



**468th REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO SENATE
On the APC meeting held on November 19th 2015**

I. TO BE APPROVED BY SENATE

(A) NEW TEACHING PROGRAMS REQUIRING SENATE APPROVAL – none

(B) ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE ISSUES / POLICIES / GOVERNANCE/AWARDS – none

(C) CREATION OF NEW UNITS / NAME CHANGES / REPORTING CHANGES

Faculty of Education

Institute for Human Development and Wellbeing (IHDW)/ Institut de recherché pour le développement et le bien-être humain – Appendix A

At a meeting on November 19th, 2015, APC reviewed and endorsed a proposal to create an Institute for Human Development and Wellbeing. Located at the Faculty of Education, the IHDW intends to take on a transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach towards the cognitive, emotional, and social studies of human development and wellbeing. It aims to respond to the goals of McGill's 2013-2017 Strategic Plan under Research. It also aims to increase the visibility of the Faculty as a whole within the Quebec and Canadian media as well as work toward establishing McGill's Faculty of Education as a leadership model for how Faculties of Education should orient themselves and their work.

APC therefore recommends that Senate approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the proposed Institute for Human Development and Wellbeing.

Faculty of Arts

Proposal for the transformation of the Faculty of Religious Studies into a School within the Faculty of Arts – Appendix B

At a meeting on November 19th, 2015, APC reviewed and endorsed a proposal to transform the Faculty of Religious Studies into a School of Religious Studies within the Faculty of Arts

The new School shall exercise in continuity the prior rights, obligations, and functions of the former Faculty and it shall be the primary academic unit for teaching and research in the field of religious studies, including religions and theology as fields of scholarly interest. The motion was approved by the Faculty of Religious Studies on June 22nd, 2015 and by the Faculty of Arts on October 27th, 2015. It was presented as an expression of the University's commitment to the field of religious studies and to consolidate its future at McGill through financial and academic reinvestments that will help the future School of Religious Studies achieve its aspirations.

APC therefore recommends that Senate approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for approval the proposed transformation of the Faculty of Religious Studies into a School within the Faculty of Arts

(D) CHANGES IN DEGREE DESIGNATION - none

(E) INTER-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS – none

(F) OTHER - none

II. TO BE ENDORSED BY SENATE / PRESENTED TO SENATE FOR DISCUSSION – none

III. APPROVED BY APC IN THE NAME OF SENATE

(A) DEFINITIONS – none

(B) STUDENT EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS / CONTRACTS / INTERUNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS - none

(C) OTHER - none

IV. FOR THE INFORMATION OF SENATE

A) ACADEMIC UNIT REVIEWS – none

B) APPROVAL OF COURSES AND TEACHING PROGRAMS

1. Programs

a) APC approvals (new options/concentrations and major revisions to existing programs)

i. New programs

Faculty of Medicine

M.Sc.in Public Health; Non-Thesis – Global Health (60 cr.)

At a meeting on November 19th, 2015, APC reviewed and approved a new concentration in Global Health within the M.Sc. in Public Health (Non-Thesis; 60 cr.). Establishing this option will provide a comprehensive training program for M.Sc. PH graduate students and also attract applicants to McGill whose career goals encompass the global health domain.

ii. Major revisions of existing programs - none

b) APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) approvals (Summary reports: <http://www.mcgill.ca/sctp/documents/>)

i. Moderate and minor program revisions

Faculty of Medicine

Approved by SCTP on 15th October 2015, reported to APC on 19th November 2015

B.Sc. (Rehab.Sc.); Major in Physical Therapy (90 cr.)

- ii. Program retirements – *none*

2. Courses

- a) New Courses
Reported as having been approved by SCTP on 15th October 2015: 5
School of Continuing Studies: 4
Faculty of Medicine: 1
- b) Course Revisions
Reported as having been approved by SCTP on 15th October 2015: 1
Faculty of Medicine: 1
- c) Course Retirements - *none*

(B) OTHER

- Revisions to the Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning Terms of Reference

At a meeting on November 19th, 2015, APC approved that the mandate of STL be revised as proposed to broaden the range of issues considered and that the composition of STL be revised to reflect a consolidated approach to the delivery of higher education on and off-campus.

Consolidating the responsibility under STL would ensure that all forms of education—campus-based, hybrid, online, and distance—are considered and treated appropriately. Developments in distance and online education should be considered in the context of all trends and developments related to teaching and learning that are relevant for McGill’s growth and development. This will be an opportunity to examine and assess emerging forms of teaching and learning.