Below is a high-level review of the activities of the Senate of McMaster University during the 2016-17 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, and recommended to the Board, the following:

**Formal adoption of the Okanagan Charter**

**Termination of the Faculty of Theology, effective December 31, 2016**

**Changes in title, effective July 1, 2017, as follows:**

‘Associate Vice-President (Faculty)’ becomes ‘Vice-Provost (Faculty)’ – currently Dr. Susan Searls Giroux;

‘Associate Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)’ becomes ‘Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning)’ – currently Dr. Arshad Amad;

‘Associate Vice-President and Dean of Graduate Studies’ becomes ‘Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies’ – currently Dr. Doug Welch;

‘Associate Vice-President (International Affairs)’ becomes ‘Vice-Provost (International Affairs)’ – currently Dr. Peter Mascher.

**Establishment of the Position Vice-Provost (Equity and Inclusion)**

**Establishment of the Position Associate Dean (Faculty Affairs), Faculty of Health Sciences**

**Appointments, as follows:**

Dr. David Wilkinson – extended as Provost and Vice-President (Academic) for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, or until a new Provost and Vice-President (Academic) takes over the position, whichever comes first;

Dr. Doug Welch – as Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies to June 30, 2022;

Dr. Maureen MacDonald – as Dean of the Faculty of Science to June 30, 2022;

Dr. Leonard Waverman – re-appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Business to June 30, 2020;

Dr. Michael Farquharson – re-appointed as Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Science;

Dr. Sue McCracken – as Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Business, for a five-year term;
Dr. Anna Danielova – as Associate Dean (Faculty Affairs and Accreditation), Faculty of Business;

Dr. Mark Walton – as Associate Dean (Faculty Affairs), Faculty of Health Sciences;

Dr. Khaled Hassanein – as Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research), Faculty of Business;

Dr. Pamela Swett – as Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research (Humanities);

Dr. Sean Corner – as Acting Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research (Humanities);

Dr. James Gillett – as Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research), Faculty of Social Sciences;

Dr. Gianni Parise – re-appointed as Associate Dean (Research and External Relations), Faculty of Science;

Dr. Jonathan Bramson – Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Health Science;

Dr. Ken Cruikshank – as the Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2017, and Dr. Maureen MacDonald as the Council of Ontario Universities Alternate Academic Colleague for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2017;

Ms Christi Garneau – as University Secretary, effective July 24, 2017.

Senate awarded the title Distinguished University Professor to the following individuals:

Dr. Barry Allen, Philosophy;

Dr. Michael Brook, Chemistry and Chemical Biology;

Dr. Bruce Gaulin, Physics and Astronomy;

Dr. John Kelton, Medicine;

Dr. Laurel Trainor, Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour.

Senate awarded the title University Scholar to the following individuals for a 4-year term:

Dr. Chandrima Chakraborty, English and Cultural Studies;

Dr. Wael El-Dakhakhni, Civil Engineering;

Dr. Paul McNicholas, Mathematics and Statistics;

Dr. Peter Nyers, Political Science; and

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

**Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities**

**Academic Program Development and Review**

**Aid and Awards**

**Awarding of the Title “Professor Emeritus / Emerita”**

**Care and Use of Animals in Research and Teaching**

**Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities**

**Diplomas and Certificates**

**Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment: Prevention and Response**

**Hearing Procedures for the Board-Senate Hearing Panel for Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Violence**

**Research Integrity Policy**

**Residence Agreement / Contract, 2017-18**

**Sexual Violence**

**Student Groups (Recognition, Risk Assessment and Event Planning)**

**Tenure and Promotion Policy**

  - **Section II, Clause 4**, - *Correction of a clerical error*
  - **Section II, Clause 4b**, - *Revision to requirements for an initial appointment with tenure*
  - **Sections III, V, and VI**, - *Revision to method of contacting faculty members*
  - **SPS B11**, -- *Curriculum Vitae Requirements* – *addition of Research Creation category*
  - **SPS C1** and **SPS C2**, -- *Research Leaves* – *establishment of appeal process and clarification of eligibility for first leave*
  - **SPS C4**, -- *Pregnancy and Parental Leave* – *Changes to financial arrangements*
  - **Appendix A**, 
  - **SPS A4**, and New **SPS, A12**, - *revisions that address the requirement that clinical faculty must hold a valid licence to practise medicine in Ontario, as well as maintain malpractice insurance and (normally) patient care privileges at an affiliated hospital*
The following research facilities were established:
Centre for Mobility in Aging;
McMaster Digital Transformation Research Centre;
McMaster University Centre for Buddhist Studies;
Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research;
Computing Infrastructure Research Centre.

Revision to terms of reference and/or name change of research facilities:
McMaster Institute for Research on Aging;
Termination of the McMaster Brain-Body Institute.

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

New
Jack Hirsh / Population Health Research Institute Chair in Thrombosis and Atherosclerosis Research;
Population Health Research Institute Chair in Cardiology Research.

Revised Terms of Reference and/or Name Change
Farncombe Family Chair in Inflammatory Bowel Disease revised to Farncombe Family Chair in Phage Biology;
Ontario Research Chair in Educational Achievement and At-Risk Students revised to Ontario Research Chair in Educational Achievement and At-Risk Youth;
Boris Family Chair in Human (Neural) Stem Cells revised to Boris Family Chair in Drug Discovery;
Mackenzie Financial Corporation Chair in Evidence-Based Financial Planning revised to Mackenzie Investments Chair in Evidence-Based Investment Management;
Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Environment and Health.
Senate approved the following Program changes:

**New:**

Master of Science in Financial Mathematics;

M.Eng. in Computing and Software – *merger of four existing M.Eng. degrees*;

Combined Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science and Indigenous Studies Program;

Applied Clinical Research Certificate;

Canadian Health Care Certificate;

Certificate in Big Data Analytics;

Certificate in Business Technology Management;

Certificate in Essential French;

Certificate in International Engagement;

Certificate in Marketing;

Diploma in Business of Golf and Resort Management.

**Closed:**

Honours Bachelor of Science in Medical Physics Program;

Honours Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering - Embedded Systems Program;

Honours Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Biomedical Engineering Program;

Collaborative MA in Public Policy and Administration;

Technology Diploma and the Technology Leadership Diploma.