Below is a high-level review of the activities of the Senate of McMaster University during the 2015-16 session. Additional details about activities of the Senate can be found at the Meeting Materials section of the University Secretariat website, or by contacting the Secretariat at univsec@mcmaster.ca.

Senate approved or recommended the following appointments:

- **Dr. Suzanne Labarge** – re-appointed as Chancellor for a second 3-year term, effective September 1, 2016;
- **Dr. Robert Baker** – appointed as Vice-President (Research) for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2016;
- **Dr. Paul O’Byrne** – appointed as Dean and Vice-President (Health Sciences), effective July 1, 2016.

Senate revised or established the following policies, all of which are available on the University Policies, Procedures and Guidelines website.

- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)
- [Deferral of Attendance at Convocation](#)
- [Distinguished University Professor](#)
- [Flag Policy and Protocol](#)
- [Issuing Diplomas in Advance of Convocation](#)
- Research Leave Policies – [SPS C1](#) and [SPS C2](#)
- [Residence Agreement 2016-17](#)
Senate also approved: -

a. the establishment of a **School of Interdisciplinary Science** as a new academic unit within the Faculty of Science;

b. the termination of the **Department of Medical Physics and Applied Radiation Science** in the Faculty of Science;

c. the termination of the **Walter G. Booth School of Engineering Practice** and the **School of Engineering Technology** in the Faculty of Engineering;

d. the establishment of the **Walter G. Booth School of Engineering Practice and Technology** in the Faculty of Engineering;

e. a change of name for the **Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics** which will become **Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact**, effective January 1, 2017.

*The following research facilities were established:*

Centre for Advanced Research in Experimental and Applied Linguistics;

Centre for Ancient Numismatics;

Institute on Ethics and Policy for Innovation;

Michael G. DeGroote Cochrane Canada Centre;

McMaster Indigenous Research Institute.

*Name Change:*

The name of the **McMaster Institute of GeroScience** was changed to the **McMaster Institute for Research on Aging**.

*The terms of reference for the following Endowed Chairs were established or revised:*

*New*

DesRoches Chair in Bone Marrow Transplantation;

Farncombe Family Chair in Microbial Ecology and Bioinformatics;

Fred Hargreave/Teva Innovation Chair in Airway Diseases;

William J. Walsh Chair in Medicine (**converted** from Professorship).
Revised

DesRoches Chair in Bone Marrow Transplantation name revised to Joseph E. DesRoches Chair in Bone Marrow Transplantation;

Michael G. DeGroote Chair in Stroke Prevention;

Moran Campbell Chair in Respiratory Medicine.

Senate approved the following Program changes:

New Programs:

Industrial PhD Option, Faculty of Engineering;

PhD Program in Communication, New Media and Cultural Studies;

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology;

Honours Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience;

Bachelor of Commerce in Integrated Business and Humanities;

Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences (includes two Co op options);

Diploma in Health Information Management Plus;

English Readiness for Graduate Excellence Certificate;

Certificate in Canadian Payroll Management;

Certificate in Digital Marketing;

Leadership in Community Engagement Certificate.

Closed

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Work Program;

Combined Bachelor of Arts and Science and Social Work Program;

Child Life Studies Diploma Program;

Case Management Certificate Program.