

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Meeting of Faculty
Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

2. Biology
- Honours in Biology

AC-13-57

605.4 Associate Dean Hendren explained that the major changes were clarification of the minimum and maximum number of credits for the degree, and the addition of requirements for 1st Class Honours. As well, the program course lists have been reformatted.

Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Bell, that the changes be approved.

The motion carried.

Program Retirement

- Ph.D. in Biology - Developmental Biology

AC-13-58

605.5 Associate Dean Hendren reminded members that programs or options with low or zero enrolment should be retired.

Associate Dean Hendren **moved**, seconded by Prof. Bell, that the retirement be approved.

The motion carried.

OTHER (For Information)

- Proposed Revisions on Policy on Course Evaluations

AC-13-59

605.6 Associate Dean Hendren said that the proposed revisions had been reviewed and had received feedback from Academic Committee members and from chairs/directors.

605.7 She said the highlights of the revisions were:

the default period for course evaluations would now be the end of the examination period, but departments could change this provided an adequate response rate had been achieved, the default would be for course evaluations to be made available to students and staff, but instructors could

(7) **REPORT ON ACTIONS OF SENATE**

Please note that the entire Minutes of Senate are available on the Web at <https://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2013-2014/senate-meeting-documents-2013-2014>

- Senate Meeting of December 4, 2013 - Prof. Jacques Hurtubise

There were minor changes to the tenure & promotion regulations. They included some changes to the dates (during the calendar year) when various documents need to be filed (e.g. list of externals required by May 1st instead of June 15), and a change to the rules for promotion to Full Professor that increases the list of names to 8 and the number of letters required to 4.

See: http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/sites/mcgill.ca.senate/files/5_d13-38_proposed_changes_to_regulations_employment_tenure_track_and_tenured_academic_staff_regs_employment_librarian_staff_with_appendices.pdf

McGill is currently running its first official MOOC. It's a course offered via EdX, does not include formal McGill credit, and is being run by David Harpp et al. and it has about 21,000 students.

<https://www.edx.org/course/mcgillx/mcgillx-chem181x-food-thought-1213>

Description: <http://publications.mcgill.ca/reporter/2013/10/mcgill-moves-into-the->