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Associate Dean Western **moved**, seconded by Prof. Lydon, that the change be approved.

**The motion carried.**

(2) **Chemistry**  
CHEM 332                      Biological Chemistry                      **AC-15-74**  
   Change in description  
   3 credits

**10.6.6**                      The course description was being updated.

Associate Dean Western **moved**, seconded by Prof. Damha, that the change be approved.

**The motion carried.**

CHEM 434                      Advanced Materials                      **AC-15-75**  
   Changes: number [from -334], prerequisites,  
   restrictions  
   3 credits

**10.6.7**                      The change in course number was to better reflect the level, and the prerequisite change reflects that; the restriction reflects the course number change.

Associate Dean Western **moved**, seconded by Prof. Damha, that the changes be approved.

**The motion carried.**

CHEM 503                      Drug Discovery                      **AC-15-76**  
   Changes: title, description, prerequisites, restrictions



(3) The Scholarships Report, Document S-15-35, included Faculty and departmental awards and medals.

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volunteers — undergraduate and graduate students, academic and support staff — in all their varied capacities, including the people who had responded to a last-minute call for volunteers. In particular, she wanted to thank the following people for their participation in Science activities:

- ATMOSPHERIC & OCEANIC SCIENCES  
**Prof. John Gyakum and Prof. Gregor Kos, Booth:** Weather in a Tank
- BIOLOGY  
**Prof. Michael Hendricks,** Optogenetic Control of Neurons
- CHEMISTRY  
**Dr. Alexander Wahba and Chemistry Outreach,** Fun Chemistry
- COMPUTER SCIENCE  
**Prof. Brigitte Pientka**



Senate opened, as usual, with the report from Senate Steering, adoption of the agenda and reminder of no electronic recording. There were no messages of condolence. There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous.

The Principal's remarks began with the announcement that Ms. Edyta Rogowski will replace Stephen Strople as Secretary General on Strople's retirement this summer. This was then followed by the announcement that the Board of Governors' committee of Social Responsible Investment did not support the recommendation for McGill University to divest in fossil fuel companies. Instead it recommended that McGill University should concentrate its efforts on actions to make McGill more sustainable. As was obviously anticipated by the Administration by the presence of additional security this were not well received, especially by the student Senators. The timing and how the announcement was made was very clumsy and gave every appearance that it was designed to limit discussion and debate, and predictably a vigorous discussion followed. The Chair of the Board took the responsibility for the timing stating the BOG wanted to meet the agreed on

doctoral Studies; the McGill Staffing Report for 2014-2015; and two reports on the last two Board of Governors meetings.

Senate then moved into confidential session to consider recommendations for honorary degrees committee.

Senate adjourned at 17:15.





With regards to the results obtained from the Student Diversity and Discrimination survey, Deputy-Provost Dyens indicated that they should be seen as more of “a barometer” of the situation than a perfect, precise picture reported given that only 17% of our students participated. While the data seem to indicate that overall the situation is relatively good, one must also take into account that some groups disagree with the statement that “McGill provides a welcoming environment for individuals with identities similar to [theirs]”. The report concluded that the next step is to Strike a working group charged with developing a plan for implementing actions that reflect needs signalled by the survey. The complete report is available on the McGill website: ([http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11\\_d15-62\\_understanding\\_diversity\\_and\\_discrimination.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/files/senate/11_d15-62_understanding_diversity_and_discrimination.pdf))

As the final agenda item, Senate moved into confidential session to discuss the report of the Honorary Degrees and Convocations Committee.

- 10.9.1** Dean Lennox thanked the above three Senators, and also all the Senators for their Reports throughout the year. It was very important to know what the university was doing at its various levels, to keep up to date.

**10) MEMBERS' QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**11) OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.11.1** Prof. Dudek announced that Dr. Vinton Gray Cerf, one of the Convocation speakers, will be giving a pre-Convocation talk about the future of the internet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 5 June 2016. Further information will be made available to members when it is available.