

**SENATE**  
McGILL UNIVERSITY

Minutes of a meeting of Senate held on Wednesday October 15, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in the Robert Vogel Council Room (Room 232), Leacock Building.

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**PRESENT:**

Aitken, Ellen  
Algieri, Stefano  
Allison, Paul  
Bishop, Alexandra  
Blachford, Gregg  
Blackett, Adelle  
Boss, Valentine  
Bouchard, Carl-Eric  
Bray, Dorothy  
Burgoyne, John Ashley  
Butler, Ian  
Caplan, Eric  
Cecere, Renzo  
Chadha, Roshi  
Cooke, Rosemary  
Covo, David  
Cuello, Claudio  
Dear, Judy  
DeGuise, Alexander  
Dourley, Barbara  
Dowie, Vaughan  
Dyck, Alexander  
Etemad, Hamid  
Everett, Jane  
Ezzy-Jorgensen, Frances  
Fox-Decent, Evan  
Franklin, Keith  
GowriSankaran, Kohur  
Grant, Martin  
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comes from government, from many different agencies and departments for purposes ranging from teaching to research. In addition, the Principal said that extremely loyal. Studies show that while giving tends to increase more slowly in a recession, it does continue to increase, and those with a capacity to give at a larger level tend to do so because they understand that there is a greater need. conservative, with a high percentage of investment in fixed income. This strategy allows for more stability during an economic downturn. Our debt levels are low and we still have maximum availability under our credit facilities with several Canadian financial institutions.

With respect to recruitment, retention and enrolment, the Principal said that M international reputation and the high quality of its students and professors make it a very attractive destination for prospective students. However, while we may be a better position than

stated that she has  
President of CREPUQ. On October 2, 2008, executive heads and board chairs from all universities met with Minister Courchesne, and communicated a consensus in opposing elements of the proposed legislation that would have impeded good governance, or failed to respect the autonomy of universities and their particular missions, traditions, values and customs. Following this meeting a consensus response to the Minister from CREPUQ was developed. The tabling of legislation is anticipated early in the fall session of the National Assembly. The Principal promised to keep Senators informed as this file develops and to report on outcomes and next steps at upcoming meetings.

The Principal stated that the fall has been busy for Campaign McGill, with events in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York City. The Campaign has raised \$442 million to date, with 59% of its goal achieved in 51% of the time elapsed. She added that there have been many generous gifts received this fall. S



On the invitation of the Chair, Ms. Bishop asked the following question:

**BACKGROUND:**

*McGill University prides itself on being a global leader in post-secondary education. Our degrees are highly respected worldwide due to our reputation for academic excellence.*

*In light of the recent publicity related to the Academic Integrity Policy and its application at McGill University, it seems that the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures and its day-to-day implementation have not consistently maintained international leadership standards.*









Professor Butler asked what the deficit would be under the new accounting procedures. Mr. Caponi explained that by going to a full accrual basis of accounting, all true liabilities would have to be recorded, which would increase the amount. Professor Butler then asked if McGill would still be held to the three-year turnaround. Mr. Caponi answered that this was currently under discussion with the Ministry.

Professor Zorychta wanted to know if the difference between academic and support staff salaries had changed much over the years with regards to the breakdown of total expenditures. Mr. Caponi replied that these numbers were fairly stable, although there could be some variation from year to year. The Provost added that there had been a gap between 1999, when academic renewal was first announced, and 2003, when the process of non-academic renewal began, but that gap is narrowing.

Professor Jonsson wondered how the amounts for academic salaries and administrative and support salaries had grown relative to each other, percentage-wise, over the years. Mr. Caponi replied that he did not have that data, but would provide it to Senate at a future meeting. Professor Jonsson then asked how the salaries of members of the administration who also hold academic appointments are accounted for, whether they were split between the two areas or left in the academic area. The Provost explained that there was a process by which the academic salary was absented, with a portion left with the academic unit, but the full burden of the salary was on the administrative side. In the case of Deans and Chairs, these salaries stay in their own faculties.

Ms. Cooke asked if it would be possible to break down the percentages of administrative and support staff between those at departmental levels and upper administration levels. The Provost said that they would bring back a report on this and the previous request at the same time.

## **2. Report of the Board of Governors to Senate (D08-08)**

The report was presented for information.

## **3. Committee Reports:**

### **3.1 404th Report of the Academic Policy Committee (D08-07)**

The Provost presented the Report of the Academic Policy Committee (D08-07).

#### **I. For Approval**

##### **A. New Teaching Programs**

The Provost first stated that, while the APC Report indicated that there were 22 proposed specializations to be approved, only 19 were listed. One additional specialization was listed as a major program revision, under item III, and two additional ones still under review which will form part of this package, and will be brought back to Senate. The text on the report will be revised to reflect this.

*Item 1, Faculty of Agriculture: B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Animal Biology, B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Animal Health and Disease; B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Animal Production; B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Applied Ecosystem Sciences; B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Ecological Agriculture; B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Entomology; B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Health and Nutrition; B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.); Special*

**Committee on Student Discipline  
Membership (3-year renewable terms)**

Professor Richard Leask (Engineering) 2009 (Chair)

Professor Mark Brawley (Arts) 2009 (Vice-Chair)

The Dean of Students [Professor Jane Everett]

The Associate Dean of St

Ms. Patricia Wood, secretary

*Item 2, Committee Terms of Reference, Academic Policy Committee, was approved.*

### **3.3 Senate Committee Annual Reports**

#### **3.3.1 Committee on Student Affairs (D08-11)**

Dean Everett presented the Annual Report of the Committee on Student Affairs (D08-11) for information.

#### **3.3.2 Committee on Student Services (D08-12)**

Ms. Luker presented the Annual Report of the Committee on Student Services (D08-12) for information.

Professor Harpp, on behalf of Senators, expressed his thanks for the Senate coffee mugs.

On a motion duly proposed and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.