# FACULTY OF SCIENCE MEETING OF FACULTY 18 January 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book

DOCUMENTS: S-21-14, S-21-15

Dean Lennox called the meeting to order at 3 p.m., and welcomed members to the fifth Faculty of Science meeting of the 2021-2022 academic year.

## 1. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Prof. Breau, that the Agenda be adopted.

The motion carried.

### 2. Resolution on the D eath of Professor Emeritus Donald Taylor, Department of Psychology

Prof. Blaine Ditto, Chair of the Department of Psychology, read the following Resolution on the Death of Professor Emeritus Donald Taylor:

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Donald M. Taylor, former professor in the Department of Psychology and an internationally renowned researcher and leader in the field of Intergroup Relations. He passed away on October 24, 2021.

Dr. Taylor was born in Halifax on April 3rd, 1943, to parents William and Lucy Taylor; then raised in Montreal. He got his start as an undergraduate attending Western University to play on the football team. He soon developed a passion for

Taylor was committed to research that examined difficult issues of intergroup relations, and to actions that served to promote a fairer world.

Dr. Taylor was widely regarded as "larger than life." With various friends and family members he kayaked 350 km from Orillia to Trenton, and cycled across Canada from Montreal to Newfoundland, across Route 66 in the American Southwest, and from the south of England to Scotland. He completed 10km runs and triathlons into his late 60s and early 70s. He also played guitar throughout his life, regularly performing at Psychology department holiday parties to the delight of faculty and students alike.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Don's family and friends. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues at McGill and the many colleagues, students, and others around the world whose lives he touched.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

### 3. Resolution on the Death of Professor Emeritus Adi Eisenberg , Department of Chemistry

Prof. Dima Perepichka, Chair Professor Dima Perepichka, Chair of the Department of Chemistry, read the following Resolution on the Death:

With heavy hearts, we announce that Professor Emeritus Adi Eisenberg has passed away on January 12, 2022 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Eisenberg was born in 1935 in Breslau, Germany (currently Wroclaw, Poland). He lost most of his family in Holocaust while he and his mother survived by hiding in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania. They moved to Germany after the war where Adi started his first formal schooling at the age of 13. He immigrated to the USA in 1951, where he earned his B.Sc. from Worcester Polytechnic in 1957 and his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1960, under direction of Arthur Tobolsky. Dr. Eisenberg worked as a NATO post-doctoral fellow at the University of Basel with Werner Kuhn, before joining UCLA in 1962 as an Assistant Professor. In 1967 he was recruited to McGill as an Associate Professor, promoted to the rank of Full Professor in 1975 and named Otto Maass Chair of Chemistry in 1992. Adi retired in 2009 but continued his NSERC-funded research long after his retirement.

Dr. Eisenberg is recognized internationally as n[d(of)17 -1.157 j -0.002 nd

Those of us who knew Adi will remember his humble personality, always encouraging towards his coworkers and his younger colleagues, and his inexhaustible sense of humor.

We extend our condolences to his wife Chantal Zimmermann, his four children Elliot, Shoshana, Sabrina, Jonathan, and his seven grandchildren Leora, Alexa, Jake, Grant, Luca, Jordana, and Abigail.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

On behalf of the Faculty, Dean Lennox expressed condolences to the families of Prof. Taylor and Prof. Eisenberg. The resolutions describe two true giants and many reference points throughout their careers.

#### 4. Minutes of 7 December 2021

S-21-14

Prof. Blanchette moved, seconded by Prof. Perepichka, that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried.

### 5. <u>Bus iness Arisin g from the Minutes</u>

- Page 7, SUS Report, Minutes of the Faculty Meeting, 7 December 2021

Dean Lennox informed members that a preliminary discussion on the wellness document would take place with the President of the SUS and the Associate Deans, and then at a future Faculty or Academic Committee meeting.

### 6. Report of Commit tee

- Academic Committee

S-21-13

Associate Dean (Academic) Axel Hundemer described the following proposals approved at the Academic Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 11 January 2022.

Section I. New Course

- Computer Science COMP 514

Applied Robotics 4 credits

AC-21-62

Associate Dean Hundemer introduced a new course on robotics to be offered by the School of Computer Science. The School currently offers one other robotics course (COMP 417) at the undergraduate level, which is quite popular with students. COMP 514 has a different focus than COMP 417 and will also serve as an introduction to the topic for graduate students.

Associate Dean Hundemer moved, seconded by Prof. Blanchette, that the course be adopted.

The motion carried.

#### Section II. Course Revisions

1. Computer Science C Tc 0.04.5 (popu)BDC II.

Professor Dani el Schoen (Biology) was honoured in the Québec Science 2021 annual list of the top 10 scientific research discoveries in Québec for "When the bloom is off: why do some plants produce small and unattractive flowers?"

Memorial tributes were presented for Dr. Richard Goldbloom from Medicine, Professor Emeritus Musa Kamal from Engineering, and Professor Ronald Storrs McCall from Arts.

In her Chair's Remarks, Principal Fortier discussed the increase on-campus activities next semester, particularly in-person classes, and highlighted the very low on-campus transmission. She noted the in-person convocation the previous week, and that the University is still examining how to celebrate students whose graduate ceremony was curtailed due to the pandemic. Finally, the Principal noted that Quebec announced major university investments, including \$1.7 billion for a new scholarship program.

There was a formal question regarding feedback processes within the University, particularly from stakeholders impacted by new systems (such as Workday). Provost Manfredi did acknowledge there are problems with soliciting feedback, and that the University could do better on this front.

The annual report for the 2020-2021 financial state of the University was presented. Of note is that the auditor's report was 'clean'. Three committee reports were presented to

There being no further business, Prof. Breau moved, seconded by Prof. Fabry, that the meeting be adjourned at  $4:40\ p.m.$ 

The motion carried.