The Role of the Honours Program

At the Academic Committee meetings of February 19, 2008 and March 25, 2008, discussions of the role of the Honours program highlighted three points:

(1) The need to ensure that excellent students, particularly women, know that they can enter an Honours program.

(2) The issue of whether Honours students were obtaining lower grades than they would have achieved in a Majors program. If Honours students actually were obtaining lower grades, taking an Honours program would disadvantage the students in some situations, since selection of students for, for example, NSERC scholarships, are based at least partly on GPA.

(3) That there should be a requirement for research in Honours programs.