DATE: January 13, 2012

TO: Marilyn Scott, Director McGill School of the Environment

FROM: Wayne Pollard, Department of Geography

The attached proposal has been submitted to the Curriculum/Academic Committee, and it has been decided that your department should be consulted.

Course Subject Code + #, Title, Credit Weight:

ATOC373: Arctic Climate and Climate Change - 3 Cr.
EPSC373: Arctic Geology – 3Cr.
GOEG373: Arctic Geomorphology – 3Cr

Would you be good enough to review this proposal and let me know as soon as possible, on this form, whether or not your department has any objections to, or comments regarding, the proposal.

X NO OBJECTIONS

COMMENTS:

Wayne,

The MSE’s comments are in the e-mail I sent you. We have no objections just some questions for clarification

Signature: George McCourt

Date: 2012-01-16
From: Wayne Pollard, Prof.
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 11:33 AM
To: Josie D'Amico
Cc: Nicholas DeTakacsy
Subject: FW: Arctic Field Study semester proposal

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Josie

Here is my response the consultation report questions. The email string also includes George McCourt’s questions.

Wayne

From: Wayne Pollard, Prof.
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 11:30 AM
To: George McCourt
Subject: RE: Arctic Field Study semester proposal

Hi George

Thank you for your quick review.

In response to your questions:

1. I will change MSE 202 to ENVR 202

2. I will add SOIL 300 (although its content is very close to GEOG 272) and ENVR 200 to the list of prerequisites.

3. The independent projects associated with each course will be supervised by each instructor. Individual and group work are both possibilities.

The independent study component of the Field Studies Semester is still being developed however at this stage I think it will be run by 1 professor but each student project will have one of the participating professors as a supervisor.

4. We are still working on the Field Studies Semester structure and at this point I am unable to say whether Arts and Mac students can participate. However I cannot see why not.

Thanks again

Wayne
Hi Wayne,

Please find attached our consultation reply to the proposed Arctic Field Study Semester program. We have no objections.

We have a few questions for clarification purposes and a few comments:

1) MSE 202 should read ENVR 202.
2) I might also suggest that you consider SOIL 300 (Geosystems, which is taught at Mac,) as one of the two pre-requisite courses. I teach in both ENVR 202 and SOIL 300 and based on that experience either course would be suitable. We, the MSE, are currently in the process of asking Science to accept this as a science elective within the Faculty of Science.
3) Will the Independent Study be run as one professor – one student or will it be group research project with 4 or 5 students and a supervisor? If it is the latter this might allow our MSE students to take this semester study as part of their degree program.
4) Will the Field Semester be restricted to exclude Arts students? Based on the pre-requisites for the courses, all of the MSE students could be (easily) eligible for this Field Study Semester. Can/could/should Arts students participate? Can Mac students participate?

Otherwise this looks great and we strongly support the initiative.

Cheers,

George

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