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(http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/2_report_of_the_senate_steering_committee_17.pdf) and the agenda (http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/1_agenda_senate_feb_15_2017.pdf). Further to item 4 of the Steering report, the Principal indicated that she will ensure that Senate is informed of the outcome of the review currently being undertaken by the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee of the Board of Governors. As an item of business arising from the minutes, Dean Nalbantoglu provided follow-up information on the supervisory workshops which are given at McGill.

Senator Saroyan asked a question pertaining to criteria for the evaluation of the members of the Board of Governors. Secretary-General Rogowska responded that the Nominating, Governance and Ethics Committee conducts an annual review, and that a document summarizing the Committee's report is available online. Senator Robaire asked a question regarding when the Administration learned that the tax status of post-doctoral fellows had changed and when the Administration communicated this information to investigators whose grants would be affected. Dean Nalbantoglu responded that post-doctoral fellows were recognized as employees in 2015, and that it was this recognition which changed their taxation status. Senator Robaire asked why investigators were not told of this change in a more timely fashion. Provost Manfredi responded that taxation status and benefits costs are two separate issues, and that the benefits issue is the subject of ongoing negotiations.

In her comments from the Chair, Principal Fortier referred to recent troubling incidents at McGill, in Quebec and worldwide. She drew attention to the fact that McGill's mission statement includes a statement of principles which reads, "In fulfilling its mission, McGill University embraces the principles of academic freedom, integrity, responsibility, equity, and inclusiveness," and added that we need to commit ourselves to these principles every day. On the subject of government relations, Principal Fortier reported on a recent meeting between the heads of all of Quebec's universities with Minister of Finance Carlos J. Leitão and Minister for Higher Education H el ene David, as well as on a subsequent meeting which Minister Leit o had with the Principal and with Provost Manfredi. The message communicated to the ministers was that it is time for the government to re-invest in universities. Minister Leit o was receptive to this message, but it remains to be seen what the next Quebec budget will contain in this regard.

The Principal also reported on her participation in the World Economic Forum in Davos and in the Business / Higher Education Roundtable, on last month's meeting of the U15 with the federal Minister of Science, and on the recent announcement that the QS ranking organization has named Montreal the best student city in the world.

Under the agenda point for formal questions and motions, a question was submitted by Senator Dunn with regard to graduate student teaching at McGill; a response was provided by Provost h7 McG

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Medicine; he asked whether the AEC process might unde