

As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book

Dean Lennox called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and explained the reason why the meeting has changed to ZOOM with a short notice, firstly the microphone system in room 232 was not working, and secondly, there were a lot of COVID absenteeism.

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Prof. Roulet , seconded by Dr. Watt, voted by the participants unanimously, that the Agenda be adopted.

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a) Bachelor of Arts and Science

Associate Dean Mittermaier said there were 15 students graduating with the B.A. & Sc. degree, compare to 10 students last year, and 7 students the year before, this is the highest number of graduating since 2018. The highest was 18 students graduating in 2016. There are 78 students graduating with the B.Sc. degree. Compared to fifty-eight last year, and seventy-five the year before that in the October. It is also the highest number since 2018. The honorifics cut-offs (below) were the same as the ones that were announced in May 2022, CGP cut off is 3.95 and above.

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Associate Dean Mittermaier Moves the Dean be given discretionary power to make such changes as would be necessary to prevent injustice. Seconded by Prof. Roulet, voted by the participants. Motion passes.

c) Diploma in Environment

d) Diploma in Meteorology



Vice Dean Stephens , seconded by Prof. Watt, that the course be adopted. Voted by the participants.

4. Honours in Physics and Chemistry (Program Revision)  
Honours in Physics and Computer Science (Program Revision)

Vice Dean Stephens moves these two program revisions simultaneously because they are essentially the same change.

The current requirements for staying in the joint honours program are too stringent. The change is to allow students to improve their grades and stay in the program rather than quit it. Moreover, transferring to the Major's program which has different requirements may be difficult at a later stage.

Vice Dean Stephens , seconded by Prof. Jeon, that the two program revisions be adopted. Voted by the participants.

Vice Dean Stephens presented on behalf of Axel, some of them are

- In course awards for BSc and BA.Sc:

Named awards: 118 recipients, some nominated by our departments, some by the faculty

Faculty of Science scholarships: 92 (SGPA cut-off: 3.98)

- In-Course Dean's Honour list: Students who are in the top 10% of the program by GPA.

BSc: 359 students, SGPA cut-off: 3.97

BA.Sc: 50 students, SGPA cut-off: 3.91

Vice Dean Stephens congratulations to all winning students!

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## a) Announcements

Dean Lennox mentioned these very large-scale programs and proposals that being prepared, in partnership with other faculty, or entirely by the Faculty. Dean Lennox acknowledged two groups that have been working very, very hard and very fast in the last three or four weeks, one in the p\Physics department and one in c\Chemistry. They've each been preparing these \$8M - Canada Excellence Research Chair applications.

- Kudos

There was no coming information, will be presented on the next meeting

## b) Associate Dean (Student Affairs) Anthony Mittermaier

### i. Dean's Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research List (DMURL)

Associate Dean Mittermaier presented that the Dean's Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research List recognizes students who have completed at least nine credits of graded research, based courses and at least two different units, and have a minimum GPA of three on these courses.

There is one BSc. Student whose name is Angela Zhao, and no BA. and Sc. Students graduating with this honor in the October cohort.

### ii. B.Sc. Global Designation

Associate Dean Mittermaier introduced that the B.Sc. Global designation recognizes students who've earned at least three credits of the second language course, at least three credits of an independent research project course and a third component. It's chosen from sort of a list of different options.

There is one candidate, Erin Parsons, who will graduate with the B.Sc. Global designation in this fall graduation period.

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The following report was prepared and presented by Ms, Joy Zhang, President of SUS.

1. The schoolyear is going well with the Science Undergraduate Society so far. We have had two General Council meetings and have had discussions about expanding and unifying us Note-Taking Club (NTCs) with the Student Accessibility and Achievement (SAA) in order to



Prof. Jeon said everyone updates the syllabi on MyCourses, will there be a way to go and check on MyCourses. Dean Bruce will try and help the student for the future on this project.

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Associate Dean Nilson introduced the SECC to the newcomers. The Science, Equity and Climate Committee or the SECC is the basically the faculty of science EDI Committee. EDI meaning Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, which are growing more and more to be recognized in our work. This committee has a broader focus that includes thinking about the overall climate, in which it will be learned within the faculty. SECC has it's first meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. 2022, and it was called a tangible, deliverable that the committee has from the meeting. It is a slide deck that talks about an overview of the committee and some work that they've done. Associate Dean Nilson distributed this to the Science Department chairs, and it'll also be sent to the members of the committee.

