Rebecca	Mills, Devin
Bajeux-Besnainou, Isabelle	Galaty, John	Mineau, Guy
Bartlett, Joan	Gehr, Ronald	Moore, Timothy
Bede, Jacqueline	Gehring, Kalle	Moye,
Benrimoh, David	Goldstein, Rose	Felicia
Bernard, Daniel	Gore Genevieve	Mucci, Alfonso
Brunot, Benjamin	Green, Garth	Nalbantoglu Josephine
Campbell, Angela	Gruenheid, Samantha	Nicell, Jim
Carter, Mindy	Gyakum, John	Panda, Ram
Chainani, Parvesh	Harpp, David	Potter, Judith
Chatel-Launay, Nicolas	Hastings, Kenneth	Rassier, Dilson
Chu, Kathleen	Hébert, Terence	Richard, Marc
Cobbett, Stuart	Ibrahim, Kareem	Riches, Caroline
Coderre, Terence	Jutras, Daniel	Roulet, Nigel
Cook, Colleen	Kaartinen, Mari	Rourke, Chloe
Cooke, Rosemary	Kalil, Alex	Saroyan, Alenoush
Covo, David	Kamen, Amine	Smailes, Marina
Crelinsten, Gordon	Kpeglo-Hennessy	Snider, Laurie
Damha, Masad	Alexander	Sobat, Erin
Di Grappa, Michael	Kuzaitis, Ruth	Steinhauer, Karsten
Di Paola, Antonia	Lane-Mercier, Gillian	Stephens, David
Doucette, Elaine	Lennox, Bruce	Strople, Stephen
Dumont, Marie-Josée	Levey, Margaret	(Secretary)
Dyens, Ollivier	Lowther, David	Thon, Joshua
Eidelman, David		Toccalino, Danielle
Elstein, Eleanore		Waters, Natalie
Farid, Doaa		Weinstein, Marc
Ferguson, Sean		Winer, Laura
Fortier, Suzanne		Yalovsky, Morty
		Zorychta, Edith

**REGRETS:** Paul Allison, Lisa Barg, Daniel Cere, Allen Chen, Julie Choi, Andre Costopoulos, Gregory Dudek, Jim Engle-Warnick, Anja Geitmann, Richard Gold, Peter Grütter, Reghan Hill, Amanda Holmes, Brett Hooton, Ashraf Ismail, Lucyna Lach, Marcelo Lannes, Michael A. Meighen, Tomer Noyhouzer, Philip Oxhorn, Trevor Ponech,







conducted in a respectful manner. However, the safety of the community is taken very seriously, especially with all the tragic events occurring around the world. Senator Cobbett explained that CAMSR made a commitment to issue a decision before the end of March (before the exam period and before the student body dispersed for the summer). He noted that other factors and meetings already scheduled earlier in the week, such as the Board Retreat and the Joint Senate Steering-Board Executive committees meeting made it difficult to schedule the Board meeting on another day.

In response to Senator Sobat's comment on the lack of public consultation, the Principal responded that all governance processes were diligently followed. She stated that as part of CAMSR's deliberations, there were four meetings with representatives of Divest McGill as well as other consultations with members of the community, who had an opportunity to speak and make presentations in support of the submission. She explained that ultimately it is CAMSR's responsibility to make recommendations to the Board. She noted that CAMSR shares the view of Divest McGill that climate change is an important issue but specified that it reached different conclusions as to the course of action required.

Senator Brunot commented that he was a victim of theft last week at the Faculty of Law. He noted that many of his colleagues have experienced systemic violence at the University and feel unsafe on campus but do not benefit from increased security. He also stated that voicing legitimate concerns in a democratic assembly with elected representatives and the right to peacefully protest and express dissent is unrelated to acts of terrorism occurring around the world. He then expressed disappointment over the timing and the way decisions and events are communicated to the community, noting that many events are not recognized by the University. He suggested that students be consulted before communications are released to allow the administration to receive feedback on how the message will be perceived by the student body. The Principal thanked Senator Brunot for his suggestions. She agreed that it is important to reach out to the leadership in the student body and the staff when speaking on behalf of the University, despite the fact that it is not always possible to speak with a common voice. Mot theunosuro(d t)-2124(one co)-



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  - x sharing McGill's findings and actions with other Canadian universities.
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*On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the creation of a Graduate Certificate in Information Architecture and Design within the Faculty of Arts.*

Finally, Senator Manfredi moved to approve the proposed Statement of Academic Freedom, which was duly seconded by Senator Lowther. He noted that the proposed Statement of Academic Freedom is the result of a joint initiative by the McGill Association of University Teachers and the University. The Chair explained that Senate approved a new mission statement last April wherein academic freedom was listed as one of the principles; there was therefore a need to define it. Senator Manfredi added that, going forward, the Statement of Academic Freedom would be taken into account when developing new policies and revising existing ones. Senator Richard supported the motion on the understanding that the administration would be

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maximum for final exams (except for the Faculty of Law) and closes existing loopholes. He then moved to approve the proposed changes, which was duly seconded.

Senator Zorychta stated that subsection 6.1.3 of the policy is confusing since students already have the option of writing deferred exams. Mr. Zabowski explained that the intention is to ensure students are not forced to write a final examination worth more than 75%. In cases of extenuating circumstances, when a student misses an evaluation, the points are often added to the final examination. However, students

an alternate choice of assessment. Senator Zorychta suggested that the last phrase of the subsection be removed. He suggested that the policy indicate that the assessment





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