
Faculty of Education
Faculty Council
MINUTES
October 20th, 2021 – 10:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m.
Zoom

Present:

Elected members: Professors Blane Harvey, Allison Gonsalves, Marie-Claude Geoffrey, Tina Montreuil, Benoit Gentil, Tyler Churchward-Venne, Ms. Valerie McConnell; Ms. Donna Wilkinson, Ms. Azadeh Javaherpour, Ms. Emily Mannard, Ms. Gabrielle Spangenberg; Mr. Justin Lao

Non-elected members: Dean Rassier, Professors Nancy Heath, Adam Dubé; Caroline Paquette, Julie Côté, Lisa Starr, Victoria Talwar

Regrets: Ms. Allyson Noftall; Mr. Stephen Peters

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- Dean Rassier welcomed everyone to the first Faculty Council of the academic year. Dean Rassier introduced the current Faculty Council members, many of whom are new to Council this year.
- Dean Rassier advised Council that no Questions or Motions were received so the meeting would go straight to the Reports.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 20TH, 2021

- Prof. Gentil moved and Mr. Lao seconded the motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7TH, 2021

- Prof. Gentil moved and Prof. Harvey seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of April 7th, 2021

MOTION CARRIED

CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS

ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **Fall 2021 enrolment & admissions comparing last years statistics to October 2021:** (Numbers still need to be finalized).

Row Labels	Sum of Last year	Sum of Current year to date	2020-2021 Target
Grad Certificate	59	44	Missing
Masters' NT	152	150	225
Masters' T	55	40	64
PhD	50	53	61
Undergraduate	434	410	375
Grand Total	750	697	

Prof. Dube clarified that the drop, in particular for the Master's students, can be attributed in part to difficulties international students encountered coming to McGill during the pandemic.

- **Winter 2022 academic planning and operations.** Teaching activities are expected to be conducted in a similar manner in Winter 2022 as Fall 2021, with the exception of an increase for large classes moving from 150 to 200 students max. This move will increase the number of undergraduate students to experience in-person teaching. Currently 7% of University undergraduate students are learning online, by raising the maximum to 200 students for in-person teaching, that amount will lower to 3%. Also, discussions are underway on the future of online/blended learning at McGill. Guidelines are in progress to maximize in-person learning. Prof. Dube responded to a question in regards to blended learning for the winter term the current guidelines that are in place (no more than 1/3 of a course may be taught online) would remain in effect until the university announced an official policy regarding blended learning.
- **Bourses d'excellence:** The Faculty has processed the Bourse D'Excellence for the 2021-22 academic year. In total, 220 bursaries were given out; for a total amount of \$1,295,100.
- **Change to graduate funding model.** More money allocated for students at various years of study. GPS reports this will result in a ~30% increase in funding, compared to the previous model.
- **New funding for teacher education programs.** All departments are preparing proposals for external MES funding and internal faculty funding that will support new initiatives in all teacher education programs; including integrating TRC recommendations into teacher education; engaging Indigenous community partners with sports science; growing our French Immersion programs, and supporting our Inclusive Education M.Ed. programs. Prof. Dubé further elaborated that candidates can submit proposals to the Ministry for funding and the Ministry will evaluate the proposal and make their decision. Last year, our Faculty was funded for two such proposals. The second funding opportunity is a budget envelope (approximately \$600,000) from the Ministry. Prof Dubé approached the Department Chairs to submit proposals to grow or support new initiatives with the teacher education programs that align with the 13 competencies the Ministry recommends.
- Prof. Dube was asked for updates on the initiative to create a streamlined pathway for the MATL program. Real Del Degan, Senior Advisor, Strategic Planning and Reporting, Deputy Provost, has received our proposal and it is currently being evaluated.

ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- **Research resumption:** Repeating the communication that all researchers should be able to conduct their research with human participants at this time, as long as on campus or within commute of campus (research with participants is not permitted if it involves travel). Offering can answer any further questions researchers may have on this subject.
- **GSSF:** Grant Submission Support Fund call went out with the deadline of November 15th, 2021. Early career professors should be encouraged (and others) to submit. It provides \$5000 to support a grant application
- **Mentoring:** The ADRI office and Offering continues to offer the intensive mentoring to early career professors, we are on our second round of researchers, and based on first round feedback which encouraged us to do this for researchers as part of on-boarding, we are offering it this round to new hires. Mentoring with the Dean will hold its fall meeting as usual in late November.
- **Awards:** Many researchers have been enquiring about the CRC/William Dawson/James McGill award calls for the fall, please remind your faculty members that there are no CRC/WD/JM calls this fall due to McGill losing a proportion of our CRC allocation due to decreased tri-council funding (proportionally relative to other Universities across Canada).

