

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, September 14, 2004
Redpath Museum Auditorium**

ATTENDANCE: As recorded in the Faculty Appendix Book.

DOCUMENTS: S-03-53,54 S-04-1 to S-04-7

Dean Shaver welcomed members back, and welcomed new faculty and new student members. Dean Shaver called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Item #6(iii), Chairs Introduce new Professors in the Faculty of Science to come after Item #5(c), Committee on Student Standing

Prof. Lasko **moved**, seconded by Prof. Thérien, that the amended Agenda be adopted.

The motion carried.

(2) MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2004
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Prof. GowriSankaran **moved**, seconded by Prof. Ewing, that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried.

(3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

(4) SEATING OF STUDENT MEMBERS
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- 104.1 Dean Shaver welcomed student members, and Ms. Asha Patel, President, SUS, introduced them.

(5) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a) Scholarship Committee
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- 105.1 Associate Dean Leighton said that there were 277 students on the Dean's Honour List, and the GPA cutoff was 3.85.

Associate Dean Leighton **moved**, seconded by Prof. Grant, that the above report be approved.

The motion carried.

b) Nominating Committee

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SCIENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (for information)

Convenor: Associate Dean Morton Mendelson

105.2 Associate Dean Mendelson said that the Science Nominating Committee consists of the Senators elected from the Faculty of Science, with the Dean as Chair.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT STANDING

Associate Dean Mendelson **moved**, seconded by Prof. GowriSankaran, that the CSS membership be approved.

The motion carried.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

105.3 Fermina Primohamed to be replaced by Alexandra Malone (U3 Chemistry).

Associate Dean Mendelson **moved**, seconded by Prof. GowriSankaran, that the Academic Committee membership be approved.

The motion carried.

SCIENCE CHAIRS' COUNCIL (for information)

105.4 Associate Dean Mendelson said that the Science Chairs Council consisted of the chairs/directors of Science units, and the three associate deans, with the Dean as Chair.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

105.5 Associate Dean Mendelson said that Associate Dean Leighton would be the chair.

105.6 Prof. Monique Zetka to be replaced by Prof. Louis Lefebvre.

Associate Dean Mendelson **moved**, seconded by Prof. GowriSankaran, that the Scholarship Committee membership be approved.

The motion carried.

TENURE COMMITTEE (for information)

105.7 Associate Dean Mendelson said that the Dean chairs the Tenure Committee.

LEO YAFFE & PRINCIPAL'S PRIZES COMMITTEE

Associate Dean Mendelson **moved**, seconded by Prof. Mucci, that the membership of the Committee be approved.

The motion carried.

ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

Associate Dean Mendelson **moved**, seconded by Prof. GowriSankaran, that the membership of the Animal Care Committee be approved.

The motion carried.

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (for information)

B.A. & Sc. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (for information)

- 105.8 In reply to a member's question, Associate Dean Mendelson suggested that the length of service be considered by the Program Administration Committee, and be brought to Faculty by the end of the semester.

PROPOSED AD HOC WORK GROUP ON WOMEN PROFESSORS' CAREERS

- 105.9 Associate Dean Mendelson said he was asking Faculty to approve the proposed ad hoc work group. He expected that the membership of this work group would be brought to the next Faculty meeting for approval.

- 105.10 Dean Shaver gave some background information.

Associate Dean Mendelson **moved**, seconded by Prof. Mucci, that the creation of the ad hoc work group be approved.

The motion carried.

- c) **Committee on Student Standing** **S-04-3**

- 105.11 Associate Dean Leighton summarized the CSS report.

- d) **Other Reports or Academic Business**

- (i) **Examination Statistics: Associate Dean Mendelson**
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- 105.12 Associate Dean Mendelson pointed out that the number of students eligible to write examinations in December and April had increased significantly, putting pressure on the system.

105.13 Associate Dean Mendelson said that the Faculties of Arts and of Science had taken over the administration of placement exams. The pass rate was 24%.

(ii) **Disciplinary Officer: Associate Dean Mendelson S-04-**

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105.14 Associate Dean Mendelson briefly described the report, and said that this would be his last report, since Associate Dean Leighton was now the Faculty's Disciplinary Officer.

(6) **DEAN'S BUSINESS**

106.1 Dean Shaver said that a Resolution on the death of Katie Carrier, a freshman B.Sc. student, would be presented at the next Faculty of Science meeting.

(i) **Enrolment - Associate Dean Mendelson**

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106.2 Associate Dean Mendelson said that applications in the current year had decreased from the previous year, since the previous year had included Ontario's double cohort. Registrations for the current year had increased. Associate Dean Mendelson pointed out that the Faculty of Science had attained its target for registrations. There was an increased enrolment in the Faculty of Arts, which would increase pressure on the Faculty of Science, since so many Arts students take Science courses.

106.3 Dean Shaver said that student/professor ratios had been lowered in recent years, which was the strategy of the Faculty. He said that Associate Dean Mendelson was constantly monitoring the enrolment situation, and liaising with appropriate offices in the university. Dean Shaver said it was thanks to Associate Dean Mendelson that the enrolment numbers were right on target.

(ii) **Planning Update - Dean Shaver**

106.4 Dean Shaver said that over the summer, a new operational model for budgeting in the university had been introduced. This model would allow funding to address the university's strategic priorities. The strategic priorities of the Faculty of Science had been very positively received. He said that a document outlining the university's priorities would be forthcoming. Dean Shaver reminded members that the Faculty of Science Planning Document was on the Science Website.

106.5 Dean Shaver said that so far things were going well for the Faculty in the new planning process, and that he would keep members updated.

(iii) **Chairs Introduce new Professors in the Faculty of Science**

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106.6 The new professors in the Faculty of Science were introduced to the Faculty meeting.

106.7 Dean Shaver welcomed the new faculty members, and said that there were 23 new professors in the Faculty of Science. He added that their credentials were very impressive.

(7) REPORT ON ACTIONS OF SENATE

107.8 Prof. GowriSankaran will report on the Senate Meeting of May 19, 2004, at the next Faculty meeting.

(8) MEMBERS' QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

(9) OTHER BUSINESS

109.1 Prof. Bell announced that "The Cutting Edge" lectures in science were beginning, and invited members to attend. He said that the event was funded by the Royal Society of Canada, the Faculty of Science, and other faculties.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.