
Minutes of the meeting of Senate held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. via the Zoom Conferencing Application.

PRESENT

Agtang, Darelle
Ahsan, Arshiyah
Arseneault, Louis
Babinski, Bob
Bartlett, Joan
Beauchamp, Yves
Bede, Jacqueline
Beech, Robin
Behzadi, Houman
Blanchette, Mathieu
Breau, Sébastien
Campbell, Angela
Chan, Yolande E.
Chen, Jennifer
Collins, Paige
Cook, Colleen
Crago, Martha
Cumming, Julie
Cummings, Beth
Czemmel, Nancy
Daryanani, Darshan
Deschenes, Jean
Dirks, Melanie
Downie, Claire
Drouin, Susan
Dworek, Nikulas
Eidelman, David
Elbourne, Elizabeth
Elstein, Eleanor
Emami, Elham
Engle-Warnick, Jim
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Dr. Burgess, who served as President of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of Canada from 1990 to 1992, was recognized for his excellence and outstanding contributions to health care and to research, from receiving the Wood Gold Medal, his first award on graduation from medical school at McGill to being elected to the Order of Canada in 1987 in recognition of his teaching, research and service to the people of Nunavut.

Predeceased by his wife Andrea, our condolences go out to Dr. Burgess's children Willa, Cynthia, Lynn, and Jay and their families, as well as to his extended family, friends, colleagues, students and all those whose lives he touched. May his memory be a blessing. He will be dearly missed.

3. Report of the Steering Committee (21:22-01)

Senate received the Report of the Steering Committee (21-22:01).

Item 1. Approval of Minutes of Senate- May 12, 2021 meeting

Item 2. Approval of Confidential Minutes of Senate- May 12, 2021 meeting

Item 3. Speaking Rights. Upon approval of the report, speaking rights were granted to Melaine Thibault, General Counsel, Donald Sheppard, Director of the McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative in Infection and Immunity (MI4), and Professor Christopher Buddle, Associate Provost (Teaching & Academic Programs), for item II3 (Motion Regarding Academic Planning and

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reported that special consultations and public hearings on Bill 96 respecting French, the official and common language of Québec, were set to start at the National Assembly of Quebec next week. She noted that the anglophone universities were not going to participate in the hearings but would meet with the Minister Responsible for the French Language with colleagues from the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI), and send a letter to the Minister Responsible for the French Language, the Premier and the Minister of Higher Education. Finally, she mentioned that public consultations with relevant higher education stakeholders were held by the Commission scientifique et technique indépendante sur la reconnaissance de la liberté académique dans le milieu universitaire, which was created in 2010.

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Before concluding her remarks, the Chair reminded Senators that September 30th was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as well as Orange Shirt Day. She stated that McGill would commemorate the day through several campus events and that certain buildings on both the Macdonald and downtown campuses would be lit up in orange. She indicated that it was fitting to recognize Indigenous community members and partners just as we recognize that McGill University is on land which long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. Senator Daryanani then read the following tribute in honour of the victims and survivors of the residential school system.

McGill University is a prestigious learning environment where ideas move us forward (nous)9 (

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Senators that Dr. Ragsdale's term as Deputy RIO ended on August 31, 2020 is succeeded by Dr. Marc Pell.

Dr. Wolfson highlighted that 11 allegations were received between June 1, 2020 May 31, 2021, the majority of allegations being from external sources (which includes journal editors, members of the lay public and researchers outside the McGill community). She also mentioned that during the reporting year, the Regulations Concerning the Investigation of Research Misconduct were revised, resulting in some cases being assessed under the old regulations depending on when they were received.

Senator Kik commented that, according to the report, researchers were subjected to an investigation that ultimately exonerated them in 26 cases. As the process takes a significant toll on researchers, she asked if it were possible for the Research Integrity Office to look into obtaining further information on allegations before proceeding to an investigation. Dr. Wolfson responded that the Office is required to inform the individual once an allegation is made against them and as such, the ability to conduct an investigation before providing the individual with the opportunity for a rebuttal is limited. She acknowledged that it is a stressful process for Respondents and their advisors, noting that the Research Integrity Office provides support throughout the process. She mentioned that even in cases with insufficient evidence of research misconduct, there could be recommendations that are made.