- **Advancement Activities:** Our Faculty Advancement Leaders program to support professors who wish to learn more about advancement leadership was put on hold over the summer and early fall due to holidays and busy startup for fall. We hope to restart it in November.

ASSOCIATE DEAN ADMINISTRATION

Updates on Construction Projects:

- COMPLETED: Education Rooms **203/233** -> AV system update
- COMPLETED: 3RD Floor **Science Laboratory**
- FINAL TOUCHES: **Envelope** project basin and the landscaping around the building – Garage to open end of October, early November as per Parking Services
- ONGOING: **Francis Chan Learning Commons Project** on the first floor to be completed in December 2021.
- NEW: Currie Gym **408/9** Classroom – construction start Spring 2022 (tentative)
- NEW: Education **3rd Floor** Active Learning Classroom – construction start Spring 2022 (tentative)
- NEW: Institutional Priorities Capital Project -> Entrance of Education Building (lobby, mezzanine and cafeteria)
- UPCOMING – design validation: Education **Art Education Lab** (room 632)
- UPCOMING – design validation: Currie **Education Adaptive and Inclusive Activity Teaching Lab** (Old Women's Locker room)
- UPCOMING – design validation: Education **624** classroom
- REQUESTED – Equipment upgrades for Tassone Teaching Lab at Currie Gym

Updates on Space Audit:

- An audit is currently underway of the Education Building spaces. Purge of items has begun. If anyone has items in unassigned rooms, these items must be retrieved by mid-November. Unclaimed items will be disposed. Prof. Paquette clarified that the Currie Gym is not part of the space audit. Dean Rassier further clarified that the Currie Gym is managed by Athletics not the Faculty of Education.
- The Faculty will accept files for archival provided that they are properly documented. Files will be sent to the McGill University Archives. Guidelines on how to archive document files will be sent to the Departments.
- Prof. Paquette was asked for an update on an email request from EGSS regarding gender neutral bathrooms and breast feeding space for parents. Prof. Paquette confirmed that the request was received and she will follow up on further discussions. Dean Rassier mentioned that all Deans have requested to Central for gender neutral bathrooms. It is being considered but as a large scale request throughout the University.
- Dean Rassier mentioned that all construction projects that we have received funding for were competitive proposals and he thanked the Associate Deans involved in the process, past and present for their efforts.

LIAISON LIBRARIAN AND COORDINATOR

- As of October 27th, 2021, vaccine passports will be required in the library. Once you present your vaccine passport at the Library for the first time, the library will issue a fast pass sticker for your McGill ID Card, which will allow you access for future visits to the libraries. At the moment, students cannot eat in the libraries because of the one meter distancing regulation.

EGSS

- EGSS started its work with 14 council members from DISE and ECP. We are still hoping to get an application from the KPE department so that we also have a KPE representative. Prof. Côté offered to email EGSS with contacts (the Graduate Program Director; KPE Council or the departmental Graduate Students Society) in KPE to follow up on the search for a KPE representative on EGSS.
- This year, the co-presidents are Emily Mannard and Azadeh Javaherpour from DISE.
- EGSS will hold their first General Assembly on October 22nd 201. We are currently in the process of planning for our budget and proposing motions that will be voted upon during the GA.*Please encourage your graduate students to attend this assembly and engage with EGSS's planning.
- This year, the EGSS conference will be held again in March. Marianne Barker and Rudy Kisler from DISE have been elected as the co-chairs. They have planned for two scenarios to account for changes to COVID-19 measures: one detailing a virtual conference, and the other as an in-person conference. They are also planning to have conference proceedings published in order to expose grad students to this process. One of the aims of this year's conference is empowering new grads to gain confidence and experience various facets of conference presenting.
- In order to prepare students, EGSS is planning for pre and post conference workshops to help students prepare for presenting and work on transforming their presentations into publishable papers once the conference has finished.
- During the first month of the semester, the EGSS's EDI survey was filled out by grad students and some noted issues have already been discussed with different departments through FEEDIC and GPD. This survey has been shared with Dr. Claudia Mitchell and the other members of FEEDIC so they can have a better understanding of students' concerns and needs. Working collaboratively, EGSS have already solved some concerns brought up by students, and are continuing to target more complex issues with different units within the Faculty of Education.
- EGSS expressed hope that the Dean's Office will once again support the EGSS conference with funding as they have in the past. Dean Rassier informed Faculty Council, that the EGSS conference is one of the only conferences in Canada run entirely by students and he assured EGSS that the Dean's Office will continue to support the conference as it has in the past.

EDUS

- The return to campus is generally smooth.
- Vaccine passport mandate for all in-person events has been going well without any issue.
- EDUS raised the concern that there does not appear to me much space for students to eat and study in the building. Prof. Dubé sent a [link](#) to all the flex spaces on campus where students can study or eat.
- EDUS plans to organize "A Student For A Day" initiative: if possible, depending on COVID-19 guidelines, in February. EGSS will welcome two CEGEP students to explore a day at the Faculty of Education for a first year student.

