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This report summarizes approvals made by the Executive Committee in the name of the Board of Governors at the Committee's meetings of October 27, 2022, and by means of an electronic vote that concluded on November 21, 2022. It also presents key informational items reviewed by the Executive Committee. It is presented to the Board of Governors for information.

I. APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE NAME OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. Research Grant Agreement for the Virtual Integrated Patient Platform [ED22-08]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), approved the Research Grant Agreement between The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning/McGill University and Brain Canada valued at approximately \$6.1 million in support of the Virtual Integrated Patient Platform project.

Brain Canada is a funding agency that enables and supports brain research in Canada. In 2021, they launched a call for applications to the Platform Support Grants (PSG) with the goal of strengthening Canadian neuroscience research. A requirement of the PSG is that with a requirement of applicants to provide 1:1 matching funds. Brain Canada has awarded \$3 million in support of the Open Science Virtual Integrated Patient Platform at the Montreal Neurological Institute (the Neuro) over a three-year term. This platform will facilitate the contribution of a wide range of data and biospecimens from patient partners spanning patient recruitment and rigorous characterization, and explicitly aims to accelerate the participation of Canadian patients in precision medicine clinical trials by having a registry of clinically and genetically characterized patients.

2. Canada First Research Excellence Fund 2022 Competition Grant Application [ED22-09]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), acknowledged a \$6 million increase to value of the grant application approved by the Executive Committee on March 24, 2022, to the CERF program, bringing the total value of the application to \$166 million in support of the proposal entitled "DNA to RNA (D2R): An Inclusive Canadian Approach to Genomic-based RNA Therapeutics".

At its March 24, 2022 meeting, the Executive Committee approved the submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) for this proposal with a value of up to \$160 million, the first stage in the competition. The LOI was successful and the University was invited to submit a full application, with a slightly higher revised proposal value.

McGill's proposal outlines a plan to implement a comprehensive program that will utilize ongoing innovations in Genomic Medicine and RNA science to discover and develop the new generation of RNA-based precision therapies that will transform future health care for all, taking into account important social and physical differences that may impact treatment options and outcomes such as age, ancestral origin, lifestyle habits, family history of diseases, or geographic location, and by actively promoting diversity in study participation.

3. Report from Senate [ED22-12]

3.1 New Regulations on Academic Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the new [Regulations relating to Academic Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures](#).

Conditions relating to grievance and disciplinary procedures for academic staff previously resided within the [Regulations Relating to the Employment of Academic Staff](#). The new regulations address these procedures in a stand-alone document and will render relevant processes more efficient and equitable.

3.2 Appointments to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures [ED22-12]

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of Senate, approved the following:

- The appointment of Professor Tracy Webb to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures, subject to willingness to serve, for a term beginning immediately, and ending August 31, 2025.
- The appointment of Professor Daniel Béland as Chair of the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures for a term beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2025.
- The appointment of Svetlana Kochkina to the Committee on Staff Grievances and Disciplinary Procedures, for a term beginning immediately, and ending August 31, 2025.

4. Board Committee Reports

4.1 Report of the IT Committee [ED22-10]

4.1.1 University Advancement Customer Relationship Management System Project

The Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the IT Committee, approved the UA Customer Relationship Management System project with a maximum budget of \$7.4 million including applicable taxes.

University Advancement's (UA) previous Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System, first implemented in 1998, had reached end-of-life and needed to be replaced. UA requires a robust CRM in order to facilitate stakeholder communications, donor stewardship, and other key philanthropic efforts, particularly as McGill is presently engaged in a \$2B fundraising campaign. Risk management was

the Advancement of Learning / McGill University, Project 19-172: Sylvan Adams Sports Science Institute, subject to the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance), together with the Interim Principal, presenting to the Chair of the Building and Property Committee and the Chair of the Board of Governors a confirmation of an increase in donor funds or another funding arrangement for this Project that is satisfactory to the Chairs.

The Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee, also authorized the Vice-Principal (Administration and Finance), the Associate Vice-Principal (Facilities Management and Ancillary Services) or the Director, Project Management, to sign contracts and any other agreements relating to this project on behalf of The Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning/McGill University, provided that the total amount of the contracts does not exceed the total budget amount, and that the contracts are reviewed by Legal Services.

Secretary's note:

Appendix A

The following appointments were approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors:

- **Appointment to the Rank of CAS Full Professor (Clinical)** [ED22-06]

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Faculty</u> | <u>Effective Date</u> |
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| TSIEN, Christina | Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology | Medicine and Health Sciences | July 4, 2022 |