

Senate report for the meeting on Wednesday Dec 6th, 2017

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Start 2.30pm in the Leacock Building. Principal Fortier wished students a lot of success for this end of year exams, and a great holiday break to all.

SECTION I

A memorial tribute was presented for Professor Winston Purdy (Schulich School of Music) by Senator Zorychta and a motion of condolences was unanimously endorsed.

Senate adopted the minutes of the last Senate meeting (Nov. 23rd, 2017), [the Report of the Senate Steering Committee](#) and the agenda.

Business Arising from Nov. 23rd, 2017:

No business arising.

1. Principal's Remarks

i. Opening remarks

Principal Fortier reminded all that December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, and that McGill pay special remembrance to the 14 women who were murdered, and the 14 people injured, during the École Polytechnique de Montréal massacre.

ii. Government Relations

Principal Fortier mentioned the Minister responsible for Higher Education (Quebec) will submit Bill n°151 (An Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in higher education institutions). This law will make it compulsory for universities and CEGEPs to adopt a policy to prevent and fight sexual violence by Sept-2018. McGill University has a policy in place since Sept-2016.

Government of Quebec will also hold a public hearings around the upcoming cannabis legislation, in which some experts of McGill will probably play a role.

budget is built and evolves during the year. It was indicated that the number of administrative and support staff is back to pre-Jan 2013.

3. Report of the Senate Nominating Committee

Professor Christopher Manfredi, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) presented the report and all the new appointments were approved.

4. Annual Report of the Committee on Libraries (2016-2017)

Professor Ghyslaine McClure, Associate Provost (Academic Priorities and Resource Allocation), presented for the annual report information. Several questions and discussions were opened around the current Open Access movement.

Respectively Submitted,

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