

Minutes of the meeting of Senate held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in the Robert Vogel Council Room (Room 232, Leacock Building.)

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PRESENT	Gonnerman, Laura	Perrault, Hélène
Abaki, Joshua	Grant, Martin	Peterson, Kathryn
Aitken, Ellen	Grütter, Peter	Pierre, Christophe
Barney, Darin	Gyakum, John	Piper, Andrew
Bishop, Alexandra	Harpp, David	Possian, Amara
Blachford, Gregg	Hashimoto, Kyoko	Potter, Judith
Blom, Randall	Hepburn, Allan	Richard, Marc
Boss, Valentin	Hobbins, Joan	Riches, Caroline
Bray, Dorothy	Janda, Richard	Saroyan, Alenoush
Brophy, James	Johnson, Juliet	Shaughnessy, Honora
Caplan, Eric	Kirby, Torrance	Sni( )doL4(R)enzH(G)erare, Esq. Rishit, Chadha
Clare, Emily	Cobbett, Philip	Klipa, Ruth
Cook, Colleen	Klipa, Ruth	Lawson, Tyler
Covo, David	Leask, Richard	Levin, Richard
Cuello, Claudio	Levin, Richard	Lowther, David
Deguisse, Alexandre	Lowther, David	Manfredi, Christopher
Doucette, Elaine	Manfredi, Christopher	Masi, Anthony
Dudek, Gregory	Masi, Anthony	McCulloch, Mary Jo
Etemad, Hamid	McCulloch, Mary Jo	Mendelson, Morton
Everett, Jane	Mendelson, Morton	Munroe-Blum, Heather
Franklin, Keith	Munroe-Blum, Heather	Nassim, Roland
Goldstein, Rose	Nassim, Roland	

Michael Di Grappa, Andrew Doyle, Brian Driscoll, Gordon Foote, Evan Fox-Decent, Gerald Fried, Charles Gale, Engelbert Gayagoy, Brendan Gillon, Johanne Hebert, Jacques Hurtubise, Ashraf Ismail, Daniel Jutras,



## **2. Report of the Steering Committee**

The report of the Steering Committee (10-11:09) was received.

*Item 1. Approval of Minutes of Senate.* On motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting.

*Item 2. Speaking Rights.* On motion duly proposed and seconded, speaking rights were granted to Ms. Suzanne Smith, Director, Animal Compliance and Professor Jim Clark, Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Engineering, for item IIB2 (429th Report of the Academic Policy Committee).

## **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

On motion duly proposed and seconded, the agenda was adopted.

## **4. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair opened her remarks by congratulating McGill students and alumni who recently won seats in the last federal election. She noted that the administration expects the first action of the government will be to release a budget based on the one table on March 22, which has several items of importance to universities. There will be another round of Canada Excellence Research Chair competitions for which McGill is actively working to develop robust proposals. Of note there is a new brain research fund of \$100 million, which McGill is positioned to compete well for due to its outstanding expertise in the neurosciences. Another area that McGill has been promoting is finding federal support for strategic internationally collaborations to link research and student mobility. The Chair spoke about McGill's advocacy efforts regarding funding for social sciences and humanities research from the granting councils.

The Chair told Senate that the administration has been working to have politicians and civil servants visit the University because this often helps government to understand McGill's needs and turn them into the University's advocates at the federal and provincial levels. At the provincial level McGill continues to work on the *entente de partenariat* to shield universities

With respect to Bill 127, which affects the relationship between universities and their affiliated teaching hospitals, the Chair noted that the reduction of university representation on teaching hospital boards has been decreased from four to two. Although this represents an increase from the initial government proposal, the Principal noted that this level of representation is still too low. Since there are six undesignated positions on these boards, the University will need to work hard to recommend members to these positions that the hospitals and its constituents will approve.

Regarding the MBA program, the Principal expressed disappointment in the government's response, particularly in light of the way that the program has performed. The University has been working with the Ministère de l'éducation, du loisir et du sport (MELS) to seek mechanisms for resolving the different positions that will recognize that the MBA is a self-funded program. The University needs to offer a program that is consistent with its mission of











human resources system was implemented to monitor these issues. The Provost noted that this report was not intended to provide analysis, but instead to give a picture of what exists.

Senator Wade asked that the average career lengths could be provided in future reports.

Senator Caplan noted that since the University may not have access to the data, it may want to speak to people explain their specific situations. The Provost replied that the data was intended

On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved, and recommended to the Board of Governors for approval, that in all relevant articles of the McGill University Statutes and University regulations that require Senate's approval the name of the Centre for Continuing Education be changed to the School of Continuing Studies (SCS) – École d'éducation permanente (ÉÉP).

The Secretary-General proposed the wording of the *Dean of the School of Continuing Studies – Doyen(ne) de l'École d'éducation permanente* be altered to Dean of Continuing Studies – Doyen(ne) d'éducation permanente in order to be consistent with other decanal titles at McGill University.

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#### **8. Senate Calendar of Dates 2011-2012 (D10-71)**

The Secretary-General presented the Senate Calendar of Dates for 2011-2012 (D10-71) for information.

#### **9. Other Business**

There being no other business to deal with at the meeting, on motion duly proposed and seconded,