

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
Meeting of Faculty  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
Leacock Council Room - L232**

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

**DOCUMENTS:** S-08-15 to S-08-20, S-08-22, S-08-23

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

**Professor Tibor Szabo** from the Department of Mathematics & Statistics and **Professor Virginie Millien** from the Redpath Museum each gave a short research presentation prior to the meeting.

Dean Grant thanked them for their impressive and interesting presentations.

**(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Prof. Moore **moved**, seconded by Prof. Minarik, that the Agenda be adopted.

**The motion carried.**

**(2) CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**

**(a) Bachelor of Arts and Science S-08-17**

In the absence of Ms. Allard, Prof. Minarik **moved**, seconded by Mr. Barry, that the above degree list be recommended to the Senate Steering Committee for the Bachelor of Arts and Science degree.

**The motion carried.**

**(b) Bachelor of Science S-08-18**

Mr. Barry **moved**, seconded by Prof. Lasko, that the above degree list be recommended to the Senate Steering Committee for the Bachelor of Science degree.

**The motion carried.**

**(c) Diploma in Environment S-08-19**

There were no candidates for the Diploma in Environment.

**(d) Diploma in Meteorology S-08-20**

There were no candidates for the Diploma in Meteorology.

Associate Dean Hendren further **moved**, seconded by Prof. Moore, 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.**









- That a small committee be struck to look into the previous point, with the committee membership consisting of, say, two academic staff, one administrator, and one person from outside the university
- That the Dean was intending to impl

(a) What exactly is the McGill definition of regulation, policy, procedure and guidelines?  
Answer: many uses at McGill, but there are some general meanings. The Secretary-General and Assoc. Provost (Policies and Planning) will work on drawing up some McGill definitions.

(b) Why is there a month gap between when a retired professor's ID card is deactivated and reactivated and when can this be fixed? Answer: no good reason, and will be fixed by the end of February.

(c) Who defines what is an "academic issue" and thus comes under the control of the Senate? Answer: too long to repeat, but work has been ongoing to clarify governance issues.

4. Motion to Amend Students' Charter of Rights. A new regulation requiring course outlines to include a statement that students have the right to submit written graded work in French was proposed. This motion passed.

5. New terms of reference for the position of Ombudsperson for Students. After these terms pass the BOG, a new appointment will be made according to these terms.

6. University-related international travel activity. These revised guidelines are still quite complex. Senators had numerous further suggestions, but as many had already left, due to the length of items 2 and 3, there was not a complete discussion. Further revisions are likely to be circulated via e-mail.

7. Staffing Report. Many numbers were given. Key numbers showing the location of M staff were difficult to extract.

**(8) MEMBERS' QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no members' questions.

**(9) OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.