

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
Leacock Council Room – L232

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.

DOCUMENTS: S-13-21, S-13-22

In the temporary absence of Dean Grant, Associate Dean Hendren 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) PRESENTATION: RESEARCH PERFORMANCE & INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

702.1 Vice-Principal (Research & International Relations) Rosie Goldstein highlighted key points of her presentation on research performance and international strategy, which is available on the Web at

<http://www.mcgill.ca/science/about/administration/docs-agenda-faculty/2013-2014/march-18-2014>

V.-P. Goldstein said she would be pleased to answer members' questions.

702.2 Associate Dean Hendren asked whether the Research Intensity measure (research funding per eligible researcher) was normalized to take account of different levels of funding for researchers in different fields. V.-P. Goldstein said that it was not. In reply to another question from Associate Dean Hendren, V.-P. Goldstein said that her office was working to attempt to increase the amount of funding for pure research (as opposed to contract work).

702.3 In response to a member who said that a major problem related to research funding was McGill's shortage of space, and that this had had a negative impact relating to potential Regroupements Stratégiques funding, V.-P. Goldstein said that although space was a perennial problem at McGill, her office would work creatively to attempt to provide support for any space-related issues.

702.4 In reply to a member, V.-P. Goldstein said that McGill could improve its flexibility in dealing with commercial companies to increase opportunities for collaboration.

702.5 Dean Grant said, in relation to Associate Dean Hendren's point, that while it was important to measure funding levels for research, and to attempt to increase funding levels, it was also important to keep a critical eye on the type of research that would be done and its worth.

Dean Grant thanked V.-P. Goldstein for her presentation to the Faculty of Science and for her responses to questions.

(3) MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Ms. Toccalino moved , seconded by Prof. Mucci, that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried .

(4) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

(5) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) Academic Committee S-13-22

The Academic Committee approved the following on Tuesday, February 25, 2014:

(1) Biology
- New Course

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705.1 Associate Dean Hendren said that the course will expand neurobiology offerings for both graduate and senior undergraduate students.

705.2 This course will be added as a Complementary course to the following programs:

Associate Dean Hendren moved, seconded by Prof. Hurtubise, that the course be adopted.

The motion carried .

- Course Changes

MATH 242	Analysis 1 Restrictions 3 credits	AC-13-65
MATH 243	Analysis 2 Description 3 credits	AC-13-66
MATH 255	Honours Analysis 2	AC-13-67

Associate Dean Hendren moved , seconded by Prof. Hurtubise, that the course changes be approved.

The motion carried .

B.Sc. Program Changes:

- Honours in Applied Mathematics
- Honours in Mathematics

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The motion carried .

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Dean Grant thanked Prof. Harpp for his work on the Tomlinson Project, and said that the project was in good hands.

(7) REPORT ON ACTIONS OF SENATE

Please note that the entire Minutes of Senate are available on the Web at <https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2013-2014/senate-meeting-documents-2013-2014>

Senators then dashed out in to the twilight to buy their Babcock McGill ties ready for the Olympics Hockey games.

(7) MEMBERS' QUESTION PERIOD

There were no members' questions.

(8) OTHER BUSINESS

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