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**Faculty of Education**  
**Faculty Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 12, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Room 233**

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Present:

*Elected members:* Professors Blane Harvey, Marie-Claude Geoffrey, Tina Montreuil, Benoit Gentil, Tyler Churchward-Venne, Victoria Talwar, Tianna Kloepfer (EdUS President), Lisa Starr.

*Non-elected members:* Dean Rassier, Professors Marie-Helene Pennestri, Sheryl Smith-Gilman, Caroline Paquette, Gordon Bloom.

Regrets: Stephen Peters, Sharon Rankin, Valerie McConnell, Vanessa Bridgman, Cinzia Di Placido (EGSS co-president).

#### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- Dean Rassier welcomed everyone, including new members, to the first Faculty Council of the academic year. The Dean reminded members of the process of adding agenda items. The Dean's Office sends an email to members of the Faculty for questions and motions beforehand and a Faculty Council Steering Committee receives them, meets and validates the agenda. The Dean remarked on the staffing shortages across the units. The Dean's Office is working on remediating the shortages while maintaining units' efficiency.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 12, 2022**

- Marie-Claude Geoffrey moved and Tina Montreuil seconded the motion to approve the agenda.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2021**

- Benoit Gentil moved and Sheryl Smith-Gilman seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2021.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS**

##### **ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

###### **1. Teacher education initiatives:**

**The projets inédits en sciences de l'éducation:** The Faculty requested proposals from all departments for initiatives to enhance teacher education as well as projects geared at the development of teachers. Internal submissions will be reviewed over the next few weeks. Final, translated proposals are due to Julie Degans by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> (the earlier the better).

**The Program « Soutien au parcours de formation en sciences de l'éducation »** is being renewed for another year with a preliminary FY2023 allocation of \$820,526 to be awarded to the Faculty of Education.

## **2. Ministry student funding:**

**Bourses Perspective:** (was IPSS): Stagiaire funding for B.Ed. only, continues as in the past.

**The “Bourses d'excellence aux futurs enseignants”:** for B.Ed. student being renewed this year.

**Bourses de persévérance pour les étudiants inscrits à la maîtrise :** Ministry has decreased funding for MATL stagiaires due to lower enrollment in MATL programs in Quebec. In the past students received \$3900 per year. The new funding will cover an amount **up to** \$2500 for 15 credits completed in 2022 (winter, summer & fall) This excludes the Winter 2023 session.

Eligibility criteria: Be enrolled in the program in the fall and winter terms of the current year. (Graduating students are eligible without registering for the next term). Have successfully completed a sufficient number of credits in the program, since the previous year, to advance to a higher level.

Tiers:

- Tier 1: between 15 and 29 credits passed
- Stage 2: between 30 and 44 credits passed
- Stage 3: between 45 and 59 credits passed
- Stage 4: 60 credits passed and graduation

Universities are requested to submit students' information for better records in Feb. 2023.

N.B. A transitional funding model is being prepared for students presently in the second year of the MATL program to make up for loss of funding.

**ECP Soutien aux stages et à la formation pratique dans le domaine de la santé et des services sociaux: \$466,000.00 over 2 years.**

**Bourses aux doctorantes et aux doctorants en sciences de l'éducation / Scholarships for doctoral students in Education:**

Eligibility criteria: Be enrolled in a 3rd cycle degree program in education in the fall 2022 & winter 2023 semesters; have Quebec resident status; be interested in the field of didactics or initial teacher training, as demonstrated by the research topic; have an excellent academic record and strong research skills.

Priority to candidates who have passed their doctoral examination. Financial support paid in two amounts of \$10,000 in the fall 2022 and winter 2023 terms respectively. Students may receive financial support only once during their doctoral studies.

### **3. DISE program Development :**

**Reconnaissance des acquis et des compétences (RAC):** Previous funding for RAC program development (\$110,055): For 2022-23 additional funding (\$100,000). DISE committee presently working on program development with objectives of being ready for May 2023.

**MATL K/elementary Option:** Planning underway to develop a K/elementary MATL option. Goal is to be ready for May 2023. (Pending approval– may delay for following year).

**4. CAPFE & Accreditation process:** Discussions occurred between AD and ISA, DISE, KPE and OFNIE regarding objectives for integration of New Professional Teacher Competencies. Draft is being prepared for the required deployment plan. After final review by the Departments, plan will be submitted to CAPFE by year end. Sub-committees have been arranged to activate deployment plan. Additionally, meetings with Bishops and Concordia continue to be arranged every few months to share questions about CAPFE process.

N.B. CAPFE suspended for now: Committee members are not meeting, and past president is only responding to questions. Reorganization and mandate from the Ministry are pending.

**5. Marketing & Communication:** Working with Andee to support more outreach for recruitment, focus on low enrollment programs. Planning with GPS for Graduate programs. KPE & DISE arranging with GPS for information nights. Consideration for more information sessions to group programs across faculty (e.g., Professional development program information session for all Grad. Certificate programs.) Andee and AD requested meeting with recruiters to update Faculty programs.  
UG Open House Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Question: Are the Quebec ministry programs for all McGill students or solely for the students in the Faculty of Education?

