Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in Arts Council Room, Arts 160.

PRESENT: Dean Bruce Lennox (Chair), Associate Dean Tamara Western (Vice-Chair), Director Nicole Allard, Professors William Coish, Thomas Duchaine, Irene Gregory-Eaves, Barbara Hales, Vojkan Jaksic, Daniel Kirshbaum, Michael Langer, Michel Lapointe, Craig Mandato, Greg Marczynski, Anthony Mittermaier, Kristine Onishi (in place of Caroline Palmer), Jeanne Paquette, Kathy Roulet; Natalie Waters; John Lin, Matthew Rowe, Jane Su (in place of Mattheaus Ware); Josie D'Amico, Sandra Persaud.

GUEST: Associate Dean (Graduate Education) Laura Nilson

REGRETS: Professors Irene Gregory-Eaves, Barbara Hales, Ana Nyzhnyk; Mr. Alvin Qiu, Ms. Megan Fothergill, Ms. Joanna Liu, Ms. Mackenzie Webber

DOCUMENTS: AC-15-36 to AC-15-44

Dean Lennox called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Roulet moved, seconded by Prof. Mandato, that the Agenda be adopted.

The motion carried.

(2) MINUTES OF 24 NOVEMBER, 2015

Prof. Mandato moved, seconded by Ms. Roulet, that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried.

(3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes 312.2 to 312.5, CHEM 267 (AC-15-35)

503.1 Associate Dean Western said that a new course CHEM 267, Intro. Chemical Analysis (AC-15-35), had been approved pending approval by the Department of Chemistry. CHEM 267 involved the combination of CHEM 287 and CHEM 297 into a single course. CHEM 267 had now been approved both at the Departmental level, and at the Faculty of Science meeting of 8 December, 2015, and the course had been submitted to SCTP for approval.

Minutes 310.1 to 310.8, Minor in Entrepreneurship for Science Students (AC-15-34)

503.2 Associate Dean Western said the Minor in Entrepreneurship for Science Students (AC-15-34) had been approved at the last Academic Committee meeting of 24 November 2015, pending receipt of a consultation report from the Faculty of Management. This had now been received, and the Minor had been approved by SCTP with some minor changes.

503.3 Associate Dean Western said that in relation to entrepreneurship, a newspaper article had been circulated to AC members. The article was meant to get people talking and thinking about future action regarding entrepreneurship courses.
There is the possibility of creating honours project-type courses in entrepreneurship. A subcommittee will be set up to look at possible courses, and the issue will be brought back to the Academic Committee. Associate Dean Western asked members if their units would be interested in participating in the work of the subcommittee. She specifically mentioned Chemistry, Computer Science and Geography.

Dean Lennox said that one of the issues the subcommittee could examine would be the relation of entrepreneurship courses with existing honours courses. The newspaper article circulated to AC members was from the Globe & Mail, but a New York Times article on American universities and entrepreneurship programs had also appeared. It was good to be informed about the experiences of other universities regarding entrepreneurship. There's no point in repeating past mistakes. The questions are where does AC want to take studies on entrepreneurship, what specifically should students learn, and how should success be measured?

(4) **PSYCHOLOGY**

- Program Revisions
  Ph.D. in Psychology AC-15-37
  Ph.D. in Psychology; Language Acquisition Option AC-15-38

Dean Lennox introduced Associate Dean (Graduate Education) Laura Nilson. Associate Dean Nilson was attending the current meeting to help clarify the revisions to the Psychology Ph.D. and its associated Language Acquisition Option.

Associate Dean Western said that, in broad outline, modifications were being made to the Language Acquisition Option, and at the same time to the Ph.D. in Psychology in order to bring the latter into line with current Ph.D. descriptions.

Associate Dean Nilson mentioned that an Option was an addition to a graduate program (Masters or Ph.D.), and was a means to add a specialization to the program.

Associate Dean Nilson explained that the Option was offered by units in four different faculties. Students take the requirements for the Option in addition to the requirements for the Ph.D. as such, and students were finding the total requirements too onerous. Hence, the total requirements were being reduced by two courses. The reason the proposal looked so different from the existing program was simply that the program was being reformatted to fit current requirements for program outlines and nomenclature.

Associate Dean Western moved, seconded by Prof. Kirshbaum, that the above changes be approved.

The motion carried.

(5) **GEOGRAPHY**

GEOG 420 Memory, Place, and Power AC-15-39
Changes: schedule type, prerequisites
3 credits
Prof. Lapointe described the changes. GEOG 420 will no longer be a seminar course, but rather a lecture course, which will bring it into line with its cross-listed counterpart, POLI 432. GEOG 325 will be added as an alternate prerequisite.

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

The motion carried.

New Course Tabled to a Future Meeting

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505.2 Prof. Lapointe said that the new course would expand the Department's offerings in urban geography.

505.3 Following a discussion concerning the fact that the means of assessment for undergraduate and graduate students were different, it was agreed that the course would be brought to a future meeting.

(6) ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY

Course Retirement

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506.1 Prof. Mandato said that the original instructor of ANAT 182 and EPSC 182 (a double-prefix course) had been a joint-appointed instructor. This was no longer the case. Since ANAT 182 is not a Required course in any of the programs in the Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology, and since it has no pedagogical relevance to the Department's programs, ANAT 182 was being retired.

506.2 Prof. Paquette from the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences added that EPSC 182 would not be retired. The course was currently being given by two instructors. The future direction of the course will be discussed, and the content and description will be updated accordingly.

Associate Dean Western moved, seconded by Prof. Mandato, that the course be retired.

The motion carried.

(7) PHARMACOLOGY

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507.1 Associate Dean Western said that “permission of instructor” had been removed as a prerequisite, and that PHAR 300 would now be the only prerequisite.

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

The motion carried.
PHYSICS

PHYS 181  Everyday Physics  AC-15-43
Changes: course description, restriction
3 credits

508.1  Prof. Coish said that the changes in description and restriction were simply updates.

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

The motion carried.

MINOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY LIFE SCIENCES  AC-15-44

509.1  Associate Dean Western said the change was merely for clarification. The statement being removed is redundant (it is a Faculty regulation) and is not included in any other Minor program. Furthermore, it is causing confusion for students in the B.A. & Sc. degree.

Associate Dean Western moved, seconded by Director Allard, that the change be approved.

The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF COURSES AND PROGRAMS FOR CALENDAR INCLUSION

510.1  Associate Dean Western reminded departments that they should start looking over their courses and programs in order to be prepared to submit proposals in early Fall, and to avoid the last-minute rush.

510.2  Dean Lennox added that a meaningful consultation could take a long time. Ideally, consultations should be valuable. Doing work in the Spring will allow easier submission in the Fall.

SUS ACTIVITIES

511.1  The SUS report as of 2016/01/07:
1. Audits for the past three years have been finished; they have a surplus. There had been a discussion on reducing SUS fees, which will be sent out to students in a referendum next month.
2. Charity month raised approximately $7000

511.2  Dean Lennox said he was awed and impressed by the amounts of money the SUS generously contributes to various ventures, including laboratory improvements and sustainability at McGill.

OTHER BUSINESS

Prof. Mandato moved, seconded by Prof. Marczynski, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

The motion carried.