

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

The February 16, 2018 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.

There was one introduction.

The Dean introduced Christine Butler, the New Director of Administration and Finance. She has twenty five years of experience at McGill and has worked in Special Funds, General Accounting, Endowment Funds and, most recently, Capital Projects.

5.01 Adoption of the Agenda

There were one change to the agenda.

The FMT Report to be presented by Mr. Wees on behalf of Mr. Enright.

Professor Fyles moved adoption of the Agenda, as modified, seconded by Professor Singh.

CARRIED

5.02 Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2018

There were no corrections.

A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Professor Monardes seconded by Professor Clark.

CARRIED

5.03 Business arising from the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting.
There was no business arising.

5.04 Committee Reports to Faculty

a. Academic Standing Committee Report – D1680

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

CARRIED

Professor Faucher presented confidential report D1680 for the information of Faculty. Professor Faucher moved, seconded by Professor Wade that the meeting return to open session.

CARRIED

Professor Faucher explained that the second portion of the report (on white paper) consists of a list of graduating students based on completion of their programs last Fall. Professor Faucher asked faculty to look at the list carefully in case there are any names that should or shouldn't be on the list.

Professor Faucher moved, seconded by Professor Grant, that:

- a) Faculty accept that the students whose names appear in the attached list of graduating students have met all the requirements for their respective degrees and that their names be presented to Senate for approval in granting the degrees.

CARRIED

Professor Faucher moved, seconded by Professor Thomassin, that:

- b) The Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences be empowered to add/delete names to/from the list of graduating students if new information brought to her attention requires a change in the status of an individual student.

CARRIED

Professor Faucher moved acceptance of his report.

CARRIED

c. Farm Management Committee Report – D1681 – Mr. Wees

Mr. Wees moved that the meeting move into closed session, seconded by Professor Scott.

Mr. Wees presented the confidential portion of report D1681, namely two students who finally completed all the requirements of the Farm Management and Technology Program during the Fall 2017 semester.

Mr. Wees moved that the meeting move into open session, seconded by Professor Thomassin.

CARRIED

Mr. Wees moved acceptance of his report.

CARRIED

5.05 Other Business

a. Dean's Report

Dean Geitmann commenced with kudos.

Dean Geitmann noted that at the recent Founder's Day event, the Macdonald Campus Award of Excellence for Administrative and Support Staff was given to a group of people, namely the Macdonald Campus Care team. These are the people that make our campus look so great. Their names are Alain Bertrand, Michel Bédard, Dan Bleho, Jean Mazerolle, Jeanne Page, Tom Forrester, Andrew Frazer, Maoxin Xu.

We had the official announcement of the newly-awarded CFI grants to Professor Geary in Parasitology and Professors Stromvik and Charron in Plant Science. The grants were actually awarded almost a year ago but the Federal and Provincial governments only now decided to publicize them. Congratulations to those who spearheaded this initiative. Hopefully this special funding will help transform this campus and especially the units.

Another announcement that was recently made was in regards to the funding allocated to Superclusters. A total of five superclusters have been retained, McGill is involved with two of them and our Campus is involved with one of the clusters, namely the Protein Industries Supercluster which is based in the Prairies. Professors Karboune and Orsat are involved with this.

The Dean mentioned that she haven't received the faculty agreement as yet. The major reason for this was a budget roller coaster. The University went from a projected \$9 million deficit to a deficit of around \$14 million. This means that we will have to tighten our belts. The reason for the roller coaster is the reporting of how many students we actually have as opposed to what was projected based on a Law of Assumptions. As a result the government re-claws some money.

Dean Geitmann said that this was the season for the Merit exercise. The forms have been modified only slightly. The units are free to modify the forms as they deem fit as long as they let the Dean know. The Dean said she still open to suggestions to improve the process.

The Dean mentioned that yesterday morning she had been invited to make a presentation in Ottawa to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. The Senators were incredibly well prepared and seem genuinely interested in what was going on.

Dean Geitmann reported on a list of events both past and ones coming up.

Dean Geitmann thanked everyone that was involved with Founder's Day. The room was full and the topic was really interesting. Professor Olivia Wilkins did a fantastic job handling the panel discussion.

The Dean mentioned the recent Mac Shares event organized by the School of Nutrition where many liters of soup were prepared for charity. Not only is it a great charity event but a great team building event as well.

Coming up on March 14th we have McGill 24 which is a philanthropy and fund raising event.

On March 16th we have the 100 Mile meal event organized by the students of the School of Nutrition where students will cook.

The Dean had previously mentioned the joint Mac/JAC event but we have to change the date as there is an event down town the same evening. Most likely it will now be held on April 12th.

5.06 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Professor Thomassin seconded by Professor Singh.

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

5.08 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED