

**TO:** Senate

**FROM:** Question by Senator Chloe Rourke  
Response by Senator Michael Di Grappa

**SUBJECT:** Question and Response Regarding Physical Accessibility on Campus

**MEETING DATE:** September 24, 2015

**PREAMBLE:** Whereas, McGill University made the decision to borrow \$400 million in order to address deferred maintenance projects on campus in Winter 2015, upon the recommendation of the Board of Governors Finance Committee;

Whereas, McGill's physical infrastructure on campus has been identified as a barrier for the implementation of universal design on campus at the 2012 Joint Board-Senate Meeting<sup>1</sup>;

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**QUESTION:** What current processes and evaluation procedures are in place within McGill's decision making structures to ensure the prioritization of physical accessibility on campus?

What steps are being taken to ensure that the Office for Students with Disabilities plays a role in any decision making about space use and renovations made by Campus Space and Planning?

Is McGill willing to open all renovation project or design teams to a representative with expertise in physical accessibility to ensure that the physical development of campus meets accessibility standards and the needs of its community members with disabilities?

**RESPONSE:** With respect

[provided by  
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Di Grappa, VP  
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