Associate Dean Nilson made another announcement, which is the announcement of McGill's first associate provoked Provost for indigenous initiatives. McGill recently appointed Professor Celeste Pedri Spade, as McGill's first Associate Provost for indigenous initiatives, and as an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology and the faculty of Arts. Professor Celeste Pedri Spade started her position last month on September the first 2022, before that she was at Queen's University, where she was an Associate Professor of Indigenous Studies in the School of Global Development Studies, and held the title of Queen's National Scholar, in addition, in indigenous studies. Before this appointment, she was an Associate Professor at the School of Northern and Community Studies, and the School of Indigenous Relations at Laurentian University. Associate Dean Nilson welcomed Professor Celeste Pedri Spade in her role as Associate Provost, where she will play a critical role in ensuring indigenous students' success, and also in overseeing McGill's implementation of the fifty-two calls to action.

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Associate Dean Nilson presented a notice of motion in accordance with Article 4.1 of the Faculty of

in the notice of motion. And these are the terms that define the composition and the work of the committee.

***RATIONALE***

*McGill's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion aligns with its institutional commitment to justice and fair*



how often the committee should mandate and review when things change quickly. Prof. Roulet suggested the committee would be conducting an annual review, at least to make sure it will be mandate in line with the University's progressive changing of the EDI policies.

Associate Dean Nilson appreciate the great suggestion and answered the second question first. She has kept in mind when writing the terms of reference, and tried to use the language that is more long lasting and neutral and tried to avoid the keywords that are used now in the early 2020. The equity has a whole list of the workshops, one is for the faculty staff, one is for the administrative staff.

Prof. Watt who has been on this committee for a long time said it is a great committee with a lot of cross pollination of ideas. And it's already been copied by the other department. She also thinks it's worth sharing as someone who is in it at the departmental level.

Prof. Perepichka likes this addition of the terms of reference. She thinks it's a great improvement comparing to May.

Dean Lennox explained one of the principles of having a committee as being a standing committee is that there's the expectation of there being actually a monthly report or a periodic report to a body like the Faculty Council or to Senate. If it's a standing Committee of Senate, there is expectation of the standing committee, there are monthly reports required. This can be put as a period- function of standing committee, that there will be a report to the Faculty Council.

Associate Dean Nilson appreciated all the great suggestions, and explained that in terms of flexibility, since it is a big group, the representatives from each department and from other units, and not everyone can come every time, so it's flexible about that. In terms of workload, it doesn't change much of the feasibility.

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– Associate Dean (Graduate Education) Laura Nilson

Associate Dean Nilson introduced the latest activity in support of the provost action plan against anti-black racism, and it's a pilot project that was recently

remains a very important and incomplete initiative in the university, with great deal of work to do, but it's on the right path. It is something that needs to build into structure, and not just a reaction to individual situ3iin

allegations, there was also a team of 10 discipline officers who conducted these interviews, so 110 is a large number, so Associate Dean Mittermaier was grateful to all the disciplinary officers to volunteer their time, and they did an excellent job.

Associate Dean Mittermaier will continue sending out the message, and reminded if any of the instructors that noticed any students are unclear about academic integrity, or perhaps being tempted to cross the line, they can send email to [science.discipline@mcgill.ca](mailto:science.discipline@mcgill.ca) where they can get the advice on how to proceed, and identify if there was a case or not.

Prof. Jeon had two questions; first question was about accepting s

time to apply for their CAQ and their study permit before between the time they get accepted at McGill and the time they start their programs. So, in order to provide this extra time, they've made some adjustments to the application, and recommend recommendation deadlines. So, for the fall 2023 admission cycle, they've shifted the application deadline for international students to January 15<sup>th</sup>. 2023, The recommendation for a student to be accepted to their program for international students has been shifted forward to March 15<sup>th</sup>. 2023. All recommendations need to be submitted on the student admission system by this date. In order to allow enough time for students to apply for the immigration documents, these early acceptances have always been a good practice for getting top candidates before they go somewhere else. But here it's really a practical consideration of giving students enough time to get their documents. So, this announcement went out on what's called the Grad Program Mailing list. So that goes to anyone who's in charge of graduate education. And if anyone wants more details, they can talk to the graduate program director or coordinator who would have gotten this email.