VARIA

- Professor Dubé shared that the University is reporting that the student vaccination level is 94.9%. An announcement will be sent out later today by MRO McGill Communications.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:40 a.m.

Faculty of Education
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MINUTES
December 1st, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom

PRESENT:

Elected Members: Professors Blane Harvey, Allison Gonsalves, Marie-Claude Geoffroy, Tina Montreuil, Benoit Gentil, Tyler Churchward-Venne, Ms. Valerie McConnell; Ms. Donna Wilkinson, Ms. Azadeh Javaherpour, Mr. Justin Liao, Ms Allyson Noftall

Non-elected members: Dean Rassier, Professors Nancy Heath, Adam Dubé; Caroline Paquette, Julie Côté, Lisa Starr

REGRETS:

Prof. Victoria Talwar, Ms. Sharon Rankin, Ms. Gabrielle Spangenberg, Mr. Stephen Peters, Ms. Emily Mannard

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- Dean Rassier shared with Faculty Council that the Deans have been meeting with Senior Administration in view of the new variant, as of now, no substantial changes have been announced by the Quebec Government or the University in regards to planning for the winter semester. There are no new guidelines at this time for international students who plan to travel over the holidays. The University will provide updates through MRO email communications and on the University website.
- Senate has passed a resolution approving the overall framework planned for the winter term including the majority of courses will be taught face-to-face with the caveat that professors can teach up to 20% of their course online. Anything above that must be approved by the department chair and/or Faculty.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 1ST, 2021

- Prof. Harvey moved and Prof. Gentil seconded the motion to approve the Agenda.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20TH, 2021

- Justin Liao moved and Donna Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of October 20th, 2021
MOTION CARRIED

CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS

ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- The cycle of the review of enrolment data, admissions targets, and graduate funding allocation has begun.
- **Enrollment**, the final numbers align with the interim report that was provided to Faculty Council at the October meeting.
- **Admissions targets** will be very similar to last year's targets for both undergraduate and graduate programs. Chairs can contact Prof. Dubé if they have specific feedback on admissions targets.
- **Graduate funding** for the faculty will increase ~30%, due to change in funding formula (see [Student Aid Budget – Allocation Formulas 2022-2023](#)). Many Faculties did not experience this 30% increase. Final allocations for departments are being determined and will be sent soon. Prof. Dube clarified that only thesis students are considered in the funding formula. Dean Rassier added that GPS uses the formulas to calculate funding to the faculties and then the Faculty works internally with the departments to plan how to use the funds.
- **Winter 2022 academic planning.** Senate has passed a policy on the use of online instruction approaches for pedagogical reasons (up to 20% online without department approval). Funds have been allocated to support this (RLAs, technology for streaming classes) and will be distributed to departments.
- **MATL PLA initiative.** Central has provided \$110,000 to support the creation of a PLA for the MATL program. This will enable students with teaching experience to complete an accelerated version of the program. Being implemented, with launch planned for Spring 2022.
- **Teacher education initiatives:** Four proposals to enhance our teacher education offerings from the Faculty (2 DISE, 1 ECP, & 1 KPE) were forwarded by central to the ministry (\$1.2 million). Also, the Faculty has requested proposals from all departments for initiatives to enhance our teacher education offerings. ~\$1 million in funding is available for these projects.
- **New Bachelor of Arts Program, major in Education in Global Contexts** has officially launched. 30 students will be admitted this year with a long-term target of ~80 students per cycle.
- **Ministry new teacher competencies.** A committee has been struck for the implementation for the new competencies with members from KPE, DISE, and FNIE. They are attending CAPFE meetings to align our approach with other institutions in the province. An official plan for the implementation will be submitted in Summer 2022 with a site visit to review the implementation set for 2024-2025.

ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- **Offering:** Ana Monteiro left early in November. The position hopefully will be filled by the end of January. In the meantime, several people are helping out. Please keep in mind that this is not their main job and they are giving us a hand as best they can. I apologize in advance for any delays and thank you for your patience. You can still reach Offering through the Offering email or reach out directly to Prof. Heath.
- **The Dean's Mentoring meeting** with pre-tenure faculty will be delayed to mid-January.

- The **Grant Support Submission Fund** was completed and awarded two new awards. New faculty members are encouraged to apply. The same people are applying multiple times and where possible, we want new people to receive these awards.
- **Awards:** The Royal Society nominees have been submitted and the applicants for nomination for the JMP and WDS have been received and they will be reviewed shortly. The 1 WDS SSHRC and 1 JMP SSHRC nominees will be submitted down the hill for consideration in January.
- **Research resumption/safety protocols** are being coordinated by Nadia Conte and there is an increase in applications so please allow for time for these to be processed. The Research Safety Evaluation will remain in place. As a reminder, supervisors are responsible for any student submissions. The supervisor must review the application and sign it.

