





- Maya Kaczorowski (B.A. & Sc. Joint Honours Mathematics & Economics)
- Jane Wang (B.Sc. Biochemistry)

**902.10**

The nominees were:

- Christopher Barrett, Department of Chemistry
- Mathieu Blanchette, School of Computer Science
- Fred Genesee, Department of Psychology
- Eyal Goren, Department of Mathematics & Statistics
- Carlos Morales, Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology
- Laura Nilson, Department of Biology
- Kenneth Ragan, Department of Physics

**902.11**

Prof. Williams-Jones announced that Prof. Mathieu Blanchette from the School of Computer Science was the 2007-2008 winner of the Leo Yaffe Award.

**902.12**

Prof. Williams-Jones read out the citation:

"Dear Dr. Knauper,

"It is my pleasure to confirm our recent telephone conversation: You have been selected



**The motion carried.**

GEOG 530	Global Land & Water Resources 3 credits	<b>AC-07-111</b>
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Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Chmura, that the course be adopted.

**The motion carried.**

<b>(3)</b>	<b>BIOLOGY</b> BIOL 463	Mammalian Evolution 3 credits	<b>AC-07-117</b>
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Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Levine, that the course be adopted.

**The motion carried.**

**SECTION D: MAJOR COURSE CHANGES**

**(i) Report****S-07-37****907.2**

Associate Dean Leighton highlighted several aspects of the Scholarships Report. He said that one of the two Governor-General's Silver Medals (awarded across the entire University) had gone to a Science student. Associate Dean Leighton asked units to encourage their top students to apply for the Moyse Travelling Scholarship.

Associate Dean Leighton **moved**, seconded by Prof. Lydon, that the Report be adopted.

**The motion carried.**

**(ii) New Awards****S-07-38**

- Jeffery Scholarship in Science - Est. Value \$ 2,000
- Robert Brown Scholarship in Chemistry - Est. Value \$ 1,000

Associate Dean Leighton briefly described the above new awards in Science.

**c) Committee on Student Standing****S-07-39**

Associate Dean Leighton highlighted the Report of the Committee on Student Standing.

**d) Nominating Committee****S-07-40****907.3**

Associate Dean Burns said that the Nominating Committee had recommended Prof. Gregory Brown, Department of Biology, as a new Faculty representative on the Council of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS), beginning September 2008. Prof. Brown's term would be for three years. Also, Prof. Peter Grutter, the new Associate Dean (Research & Graduate Education) would be replacing Associate Dean Burns as a Faculty representative on CGPS. Prof. Grutter's term would end in September 2011. Prof. Eyal Goren, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, would continue as a representative on CGPS.

Associate Dean Burns **moved**, seconded by Prof. Levine, that the Nominating Committee Report be approved.

**The motion carried.**

**(8) DEAN'S BUSINESS****a) Recognition of Technology Transfer and Commercialization Activity S-07-41****908.1**

Dean Grant said that the role of McGill faculty in the commercialization of their research had been recognized at the previous year's Faculty meeting for the first time. For the current year, the following principal inventors had filed patents:

- Prof. James Gleason (Chemistry)
- Prof. David H. Burns (Chemistry)
- Prof. Hanadi Sleiman (Chemistry)
- Prof. Paul Wiseman (Chemistry and Physics)

**908.2**

The following principal inventors had signed licenses:

- Prof. Gregory Dudek (Computer Science)
- Prof. Masad Damha (Chemistry)

- Prof. Isztar Zawadzki (Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences) - three licenses signed
- Prof. David Burns (Chemistry)
- Prof. Nicolas Moitessier (Chemistry) - two licenses signed

**908.3** Dean Grant congratulated the successful inventors, and presented each of them with a plaque.

**b) Fessenden Professorship in Science Innovation**

**908.4** Dean Grant said the Fessenden Professorship would enable a researcher to take time off in order to follow up on a potentially interesting commercialization possibility. The professorship had been made available as a result of generous philanthropy. Researchers would apply for the Fessenden Professorship. So far, eight letters of intent to apply had been received. Letters of intent had been submitted by:

