

## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

The December 15, 2017 meeting of Staff of the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, held in R3-048, was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with Professor Cue in the Chair and Professor Akbarzadeh as Secretary.

The Staff Meeting was followed by the Faculty Meeting with Dean Geitmann in the Chair.

Attendance: As recorded on the Faculty Meeting attendance sheet.

Regrets: As recorded on the Faculty Meeting attendance sheet.

#### 4.01 Adoption of the Agenda

“Student Services” was added to “Other Business” by Professor Fyles. Mr. Wees moved adoption of the Agenda, seconded by Professor Geary.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.02 Minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2017.

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Professor Jabaji seconded by Professor Faucher.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.03 Business arising from the minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting.

There was no business arising.

#### 4.04 Committee Reports to Faculty

##### **a. Academic Program Committee – D1675 – Professor Scott**

Professor Scott presented the report, D1675, from the FAPC meeting of November 27, 2017.

Professor Scott moved adoption of a new course in the Department of Animal Science, ANSC 555, The Use and Welfare of Animals.

**CARRIED**

Professor Scott moved adoption of course revisions in the Department Natural Resource Sciences, ENVB 497, Research Project 1.

**CARRIED**

Professor Scott moved adoption of course revisions in the Department Plant Science, PLNT 304, Biology of Fungi.

**CARRIED**

Professor Scott moved adoption of her report.

**CARRIED**

**b. Academic Standing Committee – D1676 – Professor Faucher**

Professor Faucher moved that the meeting move into closed session, seconded by Professor Fyles.

**CARRIED**

Professor Faucher presented confidential report, D1676, for the information of Faculty.

Professor Faucher moved, seconded by Professor Clark that the meeting return to open session.

**CARRIED**

Professor Faucher moved acceptance of his report.

**CARRIED**

**c. Scholarships Committee – D1677 – Professor Fyles**

Professor Fyles moved approval of the following minor changes to the wording and Title of the Agribrands Purina Canada Inc. Scholarship:

<b>Current Award Parameters:</b>	<b>Proposed Award Parameters:</b>
<p><b>Agribrands Purina Canada Inc. Scholarship</b> Awarded to a student entering the senior year in the Animal Production Specialization. In selecting the recipient, consideration is given to high academic standing, a record demonstrating good citizenship, sincerity of purpose in agriculture as the chosen field, and demonstrated financial need. Award Value: \$500,00</p>	<p><b><u>Purina Scholarship</u></b> Awarded <u>by the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences</u> to a student <del>entering the senior year</del> in the Animal Production Specialization. In selecting the recipient, consideration is given to high academic standing, a record demonstrating good citizenship, <u>and</u> sincerity of purpose in agriculture as the chosen field <del>and demonstrated financial need</del>. Award Value: \$500.</p>

**CARRIED**

Professor Fyles moved acceptance of his report.

**CARRIED****4.05 Senate Reports – Professor Goodridge**

Professor Goodridge reported on the Senate meetings of November 23 and December 6, 2017.

A copy of both Senate Reports are on file in the Dean's office.

Professor Goodridge moved acceptance of his reports.

**CARRIED****4.06 Other Business****a. Dean's Report**

Dean Geitmann congratulated Professors Orsat, Kushalappa, Seguin and Jabaji on their promotion to the rank of Professor.

She also congratulated Jeff Xia of the Institute of Parasitology and Department of Animal Science on the award of a Canada Research Chair, Tier 2, in Bioinformatics and Big Data Analytics.

McGill was awarded six CFI projects, two of which are in our Faculty (Plant Science and Parasitology); they amount to 42% of the total awarded to McGill.

As previously reported, Professors Adamowski and Bennett were inducted into the Royal Society; there are videos online.

Faculty is reminded that the deadline to nominate a student for the 2018 Gold Key Award is January 11, 2018. Students nominated must demonstrate leadership and excellence in the promotion and development of extracurricular activities at Macdonald to the benefit of the Macdonald community as a whole.

Faculty is also reminded that the timing of the 2018 Founder's Day event, scheduled for February 8, has been changed to the afternoon (1-3 p.m.) to encourage greater attendance.

The federal Minister of Science (Kirsty Duncan) visited our Campus on November 16. She toured several labs and participated in a round table discussion. She subsequently left a lengthy voicemail message for the Dean thanking us for the visit.

Dean Geitmann announced that we are looking into setting up academic programming for cannabis. Two one-day short courses are planned for Winter 2018. They will be accessible to the general public as well as our students and will be coordinated through Continuing Professional Development. Professor Jabaji is coordinating our effort. The long-term plan is to establish a professional certificate. In reply to a question from Mr. Wees about the timing of the courses, Professor Jabaji said they would most likely take place in March and April 2018.

**b. Student Services – Professor Fyles**

Professor Fyles spoke about the Macdonald Student Services Engagement Board. It is not a new committee but has been expanded to be an engagement board. Their first activity will focus on student mental health and will take place January 30, 31 and February 1. There will be a 1-1/2 hour workshop for professors tentatively scheduled for January 31; it will focus on spotting students who need help and how to provide that help.

4.07 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Enright seconded by Professor Jabaji.

**CARRIED**

4.08 The Faculty meeting followed with Dean Geitmann in the Chair.

A motion to ratify the business at the Staff Meeting was proposed by Professor Jabaji seconded by Professor Faucher.

The Dean wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

**CARRIED**

4.09 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**