ASSOCIATE DEAN ADMINISTRATION

Updates on construction projects:

- TLSWG meeting is meeting on December 7th to set priorities for classroom renovations at McGill (includes classroom 624 in Education Building and 305/6 in Currie).
- UTLWG is meeting on to December 9th to set priorities for teaching lab renovations at McGill (includes room 632 Art Education in Education Building and the old Women's Locker Room at Currie for Education Adaptive and Inclusive Activity Teaching lab).

Updates on meetings and events:

- Organizers are responsible for ensuring attendees follow all current public health and university directives, including appropriate physical distancing and mask wearing.

Meetings - planned and organized assemblies of individuals within regular (i.e., routine) academic or curricular, research, or work-related activities: Authorized to take place, while respecting all health directives.

Events - planned and organized assembly of individuals outside of regular academic or curricular, research, or work-related activities (i.e., one-offs or special occasions): May be subject to limitations due to covid-related logistical issues. Virtual gatherings remain a viable and inclusive option for events.

Events that require central coordination:

- events requiring central room booking assistance.
- outdoor events.
- catered events.
- events taking place outside building hours.
- distribution of food at the event.
- on-campus activities where alcohol is served.
- furnishing or rentals are needed.
- indoor events with a large attendance of 250 or more participants.
- events bringing a large number of visitors to campus.
- The Associate Dean was asked for an update regarding wifi problems in class on campus. Prof. Paquette was aware there was an issue about a month ago but she will follow up with IT. Prof. Dubé added that IT are prioritizing video conference software on the network on campus which might have an effect on the wifi service.
- Prof. Paquette was asked if students can bring their lunch into a lab meeting. Yes, so long as the two meter distance guideline is respected.

LIAISON LIBRARIAN AND COORDINATOR

No Report

EGSS

- EGSS will receive 10K from the Dean's office for this semester. Dean Rassier added that these funds are to be allocated by EGSS at their discretion.
- The first General Assembly was held on October 22nd followed by a meeting on November 19th. Five items were approved:
 - Budgeting for Awards and Scholarships.
 - Developing student initiatives based on EDI annual report and FEEDIC mandate.
 - Holding academic and social workshops and event.
 - Following up on EGSS annual conference.
 - Reviewing and adding some amendments to EGSS' constitution:
- Awards and scholarships:
 - Professional/Research Development Awards (For thesis or non-thesis grads who participate professional/research events): A cap of 5000 \$ will be allocated to this award for each semester).
 - Need-based award, this year will be Perseverance in Adversity scholarship (It looks at how a thesis or non-thesis student from the Faculty of Education persevered in a difficult or challenging situation to continue advancing their education), (3000 \$ from our budget + 6000 \$ taken from Dean's office grant – will be granted to 12 grad students).
 - Merit-based Scholarships (For excellent academic and leadership record) (4500 \$ of our budget will be granted to 6 students). d) Solidarity Fund (6,400 \$ of our budget was allocated to support students' initiatives and projects that aim to develop the wellbeing of our grads of Faculty of Education).
- EGSS is trying to coordinate with other sources to award funds fairly. Some students never apply and others apply from different sources for the same award.
- EDI: Based on our data from EDI survey, we are focusing on two domains of student experience – and physical spaces. We are aiming to run student initiatives to develop these two domains. Through following up with FEEDIC and Associate Dean, Administration, we hope to maintain those initiatives.
- Holding workshops and social events to improve academic and social life of grad students (example: This month we had APA7 and Digital Artist-in-Residence: Integrating Art into Teaching). We are hoping to have quality academic workshops to prepare students for conference and after conference for publication. (For this item and previous item (EDI), we allocated 10K from our budget and 4K from Dean's office.)
- EGSS Annual Conference: The conference committee is recruited and is working hard. The conference will happen in March; we are waiting for some logistic updates to confirm the exact date and venue of it.
- EGSS approved to add some amendments to their constitution as some sections need to have modifications or clarification.
- Dean Rassier suggested that EGSS remind graduate students that the Faculty also transfers extra funds from the Faculty of Education to Student Aid (Central) earmarked for Faculty of Education students.

EDUS

- The end of the Fall semester is filled with assignments.
- First-year students are on their first field experiences.
- Many in-person events had a positive turnout.
- The Movember event saw a lot of participation from student body.
- EDUS approved a motion for the addition of a second equity commissioner. The search will take place next year.
- EDUS is currently working on a motion for Legislative Council regarding Bishop University's social injustice management and EDUS will be making a written statement in the next few weeks regarding this issue. Dean Rassier suggested anyone interested in learning more about the allegations can find more information online.
- EDUS requested an update on the Education Building Library. Prof. Paquette stated that the Librarians are restocking the shelves and the library is anticipated to reopen soon.

