

## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

The April 12, 2019 meeting of Staff of the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, held in R3-048, was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with Professor Cue in the Chair and Professor Akbarzadeh as Secretary.

The Staff Meeting was followed by the Faculty Meeting with Dean Geitmann in the Chair.

Attendance: As recorded on the Faculty Meeting attendance sheet.

Regrets: As recorded on the Faculty Meeting attendance sheet.

#### **8.01** Q & A with Provost Manfredi

The meeting commenced with a thirty-minute Q & A session with the Provost.

#### **8.02** Adoption of the Agenda

The Academic Standing Committee Report – D1708 was removed from the agenda as Professor Cherestes had to be down town.

The Senate Report was presented by Professor Ismail

There was one addition to the agenda under “Other Business”

Item B – Students under Stress – Professor Fyles

Professor Ismail moved adoption of the agenda, seconded by Professor Ramaswamy.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.03** Minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2019.

There were no corrections.

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Professor Clark seconded by Professor Fyles.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.04** Business arising from the minutes of the February 15, 2019 meeting.

There was no business arising.

#### **8.05** Dean’s Report

Dean Geitmann had to leave early to catch a flight so she presented her report early.

Dean Geitmann commenced with kudos which she said was one of the most satisfying parts of her job.

The Dean mentioned that the Dobson Cup was held recently and our teams were very successful in particular Observe Agriculture Co-Founders Mohamed Debbagh (BRE), Roberto Buelvas (BRE), PDT Food Depot Co-Founders Jiahua Chen (MSE), Ying Zhang, Ye Zheng and Cannafish Co-Founders David Leroux (BRE), Nicolas Martel-Bouchard (AgEc), and Neelay Patel (FdSci). Congratulations to these students.

Hosahalli S. Ramaswamy was elected Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists, USA for the year 2019.

Jeff Xia was selected to receive the Principal's Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers 2019.

Professor Timothy Geary was the winner of ASP's 2019 Clark P. Read Mentor Award.

Heather McShane and MSSSI won the Catalyst Award, which is given out by the McGill Office for Sustainability and our very own George McCourt won the Distinguished Contribution Catalyst Award. This award recognizes an administrative or academic staff member who has demonstrated a commitment towards advancing sustainability in the larger McGill community.

Ebby Noroozi received the National (Iran) Food Science Award in the academic sector due to half a century of active work in the field nationally and internationally.

The Discovery Grant Awardees were announced yesterday and includes a long list including, Valerie Gravel, Raj Duggavathi, Elsa Vasseur, Zhiming Qi, who also received an Accelerator Award, Ashraf Ismail, Hosahalli Ramaswamy, Yixiang Wang, Varoujan Yaylayan, Igor Cestari, Nil Basu, Elena Bennett, Chris Buddle, Melissa McKinney and Jacqui Bede.

The Dean followed with thank-yous. Two weeks ago, on a Saturday, an hundred mile meal event was held which was a very high profile event as the Principal was involved. Principal Fortier was the sous chef for the Chef from the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. The purpose of this was to attract alumni and to highlight what we do on this Campus. The School of Human Nutrition and their students played an important role in this event. Some students presented their research activities as well. The Dean thanked everyone involved and noted that this was one of the events leading up to the Capital Campaign.

The Dean apologized for the fact that she had to leave early to catch a flight but Professor Scott would be filling in as the Acting Dean.

## **8.06 Committee Reports to Faculty**

**a. Academic Program Committee – D1707 - Professor Scott**

Professor Scott presented the Academic Committee report, D1707 from the FAPC meeting of March 27th.

Professor Scott explained that the first three items were for information purposes only.

The first of which are the guidelines for Supervision of Special Topics Courses.

The other two items are for information purposes are for two new courses in the School of Environment, namely ENVR 614 Mobilizing Research for Sustainability, and ENVR 615, Interdisciplinary Approach Environment.

Professor Scott moved adoption of program revisions in the School of Environment, MSc, Plant Science, Environment Option, PhD, Plant Science, Environment Option, MSc (thesis), Bioresource Engineering, Environment Option, MSc (applied) Bioresource Engineering, Environment Option, PhD, Bioresource Engineering, Environment Option, MSc, (thesis), Renewable Resources, Environment Option, PhD, Entomology, Environment Option.

**CARRIED**

Professor Scott moved adoption of a program revision in the BSc. (AgEnvSc), Honours Environment (project 6 credit spanned course to replace two 3-credit courses).

**CARRIED**

Professor Scott moved adoption of program retirements in the School of Environment, PhD, Parasitology, Environment Option, MSc; Microbiology, Environment Option, PhD; Microbiology, Environment Option.

**CARRIED**

Professor Scott moved adoption of her report.

**CARRIED**

**c. Scholarships Committee – D1709 – Professor Fyles**

Professor Fyles moved adoption of the amendments to Fondation JEFO scholarship, seconded by Mr. Enright.

The Fondation JEFO has requested to amend the terms of the Bourse d'études Fondation JEFO.

**CURRENT TERMS**

Bourse d'études Fondation JEFO

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en fonction de l'excellence du dossier scolaire et de l'engagement. Préférence sera accordée aux étudiants étudiant l'agronomie. Valeur : varie.

#### PROPOSED TERMS

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**CARRIED**

Professor Fyles moved adoption of his report

**CARRIED**

#### **8.07 Senate Report – Professor Ismail**

Professor Ismail reported on the Senate Meeting of March 27, 2019.

A copy of the Senate report is available in the Dean's Office.

Professor Ismail moved acceptance of his report.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.08 Other Business**

a) Library Announcement – Ms. MacKenzie

Ms. Mackenzie mentioned that last summer the McGill Library upgraded the existing WorldCat Local online catalogue and search tool to its successor WorldCat Discovery (the main search box currently on the library homepage). The final stage of the upgrade currently underway will amalgamate all back-end applications needed to manage a library, including acquisitions, library accounts, etc. As a result of this single system implementation, the classic catalogue will no longer be available as of May 1, 2019. All materials in the classic catalogue are available in WorldCat Discovery.

- **April 23 to May 2:** Users will not be able to recall materials or place holds.
- **April 23 to May 2:** Users will not be able to request scanned materials through the Article/Chapter Scan Service.
- **April 29:** Classic Catalogue no longer available.
- **April 29 to May 2:** Library accounts blocked for all users. For help with your account during this time please go to a [branch information desk during service hours](#).

Users will not be able to renew books online. Self-check machines will not be functional and loan histories will no longer be available.

b) Students in Distress – Professor Fyles

Professor Fyles mentioned that Alice Cherestes had spearheaded a poster that is a very handy guide to helping students in difficulty. A very helpful workshop was held recently offering an interactive session to explore the ways that we can respond to students in need. Unfortunately, it was not very well attended. Faculty should be on a look out for this, it really is well worth the time to attend this session.

Professor Fyles said that he has found sessions like this that he has attended extremely useful. He encouraged everyone to make time to attend, especially at this high-anxiety time of year.

There have been talks to make something similar available not just for students but for staff as well.

**8.09** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Professor Raghavan seconded by Professor Orsat.

**CARRIED**

**8.10** The Faculty meeting followed with Scott in the Chair.

A motion to ratify the business at the Staff Meeting was proposed by Professor Jardim seconded by Professor Clark.

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**