- Prof. Paul Wiseman (Chemistry and Physics)
- Prof. Nicolas Moitessier (Chemistry)
- Prof. C.J. Li (Chemistry)
- Prof. Masad Damha (Chemistry)
- Prof. David Burns (Chemistry)
- Prof. Gregory Brown (Biology)
- Prof. Mark Baldwin (Psychology)
- Prof. Parisa Ariya (Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences, and Chemistry)

**908.5** Dean Grant said that the first Fessenden Professor would be announced in the Fall.

**(9) 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/>.

Senate Meeting of March 5, 2008 - Prof. N. Roulet

Prof. Roulet will present his report at a future Faculty meeting.

Senate Meeting of March 26, 2008 - Prof. D. Ryan

**Principal's remarks**

Highly successful "cut the red tape" competition with the top 10 suggestions not only to be rewarded (\$100) but implemented.

The school/university division of the new transfer money was not as favourable as hoped, and this may further impact our budget. There was an additional \$50M in new funding, but this is in targeted domains and will not directly help the budget situation.

The underfunding of universities continues and Quebec just lost its #1 position in student funding.

**Questions**

We had questions on:

- Applied learning

Answer seemed to be an attempt to change the question. McGill is not a job-training site or a vocational college. Skills learned are useful, but not directly targeted at 'jobs'.



- Accessibility

This is a project in progress. AVP Nicell indicated that many barriers have been eliminated and as students and staff identify new ones, they are dealt with as quickly as possible. Some barriers are inevitable due to the difficulties of modifying heritage buildings, but attempts are made to minimise their impact by moving affected activities to other locations.

- Mental health services

One of the best in Quebec, but more could be done. Usage has doubled over the past five years. It is funded on an insurance basis, so only those paying the premiums have access (Cont.Ed. are out of luck at the moment).

- Safe space program

This was initiated and run by volunteers, but of the three primary workers, two are leaving and there is no sustainable staffing or funding. It appears to be set to wither unless more volunteers can be found.

### **Confidential report of the Honorary degrees and Convocations Committee**

It is possible that various people may, or may not have been nominated and approved, but no records were kept and this part of the tape is mysteriously blank.

### **399th report of the Academic Policy Committee**

This was mercifully short with only two new B.Sc. programs in pharmacology (Hons. and Maj.) being created in the faculties of medicine and science.

### **Report of the Senate Nominating Committee**

One selection committee was withdrawn due to both alternates being from the same department.

Our Dean's heroic efforts to read the entire list of committee nominees into the record were frustrated by the Principal, and the slates were approved "as printed".

A question about the selection of members for these committees from the same department was raised, and the answer given was that such selections are avoided where possible, but are not excluded.

### **Report to Senate and Board of Governors on annual Tenure Meeting**

It was presented.

### **Presentation on Communications by Office of VP (Public Affairs)**

This was a surprisingly halting presentation with typos on the slides.

The public affairs office has recently been restructured and renamed to focus on external communications.

Their function is to promote McGill around the world through publications (McGill News, Headway etc.) press releases, advertising campaigns etc.

They are working on developing a new marketing strategy which will enhance our web presence through podcasts (itunes-u). Apparently the McGill home page is "good" (this was defined as 'dynamic' and 'up to date', with no reference to being impossible to navigate). They are aiming to have a common look and feel for all McGill web pages in the future.

Not only is the calendar gone, but so is the phone book (keep your old ones!). The calendar is to be replaced with a functional web-based on-line version (not the crippled

system that is currently in place). There was no word on what would replace the phone book.

Our media performance is currently tracked by “cormex” and we rank 2nd in Canada (1st when normalised for size) with about 8:1 positive to negative coverage. However, some universities do not like their ranking and will be pulling out of the system.

As an example of the office’s media response system, we were told of a recent media story in the french press concerning french students (from France) who get cheap tuition to study in Quebec. Apparently the majority of the 900 who come, choose to study at McGill and there were questions raised in the media about the point of subsidising

applause for the two retiring associate deans. He said that after the meeting there would be a reception at which Associate Deans Burns and Leighton would be honoured.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.