VARIA

Meeting adjourned @10:40.

Faculty of Education
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MINUTES
January 26th 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom

PRESENT:

Elected Members: Professors Allison Gonsalves, Marie-Claude Geoffroy, Tina Montreuil, Benoit Gentil, Tyler Churchward-Venne, Mr. Stephen Peters, Ms. Valerie McConnell; Ms. Donna Wilkinson, Ms. Azadeh Javaherpour, Mr. Justin Liao, Ms. Gabrielle Spangenberg, Ms Allyson Noftall

Non-elected members: Dean Rassier, Professors Nancy Heath, Adam Dubé; Caroline Paquette, Julie Côté, Lisa Starr, Victoria Talwar

REGRETS: Professor Blane Harvey, Ms. Emily Mannard

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- This week marks the return to campus for face-to-face activities. Tier one activities have been ongoing since the beginning of January.
- ISA has confirmed that all student placements have been established and there are no issues so far. Other Faculty Internships are also going well.
- The Dean's office has met with EGSS. The graduate students have voted that they do not want to attend in-person classes until the end of February. As of now, the University has no plans to change in-person classes to online, although instructors can teach 20% of their courses online. Our Faculty will follow the University guidelines for face-to-face teaching.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 26TH, 2022

- Prof. Starr moved and Prof. Gentil seconded the motion to approve the Agenda.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1ST, 2021

- Prof. Starr moved and Ms. McConnell seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of December 1st, 2021
MOTION CARRIED

CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS

ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **Teacher education initiatives:** The Faculty requested proposals from all departments for initiatives to enhance our teacher education offerings. ~\$1 million in funding was available for these projects from the Provincial Government. Proposals were received at the end of December and decisions on those proposals are going out now. This will fund ~\$400k in new initiatives within the Faculty.
- **Increased government funding:** Since 2020, the Quebec government has provided the University with \$600,000 to support our teacher education programs at our discretion. The

government has proposed to maintain this commitment up until 2026 and increase the amount per year. Discussion for use of these funds and a multi-year plan are underway in consultation with the Provost office.

- **GEF and admission targets:** The GEF funding memos and admission targets were communicated to departments on December 15th. Funding for each department increased considerably from previous years and admissions targets remained almost identical to last years.
- **New Graduate Funding policies:** Two funding policies were put in place to increase equity in graduate student funding. One, the Faculty level funding cap for graduate students was lowered from \$50k to \$40k for students paying Quebec tuition fees. This cap applies to funds received from the Faculty and external awards, but does not apply to stipends or RA amounts. Two, a new policy on 'uncommitted funds' was put forward in which money that goes unused each year is carried forward to the next year's GEF allocation.
- Prof. Dubé was asked to clarify a new admissions policy whereby GPS advised Graduate Program Directors that departments should not be recommending graduate applicants for tri-council funding if the applicant was not being recommended for acceptance. Dean Rassier asked Prof. Dubé to please clarify this policy with GPS-

ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- **Offering update:** We are finalizing the interviews for the replacement of Ana Monteiro as coordinator of Offering. We hope to have the new person in place by early March and are optimistic about the potential for Offering to be able to offer the same level of even greater support as prior to the change.
- **Research Resumption:** We are pleased to announce that the review for research resumption, the application and review of safety protocols is no longer required as the vast majority of our researchers are very aware of the requirements and are already abiding by the rules. We will be sending out the email later today reminding people of the current guidelines.
- **Grants:** Please continue to remind your researchers of the need to submit an OSR checklist in advance of submission of grants (we have the Insight Development Grant deadline early next week) to Offering for review. Nancy is notified twice a year if Researchers are not following the OSR checklist requirements.
- **Ethics Committees:** Prof Heath clarified in response to a question that the REB's are aware that the Faculty of Education no longer requires internal review and approval for applications to the Ethics Committee. Researchers are responsible for following the guidelines.

ASSOCIATE DEAN ADMINISTRATION

Updates on Construction Projects:

- **ONGOING: Francis Chan Learning Commons Project** the larger open space of the project will open January 31. Awaiting backordered equipment to open the computer lab, A/V loans counter and 133 classroom.
- **NEW: Currie Gym 408/9 Classroom** – construction delayed to begin Fall 2022 or Winter 2023. The scope of the project has expanded to include Classroom **305/6** underneath. They are consulting with Class Scheduling for the best time to start this project.

