Below is a high-level review of the activities of the Senate of McMaster University during the 2014-15 session. Additional details about these and other activities of the Senate, including various appointments and the revision or establishment of academic programs, can be found at the Meeting Materials section of the University Secretariat website, or by contacting the Secretariat.

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

- Academic Accommodations for Religious, Indigenous and Spiritual Observances
- Academic Revenue-Generating Certificate and Diploma Programs Administered Through a Faculty
- Discrimination, Harassment and Sexual Harassment: Prevention and Response
- Distinguished University Professor
- McMaster University Revised Policy and Regulations with Respect to Academic Appointment, Tenure and Promotion (2012) (revisions to Section II, Clause 7; Section III, Clauses 38 d and 58; and to SPS C4)
- Residence Agreement 2015-16
- Residence Code of Conduct
- Residence Community Alcohol Policy
- Student Code of Conduct
- University Scholar
- Workplace Accommodation

Senate also approved the establishment of a Fall Recess commencing on the second Monday in October and continuing for seven days until the following Sunday of October, starting in the 2015-16 academic year

Senate also agreed that McMaster University should become a signatory to the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

Senate approved the design of a new McMaster University Flag, to be flown on ceremonial and other occasions, at the discretion of the President
The following research facilities were established on the recommendation of the Senate:

- MacDATA Institute
- Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing at McMaster
- Institute for Multi-Hazard Systemic Risk Studies (Interface)
- McMaster Centre for Transfusion Research
- Centre for Community-Engaged Narrative Arts

The name of the McMaster Institute for Environment and Health was changed to the McMaster Institute for Healthier Environments

The following Professorships and Endowed Chairs were established on the recommendation of the Senate:

- J. Bruce Duncan Chair in Metabolic Diseases
- Schlegel Chair in Clinical Epidemiology and Aging
- McMaster Family Medicine Research Chair (converted from a Professorship)
- Cisco Chair in Bioinformatics
- ArcelorMittal Dofasco Chair in Advanced Manufacturing (subsequently revised to ArcelorMittal Dofasco Chair in Advanced Manufacturing Policy)
- John G. Kelton Chair in Translational Research
- Marta and Owen Boris Chair in Stroke Research and Care

The titles of a number of Endowed Chairs were revised as follows:

- Chair in Rheumatology Education – terminated
- Alliance for Better Bone Health Chair in Rheumatology – revised to Actavis Chair in Rheumatology for Better Bone Health
- Peter Boris Chair in Alcohol Addiction Research – revised to Peter Boris Chair in Addictions Research
- Dofasco Chair in Ferrous Metallurgy - revised to ArcelorMittal Dofasco Chair in Ferrous Metallurgy
- Dofasco Chair in Process Automation and Information Technology - revised to ArcelorMittal Dofasco Chair in Process Automation and Information Technology
- Global Television Network Chair in Communications - revised to Asper Chair in Communications