

Questions submitted by Senator Morelli for the September 25, 2012 Senate meeting

What is the state of the Provost's investigation into the allegations of research misconduct by HEQCO and Queen's? When can Senate expect to receive a preliminary report and/or a final report? And what are the terms of reference of the investigation(i.e. what specifically is the Provost looking into)? More specifically:

- a. Does the investigation seek to determine whether Queen's revisions to the Report subsequently published under the names of Massey and Field involved departures from academic integrity on the part of Queen's University Administration and/or Staff?
- b. Does the investigation examine Queen's practice in relation to research contracts that stipulate waivers of moral rights, both in general and in the specific case of Jennifer Massey and Sean Field? Were the researchers in this case adequately advised by Queen's ORS staff as to the possible consequences of signing a contract with a moral rights waiver included? Is it general practice for Queen's to advise researchers who are signing research contracts about the implications of moral rights waivers?
- c. Was it Queen's University or HEQCO that invoked the terms of the moral rights waiver to revise the original conclusions of Massey and Field? What options did the University explore to avoid this outcome? What actions did Queen's University take to protect its employees in this matter?