LIAISON LIBRARIAN AND COORDINATOR

No report

EGSS

- **Student led strike:** Education graduate students have voted to extend the strike from in-person classes through February 25. At the Special General Assembly on January 25th, 71 out of 84 votes received were in support of the extension. The students who go on strike will continue to attend any online options available, but they won't attend in-person classes. They clarified the main demand of the strike is that all instructors be allowed to determine whether they offer their classes fully online or in-person for the rest of the term, and that all classes not offered fully online be offered in a fully hybrid manner. Where in-person learning continues, provision of adequate PPE (N95 masks or similar) and HEPA filtration and/or ventilation monitoring, with clearly posted documentation on each classroom. This action was taken due to concerns of the unsafe teaching and learning conditions and opaque policies surrounding the return to in-person learning. EGSS shared the strike resolution with Donna Wilkinson. The striking committee have requested a meeting with the Dean.
- **The Council discussed the graduate student strike and requested the following clarifications**
 - Confirmation of the total number of graduate students in the Faculty. Prof. Dubé estimated the total number of graduate students to be ~ 800 based on admissions data. EGSS confirmed they had the quorum at the meeting for the strike vote.
 - Council pointed out that 10% of graduate students voted to strike based on inadequate safety in the classroom, EGSS was asked what that conclusion was based on. EGSS responded:
 1. The students have concerns about the lack of documentation or clarification on the air infiltration in classrooms and masks.
 2. The students feel if restaurants can ask for vaccination passports then vaccination passports should also be required in classrooms?
 3. Students are also concerned about the high risk of travelling on public transportation and exposure to COVID.
 - EGSS shared that survey data on the graduate students concerns and opinions is available upon request and has been shared with the Dean's office.
 - Council enquired if EGSS General Assemblies were always open to non-students and EGSS confirmed that General Assemblies are open to all.
- **The EGSS conference** will be held on March 25th & 26th 2022. The conference committee announced that the keynote speaker will be Dr. Marlene Scardamalia from University of Toronto. Dr. Scardamalia is one of the pioneers in [computer-supported collaborative learning](#) (CSL) pedagogical approach. Her speech will be after the Dean's remarks on March 25th around 9:15 am.
- **EGSS Academic Workshops** will again be offered. Students are advised to check EGSS' website or Facebook for new academic events.
- **Awards:** The EGSS Persevering Scholars Award (a need-based fellowship, sponsored by the Dean's office) is currently open with the deadline of January 30th, 2022; it will be allocated to 10 students who will be awarded 750\$ each, (EGSS are assessing if it is possible to increase the number of the awardees); The second round of Professional Research Development (PRD) and Solidarity funds are now open. EGSS hope to open in April, another round of need-based fellowship. Information is on the EGSS website.

EDUS

- Cohorts have expressed concerns about the return to in-person learning on campus.

- EdUS Nomination Period for the 2022-2023 council has begun on January 17th, 2022.
- EdUS are giving out free KN95 masks for Education students (two per person). EdUS will be distributing these masks during office hours, while supplies last.
- EdUS had its first PedTalk of the semester on Wednesday, January 26th with Mr. Terry Price about motivation.
- EdUS is planning the Virtual Career Fair on February 11th, 2022

VARIA

- The Dean informed Faculty Council that the Faculty is now recycling masks. There are bins located at the entries of the building in the same area as mask distributions. An email broadcast will be sent out to students, staff and faculty with this information.
- Prof. Claudia Mitchell will be invited to the next Faculty Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 16th to provide an update on FEEDIC pending approval at the next Faculty Council Steering Committee meeting of March 9th 2022.

Meeting adjourned @10:38

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March 16th, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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REGRETS: Professors Nancy Heath, Blane Harvey, Marie-Claude Geoffroy and Ms. Emily Mannard

CHAIR'S REMARKS

- Dean Rassier invited Dr. Montreuil to update Faculty Council on Education NewMAD (New Models of Academic Program Delivery), Dr. Montreuil is one of two Faculty Liaisons on this committee. This University broad working group was formed to investigate how remote teaching could be incorporated into new ways of academic program delivery.
- Dean Rassier has also invited Prof. Claudia Mitchel, Chair of the FEEDIC committee to present the committee's work.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF MARCH 16, 2022

- Prof. Montreuil moved and Prof. Starr seconded the motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021

- Prof. Montreuil moved and Dr. Peters seconded the motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

INVITED GUESTS:

Prof. Tina Montreuil presented on Education NewMAD (New Models of Academic Program Delivery). Profs Tina Montreuil and Caroline Riches are the Faculty representatives on the Education NewMAD. Education NewMAD wishes to explore new models of academic program delivery at McGill to evolve and modify our approaches. Together with the recent experience of the rapid reorganization of teaching and learning in 2020-22, and emerging trends in university-level pedagogy, the Newmad working group is tasked with recommending directions for the evolution of academic program delivery at McGill. The strategies that emerge will serve as a basis for growth and change over the next decade or more. Dr. Montreuil will share a letter of commitment with the Dean's Office as each Faculty must confirm their commitment.

