

McGILL UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS AND  
TIME TABLE

MONTREAL June 4th. 1924.

Lt. Col Wilfred Bovey  
McGill University.

Dear Colonel Bovey:

The Committees on Examinations and Registration have been working together for several years toward the restriction of Supplemental Examinations and the general stiffening up of our requirements for "promotion", and much has already been accomplished, but at a recent Faculty Meeting we were instructed to look into the results of the recent Examinations and to report as to the advisability of further action in the same direction.

The Committee report was submitted at the Faculty Meeting held on Monday 2nd. June and resulted in the passage by the Faculty of a resolution that:-

the pass standard shall hereafter be 60% for second supplemental examinations (i.e. third attempts) instead of 50% as at present and that this new standard be put in force as soon as is legally practicable.

It was further decided that notice of the change in pass standard should be included in this years calendar if possible, and I was instructed to take up the matter with you and ask for advice as to the legal aspect of the matter.

I take it that it will be out of the question to enforce the new rule for the September Supplemental Examinations but I hope it will be practicable to demand the higher standard in the case of Special Supplemental Examinations granted after the term actually opens and in ordinary Supplemental Examinations after say the beginning of the second term.

Perhaps I may point out the fact that this new rule will not affect the good or moderately good student at all and will only hit men who have already failed in the original Examination and one Supplemental. Such men are either hopelessly dull or exceedingly lazy and the enforcement of the rule will have the result of spurring up those who are capable of being spurred and of weeding out the rest.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your first convenience, as the galley proof of the Calendar is likely to be up for correction before the end of the week.

Very truly yours,

*John Bassett Pate*  
Chairman of the Faculty.