



**460<sup>th</sup> REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO SENATE**  
**On APC meeting held on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**I. TO BE APPROVED BY SENATE**

**(A) NEW TEACHING PROGRAMS REQUIRING SENATE APPROVAL** (approvals of new minors and options added to existing programs and major revisions to programs are reported in Section IV.A.1.a. for information) - *none*

**(B) ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE ISSUES / POLICIES / GOVERNANCE/AWARDS**

**Regulations on Cyclical Academic Unit Reviews – Appendix A**

At a meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, APC reviewed the changes made to the Regulations on Cyclical Academic Unit Reviews, after the Cyclical Unit Review Office conducted a review of its operation, mandated by APC. This led to procedural and operational changes and to the modification of the Regulations on Cyclical Academic Unit Reviews. These revisions reflect the feedback obtained from past review committees and aim at streamlining and improving the review process.

APC therefore recommends that Senate approve the following resolution:

*Be it resolved that Senate approve the proposed Regulations on Cyclical Academic Unit Reviews*

**Policy on late withdrawals – Appendix B**

At a meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, APC reviewed the proposal for a Policy on late withdrawals. The current practice in most faculties at McGill is to record a “W” as the final grade if a student is allowed to withdraw late for mental health (and other approved) reasons. The recording of a “W” on an official transcript reportedly causes anxiety and prejudice to students, especially when applying for graduate school or professional programs. The goal of this Policy is to set accurate, fair and compassionate guidelines to address difficult situations students may encounter, such as mental and physical illness and personal tragedies. It stipulates that, in the event of a full term withdrawal warranted by such difficulties (and approved by the Associate Dean or the Director of the program), courses and grades may be removed from the official transcript. They will however stay on the advising transcript in Minerva.

APC therefore recommends that Senate approve the following resolution:

*Be it resolved that Senate approve the proposed Policy on late withdrawals*

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

**Proposed name change for the McGill Centre for the Study of Host Resistance – Appendix C**

At a meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, APC reviewed and approved a proposal to refocus and change the name of the McGill Centre for the Study of Host Resistance to McGill International TB Centre (MITBC), which will bring together researchers with a common interest but different backgrounds and expertise. The MITBC will help foster trans-disciplinary groups and actively promote interdisciplinary research to establish a focal point of global excellence in translational

Tuberculosis (TB) research. This centre will gradually become a major partner in national and international TB control programs, and have better access to international funding that is hard to secure as individual researchers or smaller groups.

APC therefore recommends the following resolution:

*Be it resolved that Senate approve the proposed name change for the McGill Centre for the Study of Host Resistance to McGill International TB Centre (MITBC) and so recommend to the Board of Governors.*

**(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**

**a) Faculty-wide partnerships**

**b) Faculty-specific partnerships**

**(C) OTHER - none**

**IV. FOR THE INFORMATION OF SENATE**

**A) ACADEMIC UNIT REVIEWS**

**B) APPROVAL OF COURSES AND TEACHING PROGRAMS**

**1. Programs**

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

**i. 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 Agricultural and Environmental Sciences**

Approved by SCTP on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014, reported to APC on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014

B.Sc. (Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Applied Ecology (24 cr.)

B.Sc. (Ag.Env.Sc.); Specialization in Soil and Water Resources (24 cr.)

Faculty of Education

Approved by SCTP on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014, reported to APC on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014

B.Ed.; Teaching English as a Second Language; TESL Elementary and Secondary (120 cr.)

M.A.; Teaching and Learning; Non-Thesis; Science and Technology (60 cr.)

M.A.; Teaching and Learning; Non-Thesis; Mathematics (60 cr.)

- ii. Program retirements

**Faculty of Medicine**

Approved by SCTP on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014, reported to APC on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014

M.Sc.; Experimental Medicine; Family Medicine (45 cr.)

**2. Courses**

- a) New Courses

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Faculty of Education: 5

- b) Course Revisions

*Reported as having been approved by SCTP on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014:30*

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: 1

Faculty of Education: 21

Faculty of Law: 1

Faculty of Medicine: 7

- c) Course retirements

*Reported as having been approved by SCTP on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014:9*

*Faculty of Education: 8*

*Faculty of Law: 1*

**(B) OTHER - none**