

Minutes of the meeting of Senate held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Robert Vogel Council Room (Room 232, Leacock Building)

PRESENT

Algieri, Stefano
Ayukawa, Courtney
Arezki, Amine
Bader, Darine
Benrimoh, David
Bresler, Yony
Coderre, Terence
Cooke, Rosemary
Corkery, Christopher
Costopoulos, Andre
Covo, David
Di Grappa, Michael
Di Paola, Antonia
Doucette, Elaine
Dudek, Gregory
Dyens, Ollivier
Eidelman, David
Elstein, Eleanore
Fortier, Suzanne
Galaty, John
Gehring, Kalle
Gold, Richard
Grant, Martin

Gyakum, John
Harman, Christopher
Harpp, David
Hastings, Kenneth
Heath, Nancy
Hébert, Terence
Hill, Reghan
Hooton, Brett
Hurtubise, Jacques
Ibrahim, Kareem
Ismail, Ashraf
Kalil, Alex
Kamen, Amine
Kreiswirth, Martin
Lane-Mercier, Gillian
Lu, Catherine
Madramootoo, Chandra
Marcil, Olivier
Martel, Michel
Massey, Kathleen
Masi, Anthony
McCulloch, Mary Jo
Meighen, Michael A.
Moore, Timothy

Murray, Jennifer
Nicell, Jim
Oxhorn, Philip
Panda, Ram
Potter, Judith
Rassier, Dilson
Richard, Marc
Riches, Caroline

SECTION I

1. Welcoming Remarks

The Chair began by welcoming Senators to the ninth and final Senate meeting of the 2014-2015 governance year. The Chair thanked Senator Manfredi for acting as Chair for the eighth meeting

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criteria as described in the Regulations. The three academic duties – research and scholarship, teaching and supervision, and service and other contributions – allow for significant inputs at multiple levels. None of these requires monolithic performance indicators. True enough, research funding continues to be important, but it is not the exclusive input into the first element in tenure decisions – outputs are

Senator Hébert reiterated that CFI funds are not really aimed at basic research and that funding for investigator-driven research is at best flat-

expressed regret that a scheduled announcement by CFI which was to take place at McGill was cancelled, but assured Senators that they would be pleased with the investment made in discovery research. It was suggested that this could be a topic for an open discussion next year.

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good and business partnerships are necessarily bad.

Senator Benimroh, noting that research funding priorities are essentially a political decision and that we are in Tm[18 12 Tfing)11()20(for)-3()JTJr

Question 2:

It is understandable that students in the School of Continuing Studies, who bring grant moneys for student services to McGill, would want access to those student services. Please note however that we are currently reviewing our ability to offer differential fees for all part time students given that any fee paying student, full or part time, can access the services at a full time rate. Therefore, I am committing to working with students from the School of Continuing Studies to determine if they would like to run a referendum to pay the mandatory student services fees. Should those students indicate that they would like to pay the full time student service fees, all eligible students would then pay for the full suite of services. We, unfortunately, are not able to provide part time services.

Senator Arezki expressed his satisfaction with the answer provided and thanked Senator Dyens for his sensitivity and responsiveness in addressing this issue. He also took the opportunity to express his thanks to Senator White for her leadership during the revision of the Mission Statement.

Part "B" Motions and Reports from Organs of University Government

Open Session

1. 465th Report of the Academic Policy Committee (D14-56)

consideration. He explained that the APC reviewed and recommended that Senate approve the creation of Graduate Interfaculty Studies (GIFS) as a graduate interfaculty organizational and reporting structure. The Provost explained further that this is not a proposal to create a new unit but rather a request to approve a change in the records system for recording and record keeping purposes. The change is technical in nature and will allow students in the new interfaculty M.Eng and Ph.D in Biological and Biomedical Engineering graduate programs (BBME) to be properly documented in the student records system and to record the activities of the programs so that they accurately reflect the interdisciplinary and interfaculty organizational structure.

In the subsequent discussion, Senator Richard sought clarification regarding the attached appendix and asked whether a disclaimer could be inserted stating that this change is being made purely for record-keeping purposes. Senator Hébert suggested that the wording in the appendix be changed from "but it is a Faculty of Arts" to "but it takes the form of a Faculty of Arts". The Provost accepted both suggestions as amendments.

Senator Costopoulos noted that there is a precedent for this type of solution, namely, the Bachelor of Arts and Science program, where it has worked well. The Provost noted that the structure created by this motion could be used by other interfaculty graduate programs without requiring further Senate approval.

Senator Hastings asked whether Senate was making an academic decision that is driven by a purely technical issue. The Provost clarified that this is a technical decision that arises as a consequence of the academic decision made by Senate to create the BBME.

Senator Galaty asked if there are any other programs analogous to BBME and, if so, how they functioned without the structural change proposed in this motion. The Provost answered that the analogous program (Integrated Program in Neuroscience) has been set up in the information system as its own distinct unit rather than as an interfaculty entity. That program could, once GIFS is created, opt to make use of it for improved recording and record keeping.

On a motion duly proposed and seconded, Senate approved the creation of organizational units to support the interfaculty Biological and Biomedical Engineering Graduate programs.

Senators were also informed of courses and teaching programs which APC approved. Senator Saroyan asked for clarification concerning the creation of the M.Sc.; Family Medicine; Medical Education program within the Faculty of Medicine. Senator Saroyan, who is the Program Director for a similar program wondered why more consultation had not taken place in order to ensure that resources are not unnecessarily allocated to duplicate programs. Senator Eidelman invited Senator Saroyan to discuss the matter.

2. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee

(D14-57)

Senator Masi presented this report for approval. He explained that it contained recommendations to fill vacancies on the Senate Standing Committees and Committees arising out of University Regulations. In addition to the individuals included in the recommendations contained in the report, the Provost asked Senate to approve additional names, which were obtained earlier that day. He proposed the following additions for one-year terms:

- Chloe Rourke, Nancy Zhang, and Erin Sobat to the Academic

4. Progress Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Charter of Students' Rights Verbal Report

Senator Costopoulos presented a verbal report. He said that there had been very little progress since his fall 2014 update because his office has been focused on other policy initiatives prioritized by students and other members of the community such as the proposed Sexual Assault policy. Senator