Prof. Victoria Talwar asked about the timeline of implementation of some changes. Prof. Montreuil said the anticipated target is Fall 2023.

Prof. Adam Dubé sees a potential for collaboration between NewMAD and APC, the academic committee that oversees general academic policies to create faculty guidelines.

Prof. Claudia Mitchell presented on the Faculty of Education's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (FEEDIC). The main mandate of FEEDIC is to advance equity, diversity and inclusivity for students, faculty and staff within the Faculty, particularly those from groups that have historically encountered or continue to face systemic barriers.

The terms of reference will be reviewed periodically. The Dean mentioned that each department can still have their own initiatives and can obtain funding from the Provost's Office. Prof. Mitchell would like to form a sub-committee for the FEEDIC budget. There is still a need for a Faculty Ombudsperson. Sharon Rankin, Library Liaison, mentioned that the librarians can assist with any library resources the committee might need.

CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS

ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

COVID policies for the remainder of the academic term are to remain the same. Professors are now allowed to remove their masks if they maintain a two-meter distance. Students must wear masks.

- 2022 Admissions. Total number of applications are slightly down from previous years. Graduate admissions are at around 75% of last year's numbers, undergraduate at 87%, but we have 200+ applications to the new BA in education in Global Context. The final admission numbers are still forthcoming.
- Meetings set with Concordia and Bishops regarding the EETC exam. In the short term, we are looking to adapt the exam to address current high failure rate. In the long term, we are looking to perhaps remove the exam and incorporate it into existing in-program evaluations.

ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- Offering: We have hired Dr. Anne-Julie Houle as Research Administrator of Offering and are excited about the excellent skills she brings to the faculty in support of our researchers. With a Masters in Sociology and a PhD in Public Health as well as extensive experience in research administration, she will be a notable asset to our Faculty. We will slowly be ramping back up Offering activities and extending them.
- Upcoming Opportunities to Share:
 - Please share that we launched within our Faculty **Grant Submission Support Fund (GSSF)** last week and pre-tenured professors are particularly encouraged to apply. Deadline is April 4th at 10 am (respect the 10am timeline).
 - In addition, we are excited to have launched a new research project initiative in our Faculty. The **Desjardins Innovate-Education research project** which also has a deadline of April 4th at 10am. Innovate-Education will fund two proposals for \$20,000 for research/activity related to innovations in STEAM, the post-covid digital shift in teaching/learning, and technology practices for digital learning and citizenship. One award will be given to a more established researcher to maximize immediate impact and one to an early career/emerging researcher to support future growth/promise.

- Research Resumption: All researchers are free to resume/undertake in-person research following the health and safety guidelines currently in place.
- Research Ethics Board (REB): My office has been working with REB to ensure more timely response to REB submissions. REB has gone online with eRAP (electronic Research Administration Portal), which will launch on April 1st. I piloted it and in the long term it will significantly decrease wait time, however we can expect a few glitches in the early days. We ask that researchers be patient but to also communicate any issues with REB.

ASSOCIATE DEAN ADMINISTRATION

Updates on Construction Projects:

- **ONGOING: Francis Chan Learning Commons Project which includes** the larger open space of the former library space is opening now. The opening was delayed from the initial date of January 31 due to construction deficiencies. The new computer lab and a classroom will be delivered later.
- **ONGOING:** A/V loans counter to move to its new location on the first floor.

Space:

- OFNIE is relocating to the fourth floor.
- **Shredding:** in the next few weeks a shredding company will come to dispose of documents. An announcement will be made when the date is finalized. We encourage everyone to start planning for disposal now.

Updates on Meeting, Events and Extracurricular:

- In-person events may take place but are subject to limitations due to COVID-related logistical issues.
- Organizers are responsible for ensuring attendees follow all current public health and university directives (physical distancing, wearing masks, and vaccine passports).
- Central coordination is required for some activities as per the “Framework on Meetings & Events”. (e.g., outdoor events, events outside building hours, more than 250 participants).

LIAISON LIBRARIAN AND COORDINATOR

Vaccine passport at the Library will continue until the end of term. The EOC and the Dean of Libraries have confirmed this decision.

As a result, the Education Curriculum Resources Centre (ECRC) will continue to be a pickup location for library materials until further notice.

In February, the librarian, library assistant and nine part-time student assistants put the collection back together and are ready for a reopening of ECRC as soon as it is permitted.

As of Monday, March 14 to the end of Winter term (Friday, April 29, 2022), members of the public who have an authorized Quebec vaccine passport and accompanying valid ID (e.g. driver’s license, Medicare card, etc.) will have access to all Library spaces.

