

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, December 5, 2006
Leacock Council Room - L232**

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.

DOCUMENTS: S-06-17 to S-06-21

Dean Grant called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Pre-Agenda Presentations:

At the start of the Faculty of Science meeting, short research presentations were given by:

- Professor Bruno Tremblay, Department of Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
- Professor Navin Ramankutty, Department of Geography

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Athletics

Associate Dean Leighton pointed out the Disciplinary Report to members.

d) **Academic Committee**

S-06-21

Associate Dean Hendren thanked Josie D'Amico and Christopher Johns for their work in putting together the large number of documents for the meeting. She also thanked units for their efforts in creating the Core Science Components for the B.Sc. Liberal program.

The Academic Committee approved the following on Tuesday, November 21, 2006:

SECTION A: NEW PROGRAMS

405.1 Associate Dean Hendren reminded members that the proposed B.Sc. Liberal Program

- Computer Science

AC-06-25G

Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Moskowitz, that the program be adopted.

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The motion carried.

- (2) **Psychology**
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| PSYC 502 | Psychoneuroendocrinology
3 credits | AC-06-37 |
| PSYC 512 | Advanced Personality Seminar
3 credits | AC-06-38 |

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

The motion carried.

- (3) **Computer Science**
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| COMP 280 | Hist and Phil of Computing
3 credits | AC-06-42 |
| COMP 321 | Programming Challenges
1 credit | AC-06-43 |

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

Due to time constraints, the following report was not actually read at the meeting.

- Senate Meeting of November 15, 2006 – Prof. D. Harpp

Minutes Senate's meeting held on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 232 of the Leacock Building

1) REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The report of the Steering Committee was received including reports on the Degrees of the 2007 Spring Convocation.

2) CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Principal opened her remarks by congratulating the Deans of Science and Engineering for an event where Mr. Lorne Trottier, emeritus governor, donated \$12 million to advance McGill University's Engineering and Science faculties allowing each of the two faculties to establish endowed chairs as well as fellowship funds for graduate students. Dr. Victoria Kaspi would be the first Lorne Trottier Chair in Astrophysics and Cosmology.

She then announced new appointments in the University including Michael Goldbloom for Vice-Principal (Inter-Institutional Relations), Lynne B. Gervais was appointed Associate Vice-Principal (Human Resources), Rima Rozen was appointed Associate Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations) and the Right Honourable Joe Clark as a professor of Practice for Public-Private Sector Partnerships at the McGill Centre for Developing Area Studies. The Principal noted that the Fall Convocation honored Her Excellency the Governor General Michaëlle Jean, Mr. Jean Beliveau and Mrs. Judith Mappin with honorary doctorates.

The Principal noted that McGill ranked first among medical doctoral universities in Canada in the *Maclean's* magazine 16th annual University Rankings issue. In conclusion, she congratulated members of the McGill community for their achievements including Professor Lawrence Mysak, who won the Prix du Québec, the Quebec Government's highest recognition.

3) QUESTION RE CLASSROOM SIZES

A question was posed about the classroom size of one class in Management. Dean Todd presented a very long answer as to how this situation was being handled.

4) CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF THE HONORARY DEGREES AND CONVOCATIONS COMMITTEE

This was presented and is in an Appendix with the official minutes.

5) 384TH REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Professor Mendelson presented the Report of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee and he commented that more unused courses should be retired

6) REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Hobbins presented the Report of the Nominating Committee dealing with various committee changes.

7) MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT AND

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Interim Dean Starkey presented the motion to amend Article 8 of the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. It was for minor word changes.

8) PRESENTATION BY VICE-PRINCIPAL ANN DOWSETT JOHNSTON

The Vice-Principal (Development, Alumni and University Relations) gave a brief update on Development, Alumni and University Relations and commented on the Fall 2007 campaign. About \$270M has already been collected.

9) THE 24TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

The 24th Annual Report of the University Appeals Committee was received with clarifications about procedures.

10) FALL 2006 ENROLMENT REPORTS

The Fall 2006 Enrolment Reports were received along with reports on Student Affairs, Student Discipline, Physical Development and Continuing Education.

The meeting concluded at about 5 pm.

(8) MEMBERS' QUESTION PERIOD

There were no members' questions.

(7) OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.