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SECTION I

1. Welcoming Remarks

The Chair welcomed Senators to the seventh Senate meeting of the 2016-2017 governance year. She reminded Senators, guests and spectators that the use of electronic devices is permitted for viewing meeting documents, but that the Senate Rules of Procedure prohibit the recording of sound or images, and the communication or posting of Senate deliberations.

2. Memorial Tribute for Professor Paula Ribeiro

Senator Geitmann read the following memorial tribute for Professor Ribeiro, which Senate subsequently unanimously approved:

Past and present students and staff of the Institute of Parasitology, and the Faculty of
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research was always thorough, meticulously executed and at the leading edge of her field.

5. Business Arising from the February 15, 2017 Senate Minutes

There was none.

6. Chair's Remarks

The Chair began her remarks by discussing government relations. She mentioned that the federal budget will be tabled in the afternoon and the Quebec budget will be tabled on March 28, 2017. She then reported that the University and two affiliated hospitals received \$70.7 million from the federal government and \$5.1 million from the Quebec government for large infrastructure projects, noting that the largest project is to renovate the west wing of the Stewart Biology Building. She mentioned that the announcement was made by Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Health, on January 17, 2017.

Cancer Society 2017 Robert L. Nobleize. She shared that team of McGill Management students (Samantha Simpson, Charles LaVoie, Amir Fawzy and Maria Power) won the Copenhagen Business School Case Competition 2017, noting that the team's winning pitch outlined a solution on how to create sustainable growth within the water industry. She congratulated the McGill synchronized swim team on capturing the Gerda Brule trophy as champions of the Canadian University Synchronized Swim League and the McGill women's basketball team on capturing the Bronze Baby Trophy for their first-ever national championship. Finally, she shared that McGill was named "Fair Trade Campus of the year" by Fairtrade Canada.

SECTION II

Part "A" – Questions and Motions by Members

1. Question Regarding Sale of Lecture Materials by Students and Companies

Senators Hébert and Bernard submitted the following question:

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The Intellectual Property Policy of the University indicates clearly that teaching materials are owned by their authors, subject to some rights for the University to use them for the purpose of teaching. The consequence of that rule is that professors and lecturers are responsible for the enforcement of their intellectual property rights.

However, the University has and will continue to take measures to limit infringement of the IP rights of its instructors. The issue is complex, because it requires balancing the rights of instructors to protect their intellectual property with those of students who should have easy access to the materials they need to learn. Among the measures implemented or to be implemented are the:

- Adoption of myCourses, where access to course material is restricted to students registered in a course. Prior to the implementation of this tool, instructors were often uploading their course material on the internet.
- Development of guidelines and tools for instructors concerning watermarking or stamping their course material in such a way that copyright is clearly advertised.
- Development of a policy on copyright (see the attached document).

promises to students. She added that the University has teaching assistants and tutors to provide support to students and wondered why the companies are allowed to place ads on campus bulletin boards and book classrooms. Senator Saroyan then asked about the relationship between Prep 101 and the University and wondered if Prep 101 subsidized orientations of student associations. Senator Hastings asked whether the University has ever followed up on issues of copyright infringement under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

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

Open Session

1. Annual Report on Scholarships and Student Aid (D16-42)

Ms. Piperni presented this report for Senate's information on behalf of Senator Dyens who was unable to attend the meeting. She stated that the report includes need-based government and institutional aid for all degree students as well as merit-based institutional awards for undergraduate students. She noted that a total of \$110 million in awards and financial aid was awarded to 11,000 students, which represents an increase of 3.1% since last year. She highlighted the largest funding sources supporting institutional aid and awards are the central strategic allocation, donations, and income generated from endowments, and noted that more than half of the funds are used for need-based aid.

In response to Senator Saroyan would be provided.

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strives to cover a similar proportion of tuition, whether the rates are regulated or deregulated, and has narrowed the gap over the last few years. She noted that the proportion of tuition covered by aid in 2015-2016 was 60% for regulated programs and 43% for deregulated programs.

The Chair asked whether the total number of awards and financial aid excluded funding to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) for graduate students and postdoctoral

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complement. He explained that a conscious decision was made by the University to ensure that the majority of academic teaching is delivered by tenured track professors.

In response to Senator Taylor's question on deferred maintenance, Senator Manfredi explained that there is zero growth listed in FY18 as there is no need to pay from the operating fund until FY20. Senator Taylor also asked about the increased costs for building occupancy and energy. Senator Manfredi responded that they are due to the increase in rates by Hydro-Quebec.

Senator Snow asked for further details regarding the \$500,000 investment in initiatives associated with indigenous peoples projects. Senator Manfredi stressed that the recommendation from the Provost's Task Force on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education are a top priority for the

University. He also mentioned that the Faculty have also developed the 240 initiative. He said that the University is committed to the 240 initiative and that it is a top priority for the University.

recommendations in November 2014 from the Innovation Steering Committee, which identified the need to articulate the philosophy, vision and intent that underpins the Policy as well as the institutional objectives that are enhanced and protected with its implementation. She highlighted that principles underlying the revision include the importance of academic freedom and the freedom to disseminate, protecting and commercializing intellectual property and ensuring equitable risk sharing and equitable returns to inventors, the diversity and affiliated institutions (12.810.24) as well as ensuring the social benefit of intellectual property and its results. She noted that the revisions also aim to improve the clarity and the ease of interpretation of the Policy and were the result of extensive consultations with internal and external stakeholders as well as a review of the best practices in intellectual property policy from top peer institutions in Canada and around the world. Finally, she informed Senators that an online living principles document to guide the commercialization process would be launched in April 2017 on the website of the Office of Innovation and Partnerships. She explained the document will include principles related to supporting open science and affordable global access to pharmaceuticals

Senator Robaire noted that the average income for non-international students is about \$25,000 for the year and asked if there are big differentials between faculties. He also wondered how the figures at McGill compare with other Canadian universities. Senator Nalbantoglu responded that the stipends at McGill are lower but so is the tuition. She explained that when tuition fees are taken into account, McGill is very competitive with its peers. She also highlighted that certain universities require students to hold teaching assistantships, the cost of living in Montreal is lower and the tuition for international students goes down to the Quebec level after the residency period. He also

10. Other Business

There being no other business to deal with, Senate moved into confidential session to receive the Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee Part II.

Confidential Session

11. Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee Part II (D16-47)

Senate moved into confidential session to review the Report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee Part II (this minute is approved by the Senate Steering Committee and is not published or circulated, but is attached to the permanent minutes of Senate as Appendix A).

There being no other business to deal with, on a motion duly proposed and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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The completed documents, including presentation at Senate are kept as part of the official minutes.