

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
Leacock Council Room - L232**

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.

DOCUMENTS: S-09-14 to S-09-21

Before the start of the meeting, **Prof. Eric Galbraith from the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences** gave a three-minute presentation on his research.

Dean Grant thanked Prof. Galbraith for his impressive presentation.

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

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Prof. Lasko **moved**, seconded by Prof. Hurtubise, that the Agenda be adopted.

The motion carried.

(2) MITACS ACCELERATE PROGRAM (STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH INDUSTRY)

602.1 Ms. Mary-Margaret Klempa, Associate Director, Foundations and Grants, said that being at a Faculty of Science meeting was a good opportunity to target people and to let them know about various programs. She said that Mr. Jesse Vincent-Herscovici, Director of Business Development for MITACS (Mathematics of Information Technologies and Complex Systems), would be talking about partnerships between university research and industry. Ms. Klempa mentioned that in addition, NSERC had recently announced several new programs designed to build relationships between universities and industry.

602.2 Mr. Vincent-Herscovici said that MITACS (www.mitacs.ca)

(3) **RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR RONALD SINCLAIR**

Prof. Paul Lasko, Chair of the Department of Biology, read a formal resolution on the death of Prof. Ronald Sinclair (Appendix A, attached to the permanent copy of the minutes).

The resolution carried unanimously.

(4) **CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**

604.1 Ms. Allard reminded members that because of a new policy, Great Distinction no longer existed. Rather, Dean's Honour List and Distinction will be used in the future. The designation Dean's Honour List will apply to the top 10% of the Faculty, and Distinction will apply to the next 15%. Because the cut-offs for the designations are decided after all grades have been submitted, the current degree lists did not contain any mention of Dean's Honour List or Distinction.

a) Bachelor of Arts and Science

S-09-15

604.2 Ms. Allard said that 15 students were graduating with the B.A. & Sc. degree, which was slightly more than the previous year.

Ms. Allard **moved**, seconded by Prof. Franklin, that the above degree list be

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(6) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

(7) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) **Academic Committee** **S-09-19**

The Academic Committee approved the following on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 and Tuesday, January 26, 2010:

SECTION A: NEW PROGRAMS**(1) Geography & McGill School of Environment*****B.A. & Sc. Program:***

- Interfaculty Program in Sustainability, Science and Society **AC-09-51**

Associated Courses:***Course Revisions:***

ENVR 201	Soc Environ and Sustainability Changes in title & description 3 credits	AC-09-48
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New Course:

GEOG 360	Analyzing Sustainability 3 credits	AC-09-49
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New Course:

GEOG 460	Research in Sustainability 3 credits	AC-09-50
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607.1 Associate Dean Hendren introduced the above new program and its associated courses. She said that previously there had been only two B.A. & Sc. Interfaculty Programs. However, due to the efforts of the Department of Geography and the McGill School of Environment, the above Interfaculty Program in Sustainability, Science and Society had been created. She said the existing course ENVR 201

Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Precup, that the program changes be approved.

The motion carried unanimously.

SECTION C: NEW COURSES

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| (1) | Biology
BIOL 645 | Biodiversity Science | AC-09-- |
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(ii) Dean's Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research List (DMURL) S-09-21

607.15 Associate Dean Hendren said that three students from the February graduation lists would be placed on the DMURL.

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(10) **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 610.1** Dean Grant announced that Prof. Nick de Takacsy of the Department of Physics, and a former Dean (Acting), would be appointed as a Special Advisor to the Faculty of Science during the upcoming Oxford sabbatical of Associate Dean Laurie Hendren.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.