

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
Leacock Council Room L232**

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.

DOCUMENTS: S-14-12to S-14-17

Dean Grant introduced **Professor Sarah Moser**, Department of Geography and **Professor Christie Rowe**, Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences. Before the start of the meeting each gave a short research presentation.

Dean Grant called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Prof. Grütter **moved**, seconded by Prof. Mucci, that the Agenda be adopted.

The motion carried.

(2) CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

- a) **Bachelor of Arts and Science** S-14-13
- b) **Bachelor of Science** S-14-14

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(3) **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2014**

S-14-12

Prof. Roulet **moved**, seconded by Prof. Mucci, that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried.

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- Senate Meeting of December 3, 2014 - Prof.

The \$0.8M allocation is to be used for, among a variety of things, administration, release time, and fellowships to students engaged in the interdisciplinary projects. Finally, a physical expansion (65,000 sf) has been proposed to the government

Subsequent discussions focused on enrolment matters and the possible deregulation of international tuition fees and its impact on the University's finances. The Provost indicated that if all international students were deregulated, the University would likely

Martin Grant chairs Senate (Principal in Quebec City).

Business arising:

Provost Masi: Interdisciplinary programs funding budget 800k\$ in FY 11, 12, 13 and in FY 15. Was reduced to 600k\$ in 2014 due to budget cuts.

Follow up of Joint Board Senate meeting on Strengthening McGill's Engagement with the External Community through Research and Innovation": 4 themes being studied: integrated messaging, addressing barriers, examining possibilities for extending and deepening experiential learning opportunities and reflections on how to understand community needs.

Principal's remarks:

RVH expecting the feasibility study for the RVH site to proceed in the near Future.

A few other remarks on major prizes etc., but no science 'content'.

Q/A:

Q: Student businesses on campus: are they encouraged? A: yes as part of experiential learning. No additional special support for student businesses; this is part of experiential learning, not different on campus than off campus. No specific policy. (~ 1 minute!)

Q: McGill's stance on deregulation of international student fees?

A: Tuition for international students in undergraduate programs is "regulated" by the Government of Quebec. 30% goes back to student aid – including bursaries to international students. One needs to carefully balance tuition to not price ourselves out of the market without losing money.

APC report:

461st Report: Nothing of interest relevant to science.

Q: will other faculties follow Science in the Creation of a Global designation for the B.Sc.? Chair remarked that statements congratulating Fac. of Science are always welcome.

Answer: it's up to other faculties.

460th Report: Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Late Withdrawals needs to be voted on again. Huge discussion at last Senate meeting and somehow one did not vote on it.

The Subcommittee on Student Affairs Policies tasked a working group to reflect on the official transcript implications of late course withdrawal for students who have been granted late withdrawal due to documented, serious mental health issues. The working group was asked to consider making a change to the practice of recording the 'W' on the transcript in these circumstances. The practice of using a 'W' was found to be consistent

removed from the official transcript, but will appear in detail on the advising transcript (a note will appear on the official transcript, indicating university withdrawal with the date that the student withdrew). It will be the Associate Dean or Director for the program who will make this withdrawal decision. This will only be considered for a withdrawal of all classes in a term (not for select classes or just a few classes). This need not happen for every full term withdrawal – only in the exceptional cases mentioned above. All withdrawals stay on the advising transcript on M

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There were no members' questions.

(8) **OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.