FACULTY OF SCIENCE Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, December 4, 2007
Leacock Council Room - L232

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.
DOCUMENTS: S-07-17 to S-07-19
Dean Grant called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

## Pre-Agenda Research Presentations:

Prof. Lea Berrang-Ford, Department of Geography
Prof. Anthony Mittermaier, Department of Chemistry
Dean Grant thanked Prof. Berrang-Ford and Prof. Mittermaier for their research presentations. He said he found it fascinating to learn about all the different research occurring in the Faculty of Science.

## (1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Prof. Whitesides moved, seconded by Prof. Crépeau, that the Agenda be adopted.
The motion carried

## (2) CLASS SCHEDULING SOFTWARE

402.1 Ms. Anna Walsh, Associate Registrar, and Ms. Nermein Gamal, leader of the class scheduling project team for the downtown campus, gave a pra2dlfaofaoa. 02 07ass
optimize classroom use, but also take account of academic objectives, professors' schedules, and space availability. The Advisory Work Group had created new daily time patterns for classes to allow for greater flexibility.
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402.11 A second simulation would be run around April 2008 for the Fall 2008/Winter 2009 terms. The results of this simulation would be sent to units for consultation.
402.12 Collection of information for the Fall 2008/Winter 2009 terms would be carried out in February-March 2008. It was hoped that the program would go live for the Fall 2009 term.
402.13 Ms. Walsh said that feedback and questions were always welcome, and she provided an e-mail address and phone numbers:

- timetableproject.arr@mcgill.ca
- Anna Walsh 398-4473

The motion carried.
Associated Course Retirements:
CHEM 257D1/D2 Intro Analytical Chemistry
AC-07-40
4 credits
CHEM 277D1/D2 Intro Analytical Chem. Lab. AC-07-41
3 credits
Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Ronis, that the above courses be retired.

The motion carried.

## (4) NEUROSCIENCE

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Associate Dean Hendren introduced the following six courses and their associated program changes.

NSCI 200
Intro. to Neuroscience 1
AC-07-57
3 credits

Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Chase, that the course be adopted.
The motion carried.

NSCI 201
Intro to Neuroscience 2
AC-07-58
3 credits

Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Baker, that the course be adopted.
The motion carried.

NSCl 300 Neuroethics AC-07-59
3 credits

Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Crépeau, that the course be adopted.

The motion carried.
NSCI $400 \quad$ Neuroscience Seminar AC-07-60
1 credit

Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Levine, that the course be adopted.
The motion carried.

| NSCI 410 | Independent Research 1 <br> 6 credits | AC-07-61 |
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| NSCI 420 | Independent Research 2 <br> 9 credits | AC-07-62 |

Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Chase, that the above courses be adopted.

The motion carried.
Associated Program Changes:
Major in Neuroscience
AC-07-63
Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Franklin, that the program changes be approved.

The motion carried.
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On behalf of the Faculty of Science, Dean Grant thanked everyone, and in particular Prof. Ellis Cooper, for the work involved in putting together the proposals.

## SECTION D: MAJOR COURSE CHANGES

(1) COMPUTER SCIENCE

COMP 527 Logic and Computation AC-07-35

Associate Dean Burns said that the Report of the Principal's Taskforce on Student Life and Learning had been

The remainder of the meeting was occupied with nine reports from various University sources. Principal among these was a lengthy discussion of proposed changes to the McGill Course Evaluation Policy. An earlier draft of this document had been discussed at a previous meeting of Senate. The discussion was led by Professor Cynthia Weston, Director of Teaching and Learning Services. While all sections of the document were closely scrutinized, two were especially contentious. Regarding the section on Purpose, Professor Robaire asked that the reference to merit increases be removed, and Professor Chase asked that evaluations of TAs be included. The section on Dissemination generated numerous comments in respect to the threshold level of participation required for the dissemination of results to the university community. As drafted, a minimum response rate of $40 \%$ will be required for classes with enrolments greater than 12 students, whereas for classes with fewer than 12 students, at least 5 responses will be required. Several variations on these criteria were suggested, but Vice Provost Morton Mendelson and Dean Martin Grant both argued that a threshold of $40 \%$ strikes a good balance between the need for statistical reliability and the goal of broad dissemination. Also, it represents an incentive for students to complete evaluations. A revised draft of the Course Evaluation Policy will be presented to Senate for its approval, probably in December 2007.

The Fall 2007 Enrolment Report was presented by Deputy Provost, Mendelson. Some of the statistics artaf 10.02 00 10.020.0004144s0 1 aTm(probably in DeDh0210.30 10522342.540685

