

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Leacock Council Room - L232**

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.

DOCUMENTS: S-10-16 to S-10-23

In the absence of Dean Grant, Prof. David Zuroff, Chair of the Department of Psychology, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Prof. Hynes **moved**, seconded by Prof. Gyakum, that the Agenda be adopted.

The motion carried.

(2) SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS FUND

602.1 Mr. Chuck Adler from the Campus and Space Planning Office introduced himself, and said that the Office of Sustainability reports to his office. He said that the Dean of Science had kindly agreed to allow him to present to the Faculty of Science a new initiative, the Sustainability Projects Fund, that had been introduced at McGill in the last year. The Sustainability Projects Fund was a joint venture between the students and the university, and would generate money for sustainability initiatives at McGill. While participation by the administration and by students was already occurring, he wished to encourage academic staff to submit ideas related to sustainability to the SPF. He introduced Ms. Lilith Wyatt, the Sustainability Projects Fund Administrator.

602.2 Ms. Wyatt gave a presentation on the Sustainability Projects Fund. Further information is available at

www.mcgill.ca/sustainability

602.3 Ms. Wyatt said that sustainability at McGill was being defined extremely broadly to encourage wide participation and a wide range of ideas. The Office of Sustainability had been created three years previously as a hub to unite the McGill community in building a culture of sustainability across the campus.

602.4 Ms. Wyatt said that the McGill Food Systems Project was a good example of a successful initiative. Significant provincial funding had been obtained for the project, a proposal on food security was being submitted to SSHRC, a Maxbell foundation grant had been received, and external partnerships were being created.

602.5 She showed a slide listing 30 SPF Projects, among which were apartment gardens, a bike collective, bike racks, meatless Mondays, a water collection system, a campus composter, minimization of hazardous waste, a bottle refill station, a recycling program, a farmer's market, and a fluorescent lamp disposal.

- 602.6** Ms. Wyatt emphasized that SPF was a partnership aimed at changing the campus culture towards sustainability. Such a change in campus culture would ideally spread into broader societal change.
- 602.7** A \$0.50/credit/student levy was approved overwhelmingly by the SSMU, PGSS and MCSS. The Provost was committed to matching the student levy. This would raise abouinand

There were no candidates for the Diploma in Environment or the Diploma in Meteorology.

Ms. Allard further **moved**, seconded by Prof. Dudek, that the Dean be given discretionary power to make such changes in the degree list as would be necessary to prevent injustice.

The motion carried.

(4) MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2011

S-10-16

Prof. Hurtubise **moved**, seconded by Prof. Gyakum, that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried.

(5) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

606.3 Prof. de Takacsy said that COMP 554 had been renumbered (from COMP 692) in order to allow undergraduate honours students as well as graduate students to register for the course.

Prof. Dudek **moved**, seconded by Prof. Hurtubise, that the above changes be approved.

The motion carried.

SECTION C: MINOR COURSE CHANGES (For Information Only)

- Report on Minor Course Changes

AC-10-53

SECTION D: OTHER (For Information Only)

**1) McGill School of Environment
B.A. Program - Joint Honours Environment Component**

606.4 Prof. de Takacsy said that the program was being brought to Faculty (for information only) in order to keep the Faculty of Science informed of non-Science programs in the McGill School of Environment.

**2) Transfer of English Courses from English and French Writing
Centre, Faculty of Arts, to Centre for Continuing Education**

AC-10-55

606.5 Prof. de Takacsy said that the English as a Second Language (ESL) unit was one part of the English and French Writing Centre of the Faculty of Arts. The ESL unit was moving its courses and transferring its staff to the McGill Writing Centre under the Centre for Continuing Education. The ESL courses will continue to be offered to students in the B.Sc. and B.A. & Sc. degrees, and as per the criteria in Document AC-10-55, these courses will be monitored by SOUSA and the Associate Dean. The Faculty of Arts approved the recommendations in Document AC-10-55. In 2012, the Faculty of Arts will conduct a review of these courses.

3) B.A. & Sc.: Proposed Changes to the Administrative Structure

AC-10-56

606.6 Prof. de Takacsy said that the B.A. & Sc. Program Administration Committee had recommended to the Deans of Arts and of Science (Document AC-10-56) that the administrative structure be put on a more solid basis. Rather than the current yearly rotation of the chair of the PAC between the associate deans of Arts and of Science, operational responsibility for the PAC would be assigned by the deans to either Arts or Science for three to five years, and the deans would as well appoint a chair of the PAC. Additionally, the deans would consider appointing, in due course, a B.A. & Sc. program director for a term of three to five years.

b) Committee on Student Standing (CSS)

S-10-22

Director Allard said that the CSS meeting had been cancelled due to lack of business.

(7) DEAN'S BUSINESS

a) Dean's Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research List

S-10-23

607.1 Director Allard explained the criteria for the DMURL — undergraduate students undertaking multidisciplinary research outside their principal area of study. There were three students on the DMURL.

b) Budget Issues

607.2

Since the Dean of Science was not present at the meeting, a motion was called to decide whether or not to hold the Committee of the Whole discussion at the current meeting. In the absence of a seconder to the motion, the Committee of the Whole discussion was