

Minutes of the meeting of the **Academic Policy Committee** held on Thursday 17th January 2008 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Room 310, James Building

Present: A. Masi, (Chair), A. Angus, G. Brown, L. Butler-Kisber, W. Caplin, A. DeGuise, D. Farrow, H. Goto, W. Hendershot, P. Holland, D. Jutras, M. Kreiswirth, G. McClure, S. McDougall, M.J. Mendelson, H.M.C. Richard (Secretary to the Committee)

Regrets: A. Borkotoky, V. Errunza, J. Feine, D. King, R. Rozen, J. Schmidt, S. Stroud, M. Szyf, C. Weston,

Guests: P. Smith

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Documents circulated at the meeting: none.

**08.01 Proposed agenda**

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

**08.02 Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

**08.03 Business arising**

None.

**08.04 Academic Program Reviews Reports**  
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**08.05 APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP)**  
**- Report on meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 - PARTS I & II 08-APC-01-49**

**a) New programs**

**-- B.A.; Supplementary Minor Concentration in Computer Science (18 credits)**

APC raised questions about possible policy implications of "recreating" 54-credit majors (36-credit Major Concentration and a 18-credit Supplementary Minor Concentration) which may be inconsistent with the original design of the multi-track program and could affect applications to graduate school. Given that such Supplementary Minor Concentrations already exist in Psychology and Economics, APC agreed that those concerns should be taken into consideration.

**APC approved the proposed B.A.; Supplementary Minor Concentration in Computer Science for submission to Senate for approval.** It will be included in APC's 397<sup>th</sup> Report for consideration by Senate on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

- M.A. in Second Language Education; Gender and Women's Studies;**
- M.A. in Culture and Values in Education; Gender and Women's Studies;**
- M.A. in Culture and Values in Education; Non-Thesis – Project – Gender and Women's Studies;**
- M.A. in Curriculum Studies; Gender and Women's Studies;**
- M.A. in Curriculum Studies; Non-Thesis – Project - Gender and Women's Studies;**
- M.A. in Educational Leadership; Gender and Women's Studies;**
- M.A. in Educational Leadership; Non-Thesis – Project - Gender and Women's Studies;**
- Ph.D. in Educational Studies; Gender and Women's Studies**

**The above listed Gender and Women's Studies option proposals were approved by APC.** They will be submitted to Senate for approval in APC's 397<sup>th</sup> Report, for consideration at the meeting of Senate on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

**-- Minor in Musical Science and Technology**

APC raised a number of questions regarding the title and nature of the proposed Minor in Musical Science and Technology. APC also wished to make sure that the Faculty of Science had been consulted. The program proposal form did not mention that consultations were conducted with other academic units at McGill.

It was agreed that questions raised by APC regarding the title and nature of the proposed program should be addressed to the Schulich School of Music and that **APC would submit the proposed program to Senate for approval upon receipt of a satisfactory response.**

**Response from Professor Bruce Minorgan:** *the Minor in Musical Science and Technology (MST) represents the entry level to the M.A. and Ph.D. in Music Technology, and was intended to replace the B.Mus. Honours in Music Technology as such. The change will enable students in other disciplines such as Psychology, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Physics, to apply to graduate programs alongside music students. Many such students have a strong background in music and make outstanding graduate students. It will also appeal to undergraduates who do not have graduate studies as a career goal but who have a strong interest in research, and the science of music technology, an example being a Computer Science student heading towards a career in the gaming industry.*

*The Minor in Musical Applications of Technology (MAT) (see APC minutes 05.b below) has been designed as a more functional minor with the focus on the many professional applications of a range of musical technologies. Most music students do not intend to pursue graduate level research in music technology but nonetheless will interact with music technologies at some point in their future careers. This minor is intended as a path both for them and for others not headed for a research career, but for a career where such a Minor would be an asset.*

*These changes represent a repackaging of our existing courses. They were initiated by our Music Technology Area prior to Program Review but nevertheless were endorsed throughout the Program Review process. Interdisciplinarity is fostered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.*

*The faculties of Arts, Science, Management, and Engineering were consulted.*

**Secretary's note:** *Proofs of consultations were indeed submitted to SCTP with the Program Proposal Form.*

The responses provided by the Schulich School of Music are deemed satisfactory. **The proposed Minor in Musical Science and Technology will be submitted to Senate for approval.** It will be included in APC's 397<sup>th</sup> Report for consideration at the meeting of Senate on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

#### **b) Major Program Revision**

- Minor in Musical Applications of Technology (18 cr.).

This is a major revision of the existing Minor in Music Technology. The MAT will enable students in music and other disciplines to apply technology to musical composition and performance, and prepare them for production-oriented jobs in the creative arts (film, video, gaming, etc.).

**The proposed revision was approved by APC for submission to Senate for approval.** It will be included in APC's 397<sup>th</sup> Report for consideration by Senate on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

#### **08.06 Other business**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.