

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
Meeting of Faculty  
Tuesday, December 2, 2008  
Leacock Council Room - L232**

**ATTENDANCE:** As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.

**DOCUMENTS:** S-08-13, S-08-14

Dean Grant called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Prof. Andrew Cumming from the Department of Physics gave a short research presentation prior to the meeting.

Dean Grant thanked Prof. Cumming for his splendid presentation.

Dean Grant said that due to a family situation, Prof. Virginie Millien from the Redpath Museum would present her research at a future Faculty meeting.

**(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Prof. Harpp **moved**, seconded by Prof. Gale, that the Agenda be adopted.

**The motion carried.**

**(2) RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR GEORGE JUST, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

**402.1** Professor David Harpp, on behalf of Prof. Bruce Lennox, Chair, Department of Chemistry, presented the Resolution on the Death of Prof. George Just.

Mr. Dean, Members of Faculty:



None

**SECTION C: NEW COURSES**

**(1) Biochemistry**

Course retirement  
3 credits

Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Ronis, that the above changes be approved.

**The motion carried.**

**SECTION E: MINOR COURSE CHANGES (For Information Only)**

- Report on Minor Course Changes

**AC-08-42**

**405.1** Associate Dean Hendren gave a summary of the changes in the above document.

**SECTION F: MINOR PROGRAM CHANGES (For Information Only)**

- Report on Minor Program Changes

**AC-08-P3**

**405.2** Associate Dean Hendren highlighted the changes in the Report on Minor Program Changes.

**SECTION G: OTHER**

**(1) Science General Interest Courses Renumbered 18X**

**405.3** Associate Dean Hendren said that the Academic Committee had approved a motion requiring units to renumber their general interest courses (those listed under the General Science Minor) as 18X, e.g. UNIT 187.

**405.4** Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Ronis, that general interest courses in the Faculty of Science be renumbered as 18X.

**The motion carried.**

**405.5** Associate Dean Hendren said that she would be contacting units regarding the renumbering.

**(2) Integrated B.Sc./M.Sc. Stream**

**405.6** Associate Dean Hendren said that the Integrated B.Sc./M.Sc. Stream would require:

- 1) – that units would be willing to accept students conditionally into their M.Sc. program at the end of U2
- 2) – that units would offer special activities to students in U3, e.g., inviting them to departmental seminars, providing special advising
- 3) – that students in the integrated stream should not be required to do more than four courses for their M.Sc.
- 4) – that M.Sc. programs currently requiring more than four courses would have to be modified such that the additional courses could be replaced by research credits.

**405.7** Associate Dean Hendren said that in additi

- 406.1** Faculty moved into the Committee of the Whole, with Associate Dean Grütter as Chair.
- 406.2** Associate Dean Grütter posed the question: What aspects of diversity need attention in the university?
- 406.3** Among the points raised were:
- The issue of the definition of diversity.
  - That perhaps the most relevant element of diversity involved the female to male ratio.
  - That a previous study had shown that increasing the number of female professors helps both female and male students.
  - That female undergraduate students outnumber males. However, the ratio changes in the progression from undergraduate to graduate students to applicants for assistant professorships. Additionally, there were proportionately fewer women in honours undergraduate programs.
  - That in the Faculty of Science, about 60% of undergraduates were female, compared to about 30% of graduate students, and 18% of academic staff.
  - That the best candidates should be hired, irrespective of gender.
  - That female students should be encouraged to go beyond the B.Sc. degree.
  - That more emphasis could be put on targeted recruiting.
  - That some universities have made a strong effort to hire women in the executive ranks, such as provost.
- 406.4** Associate Dean Grütter thanked members for their input.
- 406.5** Dean Grant said he welcomed suggestions for Committee of the Whole discussions.

**(7) REPORT ON ACTIONS OF SENATE**

Please note that the entire Minutes of Senate are available on the Web at <http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/minutes/>.

AVP Jim Nicell reported on the Physical Development of the campus. Remarks concerned aspects of pedestrian and bicycle travel on campus as well as investment in new and large lecture theatres. As our facilities are not used very effectively, the Province will not authorize new lecture halls. Issues of midterm exams came up in this discussion and Deputy Provost Mendelson indicated that centrally organized exam times may be coming up in the near future. The MUHC project is not dealt with by AVP Nicell but apparently it is up for proposals for construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

**407.1** With regard to issuing T2202A forms to postdoctoral fellows, Dean Grant confirmed that an e-mail from Dean Kreiswirth had stated that McGill would issue the forms.

**(8) MEMBERS' QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no members' questions.

**(9) OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.