



414th REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO SENATE
on APC meeting held on 24th September 2009

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**

None.

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

None.

(D) **CHANGES IN DEGREE DESIGNATION**

None.

(E) **INTER-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS**

None.

II. **PRESENTED TO SENATE FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

III. **APPROVED IN THE NAME OF SENATE**

(A) **DEFINITIONS**

None.

(B) **STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS** (approved by APC)

- Tel Aviv University Faculty of Management and McGill's Desautels Faculty of Management

At a meeting on 24th September 2009 APC reviewed and approved a student exchange agreement between the Faculty of Management, Tel Aviv University and the Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University. In its current iteration the exchange will be open to B.Com. students only. An exchange agreement, restricted to MBA students is already in place between the Desautels Faculty of Management and the Leon Recanati Graduate School of Business Administration of Tel Aviv University, administered through the Partnership in International Management (PIM) consortium. McGill University currently has three student exchange agreements with Israeli partners: Ben Gurion University of the Negev, the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Management-specific). Established in 1956, Tel Aviv University is the largest and one of the most prestigious universities in Israel. Its origins go back to 1956, when three small education units – the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics, and Institute of Natural Sciences, and an Institute of Jewish Studies – joined together to form the University of Tel Aviv, granted autonomy in 1963. The Faculty of Management is Israel's largest and most prestigious business school.

- École Centrale de Marseille and McGill's Faculty of Engineering

At a meeting on 24th September 2009 APC reviewed and approved a student exchange agreement between the Ecole Centrale de Marseille and the Faculty of Engineering, McGill University. The Faculty of Engineering is satisfied that the objectives of the programs offered by Ecole Centrale de Marseille are consistent with its own

programs and courses and that the Agreement will be well-received and actively pursued by its undergraduate students. McGill University currently has four student exchange agreements with French partners: *Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Clermont-Ferrand* (Architecture), *Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Grenoble* (Architecture), *ESTACA* (Engineering) and the *Institut d'études politiques de Paris* (*Sciences Po, Paris*). The Ecole Centrale de Marseille is one of France's *Grandes Ecoles* (for which selection rests on competitive written and oral exams undertaken by post-*baccalauréat* students in dedicated preparatory classes). The Ecole Centrale de Marseilles, is an Engineering school created in 2006 from the merging of former institutions established in Marseille in the late 19th century; it implements a *Centralien* educational program for future engineers, similar to France's other *Ecoles Centrales*.

- Charles University in Prague and McGill University

At a meeting on 24th September 2009 APC reviewed and approved a student exchange agreement between Charles University in Prague and McGill University. The exchange will be open to undergraduate and/or postgraduate coursework and/or research students in the Faculties of Education, Law, Mathematics and Physics, Philosophy and Arts, and Social Sciences at Charles University, and the Faculties of Arts, Education, Law, and Science at McGill University. This is McGill's first university-wide agreement with a university in the Czech Republic. McGill currently sends students from the Desautels Faculty of Management to the University of Economics, Prague. Charles University was founded in 1347 as the first university in the Holy Roman Empire and in Central Europe. It is the leading and largest university in the Czech Republic and is a member of the Coimbra Group, a network of 38 European universities, some among the oldest and most prestigious in Europe. It has 17 faculties (14 in Prague, two in Haradec Králové, and one in Plzeň), 42,400 students (one fifth of all the students in the Czech Republic), of which 4300 are international students (750 study in English language academic programs).

(C) OTHER ISSUES

None.

IV. FOR THE INFORMATION OF SENATE

(A) APPROVAL OF COURSES AND TEACHING PROGRAMS

1. Programs

- a) **APC approvals** (new options/concentrations added to existing programs and major revisions to programs)
 - i. New concentrations/options within existing programs

The following were approved by SCTP on 21st May 2009 and by APC on 24th September 2009:

Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

- FAES Internship Option

This Internship Option is intended for students in the B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.), B.Sc.(F.Sc.) and B.Eng.(Bioresource) as part of their studies. Students who complete all the requirements for the two internship courses, FAES 200 (Internship 1) and FAES 300 (Internship 2) will have the name of their program changed to include "Internship Program" (e.g., Bachelor of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - Internship Program – Life Sciences). The Internship is a zero-credit, Pass/Fail course requiring that the student be engaged in full-time work directly related to the student's academic program for the mandatory minimum period of 14 weeks in each course. FAES 200 is normally taken between years U1 and U2, while FAES 300 would normally be taken between years U2 and U3.

- Minor in Animal Biology (24 cr.)
- Minor in Animal Health and Disease (24 cr.)

These two programs existed as Specializations but were restricted to students enrolled in the B.Sc.(Ag.Env.Sc.). It was felt that such programs could also appeal to students in other degree programs within the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, e.g. B.Sc.(F.Sc.), B.Eng.(Bioresource) etc, and across the University, e.g. MSE. While students could take the courses listed, the new designations will allow them to list the program as a Minor on their transcripts.

- ii. Major revisions of existing programs

None.

b) APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) approvals

Summary reports from the APC Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP) to APC are posted on the non-restricted section of the APC website <http://www.mcgill.ca/apc/>.

On 21st May SCTP approved the following additional program revisions:

- i. Moderate and Minor Program Revisions: 2

Faculty of Science:

- M.Sc.; Mathematics and Statistics; Thesis (45 cr.)
- Ph.D.; Physics

- ii. Program Retirements

None.

2. Courses

- a) New Courses: 0
- b) Course Revisions: 0
- c) Course Retirements : 0

(B) OTHER

None.

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