

Senate Meeting Report, 2024-05-08

Colleagues,

The following is a summary of the Senate meeting which took place on May 8, 2024.

The meeting began with memorial tributes being presented by Dean Chan for Professor Wallace Crowston and by Dean Beaudry for Elizabeth Lewis (Libraries). Senate adopted the report of the Steering Committee

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02\\_updated\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_senate\\_steering\\_committee\\_23-24\\_09.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/02_updated_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_23-24_09.pdf), the minutes of the April 2024 meeting of Senate [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate\\_minutes\\_april\\_18\\_2024\\_23-24\\_08.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/senate_minutes_april_18_2024_23-24_08.pdf), and the agenda [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00\\_senate\\_agenda\\_may\\_8\\_2024.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/00_senate_agenda_may_8_2024.pdf).

President Saini began his comments from the Chair by addressing the subject of the encampment on the downtown campus; his remarks covered various points which were subsequently included in his May 10 email to the McGill community on this topic. The President also noted, in relation to matters recently approved by the Board of Governors, the appointment of Professor Fabrice Labeau to the role of Vice-President (Administration and Finance), the appointment of Professor Angela Campbell as Interim Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning), and the appointment of Professor Vivek Venkatesh to the role of Dean of the Faculty of Education.

In the section of the agenda for written questions and motions, a question was posed by Senator Quitoriano regarding changes in academic policy due to emergencies; the response was provided by Provost Manfredi <https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23->

[https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-70\\_proposed\\_extension\\_of\\_the\\_strategic\\_research\\_plan.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-70_proposed_extension_of_the_strategic_research_plan.pdf).

Provost Manfredi presented the third and final budget planning report of the year to Senate [https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-71\\_university\\_budget\\_2024-2025.pdf](https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/d23-71_university_budget_2024-2025.pdf). In light of the very high level of uncertainty and risk arising from the major changes announced in March 2024 by the Quebec government regarding its funding policies, the Board of Governors has approved a provisional