EGSS

- **2022 Conference:** The 20th annual **EGSS conference will be held on March 25th & 26th.** [The plan](#) is to hold a hybrid conference this year, with on-campus activities on Friday, March 25th, and Saturday, March 26th over Zoom. As in the past, our conference will host Canadian and international students and guest speakers. We'll have various conference awards for Fast 5 and best abstract and presentation. The conference committee is hoping to serve lunch on the 25th, but this has yet to be confirmed as we are waiting for our final funding to wrap up our budget. We should acknowledge *that the Co-Chair of the Conference, Marianne Barker* is doing an amazing job with all plannings, leading, and coordination needs.
- **Academic Workshops:** EGSS has hosted various academic workshops to assist students in developing their academic presentation and writing skills. These workshops were run by EGSS members in collaboration with professors from our faculty and other universities. This afternoon, for instance, EGSS will be hosting a workshop on effective presentation skills led by Dr. Angelica Galante.
- **myInvolvement:** We recently completed the registration process so EGSS could be recognized with the student services myInvolvement program. This means that students' participation in EGSS's workshops, our annual conference, and involvement in council will all be recognized on their co-curricular transcripts at McGill.
- **EGSS Scholarships/Financial Awards:** We processed several different scholarships/financial awards this semester, with all applications reviewed and selected through three rounds of blind review based on rubrics created by council members.
 - We used the contribution received from the Dean's office for our Needs-Based award which has been newly named as Perseverance Award. While we had 28 applicants, we had the budget to award \$750 to 19 selected students, for a total of \$14,250. Should we receive more funds in April, there are 9 more applicants currently in "pending" status that can also be awarded. This initiative from the Dean's office has greatly assisted students facing different challenges in easing their financial burdens. While the content of some of the applicants has been heavy for reviews, the response we've received from recipients has been incredibly heartwarming.
 - We've also navigated two rounds of Professional Research Development applications, with 18 students awarded funding to attend research-related events such as conferences
 - We are currently in the process of selecting recipients for the Winter semester round of our Student Solidarity fund, awarded to assist financially with student-led initiatives. While 5 initiatives have been selected, the funding amount must still be determined by council members based on our current remaining budget.
 - Lastly, our Merit-Based scholarships will be announced during the month of April after our conference.
- **Students' Mental Health and Wellbeing:** There has been a high number of students reaching out to EGSS to express concern over their mental health and wellbeing and request access to support and resources. We've recently been in contact with the local wellness advisor, Marie-Eve, who provided us with helpful resources and advice to support graduate students. Based on our requests, Marie-Eve has also designed a workshop (to be held on Friday, March 18th) that will address specific student anxieties/support needs concerning global issues such as the war in

Ukraine and Covid-related concerns (e.g., financial difficulties given recent inflation, panic regarding campus returns). Our experience with the new local advisor has been very positive, and we're hoping more students book individual sessions with her or the Wellness hub as needed.

- **Mask Requests:** Regarding accommodating students' requests for N95 masks, PGSS is now distributing masks on a "pay what you can" basis. The priority group for mask reservations (graduate students from the Faculty of Education) is shown in the below image.

Mail - Azadeh Javaherpour - C x Post-Graduate Students' Soci x +

pgss.mcgill.ca/en/event/1110

Only online payment is accepted

SECURE PAYMENT WITH CHASE Paymentech

I have read and understood the conditions below, and I agree to them. *

Please pay what you can. No one will be refused for lack of funds, but if you can afford to pay something, please do so that we can keep this program sustainable and accessible to all.

Pick-Up Time *

10:00-11:00AM 11:00AM-12:00PM 12:00-1:00PM 1:00-2:00PM

2:00-3:00PM 3:00-4:00PM 4:00-5:00PM 5:00-6:00PM

Which priority group do you belong to? *

DISE, ECP, KPE, and SSW grad students doing stages, placements, or subbing in the education system

Non-unionized members with Tier 1 campus obligations; student parents of kids under 11

Members at high risk of complications from Covid or of being triaged out of care for severe Covid; members with caregiving obligations for people over 70; members who live with immunocompromised people

Members working as TAs, course instructors or lecturers

General membership

Canada Masq CA-N95 in size Medium, for small-medium faces: <https://bit.ly/CAN95medium>

20.9 cm
12 cm

EDUS

Most positions for the 2022-2023 EdUS council have been elected. Our McGill 24 event, in collaboration with Andee Shuster was a success.

We reached our donations goal.

Our bake sale went well.

We are currently hosting our Wellness Week event which will include:

Care packages

Art therapy

Zootherapy with dogs

And more!

We provided the COVID-19 relief grants to students.

We are currently initiating a second wave of grants as well.

VARIA

None discussed.

Meeting adjourned was adjourned at 10:51 am.