

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in Arts Council Room, Arts 160.

PRESENT: Dean Grant (Chair), Special Advisor N. de Takacsy (Vice-Chair); Professors F. Bedford, L. Berrang Ford, J. Cline (in place of Prof. K. Ragan), B. Hales, G. Halverson, A. Hundemer, B. Kemme, R. Levine, L. Reven, K. Roulet, A. Wechsler; L. Houle; L. Hewett, H. Johnson, I. King, S. To; J. D'Amico, M. Yalaoui.

REGRETS: Director N. Allard; Professors G. Marczynski, G. O'Driscoll, J. St-Pierre, B. Tremblay; Y. Hwang, J. Lyu, S. Perez; Associate Dean Hendershot

DOCUMENTS: AC-10-57 to AC-10-64

Dean Grant called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

(1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Prof. Hales **moved**, seconded by Prof. Berrang Ford, that the Agenda be adopted.

The motion carried.

(2) MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011 AC-10-57

Prof. Bedford **moved**, seconded by Prof. Halverson, that the Minutes be approved.

The motion carried.

(3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Minute 503.1, B.Sc. Major in Biology: Quantitative Biology Option

703.1 Prof. de Takacsy said that what had originally been submitted as a Major in Quantitative Biology, had been restructured as a Quantitative Biology Option to the Major in Biology at the request of APC in order to avoid a lengthy approval process. Deputy Provost Mendelson had now informed the Faculty that there could be potential problems with the approval of the Option from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS). Prof. de Takacsy said he just wanted to apprise members of the situation.

- Minute 510.3, Bachelor of Science/Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning (B.Sc./MATL)

703.2 Prof. de Takacsy said there had been a meeting with the Faculty of Education concerning the proposed B.Sc./MATL. Director Allard was setting up the Science programs, and he hoped that a proposal for the combined degree would be brought to the next Academic Committee meeting, scheduled for April 19, 2011.

**(4) REPORT ON MINOR COURSE CHANGES AC-10-58
(for information)**

Prof. de Takacsy briefly described the changes in the Minor Course Change Report.

(5) BIOCHEMISTRY (B.Sc. Program Changes)

- Major Program in Biochemistry **AC-10-59**
- Honours Program in Biochemistry **AC-10-60**

705.1 Prof. de Takacsy said that a new course, BIOC 570, approved last year, had been added to the list of Complementary Courses for both programs.

Prof. Bedford **moved**, seconded by Prof. Berrang Ford, that the changes be approved.

The motion carried.

(6) BIOLOGY (B.A. & Sc. Program Changes)

- Major Concentration Biology – Cell and Molecular **AC-10-61**
- Major Concentration Biology – Organismal **AC-10-62**

706.1 Prof. Levine said that the addition of BIOL 316 to the list of Complementary Courses in the Cell and Molecular Option, and the corresponding addition of BIOL 418 and BIOL 463 to the Organismal Option, would provide more flexibility for students.

Prof. Levine **moved**, seconded by Mr. King, that the changes be approved.

The motion carried.

(7) COMPUTER SCIENCE - Minor Program Retirement:

- Minor in Computational Molecular Biology **AC-10-63**

707.1 Prof. Kemme said that the Minor Program in Computational Molecular Biology was being retired due to low enrolment, due to the fact that several courses had not been taught for a number of years, and because some course prerequisites had changed over the last year. It will be recommended to students that they take the more flexible Minor Program in Computer Science, and courses appropriate to computational biology will be suggested to them.

Prof. Kemme **moved**, seconded by Prof. de Takacsy, that the **retirement** be approved.

The motion carried.

(8) ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY***New Course:***

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| ANAT 323 | Neuroanatomy
3 credits | AC-10-64 |
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708.1 Prof. Bedford introduced the above new course. She said that the course had been created by a new professor, and would reduce the overcrowding in ANAT 321. ANAT 323 would be available to students in the Physical & Occupational Therapy Program, and would also be made available as an alternative to ANAT 321 in the Complementary Courses for the Honours Program in Cell & Molecular Biology. Students will not be allowed to take both ANAT 321 and ANAT 323.

708.2 Prof. Bedford answered members' questions.

708.3 A few minor modifications were suggested for the course description as well as for the rationale.

708.4 In response to the concerns of Dean Grant, Prof. Bedford affirmed that any use of human remains will be carried out in a professional and respectful manner.

Prof. Bedford **moved**, seconded by Prof. de Takacsy, that the course be adopted.

The motion carried.

(9) OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.