Answer: The ones mentioned such as the RAC are solely for Education students to encourage students to become teachers due to the increasing shortage of teachers in the province.

## **ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

We will launch soon a competition of the Faculty of Education Grant Submission Support Fund (GSSF).

Aim: to provide small scale funding (max \$5,000) to support activities involved in the submission of a research grant.

-Pre-tenure faculty members: a targeted grant submission (any Canadian federal Tri-Council Agency - SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR).

-Tenured faculty members: a significant addition/expansion of their previous grant submissions.

OSR checklists and Table of commitments: when unsure, please consult with ADR and Offering before getting the signatures or before reaching OSR, to avoid multiple rounds of signatures.

### Data Management Strategy

All Canadian universities need to produce a Research Data Management Plan. McGill created the McGill Research Data Management Strategy Working Group to develop an institutional Research Data Management Strategy - <https://www.mcgill.ca/drs/strategy>. The first draft of the RDM strategy is now available online and you are invited to give feedback. Several town hall meetings are organized.

FRQ will present a new Open Access Policy in 2023. Workshops will be offered by the McGill Library.

Question: Do you know if the Quebec ministry is negotiating with publishers to provide funding for Open Access?

Answer: At the moment, there is no funding announced from the Ministry. We only know about the policy changes that will be coming in 2023, which will be stricter than the current Federal guidelines concerning Open Access.

Gordon Bloom mentioned that he knows that the Open Access process can be intimidating at first, but once he was able to familiarize himself with the process, he found it very useful. The library offers training for all faculty members. Gordon Bloom suggests the Faculty offer in-house training in collaboration with the librarian. Marie-Hélène Pennestri responded that this is a good idea and the Faculty will look into.

## ASSOCIATE DEAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

### Updates on Construction Projects:

- COMPLETED: **Faculty of Education Learning Commons** OPENED.
- COMPLETED: A/V loans counter moved to its new location Room 137.
- ONGOING: New Computer lab (room 122) and Classroom (133) will be available shortly.
- FINAL TOUCHES: Education Garage missing parts (supply chain) being resolved. Garage may open by the end of the calendar year 2022 (as per Parking Services).

Upcoming Renovations:

### Active Projects

- Education 627: update of the space to be functional (removal of computers, projection system, podium)
- Currie Gym 305/6 and 408/9 Classrooms – construction May 2023 and July 2024 (delayed)
- Education 3rd Floor Active Learning Classroom – Design nearly completed

### In Planning

- Teaching Lab on the list: Currie Education Adaptive and Inclusive Activity Teaching Lab (Old Women's Locker room)
- Teaching Lab on the list: Education Art Education Lab (room 632)

- Classroom bundles to be listed for complete renovation: [613, 624, 629, 539], [431, 433, 434, 437], [211, 216].

**Request for scientific equipment (Teaching Labs):**

- Call made to stakeholders due Oct. 13 – provide quotes and detail for need

**Space:**

- Graduate student workspace: B180. Minor renos to improve work environment.
- Space Audit: Reorganization of offices to allow for spaces to be allocated by need. Process to allocate a few available labs/workspaces for research will be communicated this Fall. Alignment with McGill's New Space Directive.

Question: What if we are hiring new staff and we don't have enough offices?

Answer: Caroline Paquette responded to please let the Associate Dean Infrastructure and Administration know, so we can update the space inventory. There will be changes, some will get new space while others will have their space reduced.

Question: What is the timeline for the Faculty Space Policy?

We are hoping to send the Faculty Space policy and form for this Fall semester. ADIA will meet with the Chairs to discuss the process

**EGSS**

No report was giving this meeting due to no EGSS representative present. The report will be presented at the next Faculty Council meeting.

**EDUS**

EdUS held Fall elections:

Two motions were included to add a U0 representative and a representative from the new program BA Global Context, U2 position.

EdUS used some of their funds to purchase new furniture to upgrade the lounge. They have received really good feedback on the new space.

This Fall, EdUs will be holding several pancake sales to raise money for charity. EdUs held one already in the Education lobby and raised \$357 for the Native Women Shelter.

Another pancake sale is planned soon to raise money for the Milton Park Community.

EdUS reported back from students that the Perseverance Funds for students are much appreciated, and they wish to continue to collaborate on these and their distribution.

EdUS has also been in contact with McGill Scholarship and Student Aid to continue to spread funds.

**VARIA**

Blane Harvey discussed Tri-Council support for graduate students due to stagnation of the amount of funding available for students. Marie-Hélène Pennestri mentioned the issue was not discussed at

Research Academic Committee (RAC); but that she could mentioned it at the next RAC meeting. Benoit Gentil is part of Council of Graduate Students (CGS) and can bring it up there as well.

Gordon Bloom asked if there was any feedback about the Fall reading week. He mentioned he received positive feedback from his own students. Dean will take note and see if you there have been any feedback collected centrally.

Motion to adjourn Lisa Starr seconded from Tiana Kloepper

Meeting adjourned @ 10:40 a.m.

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**Faculty of Education  
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December 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Room 233**

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Present:

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*Non-elected members:* Professors Marie-Hélène Pennestri; Victoria Talwar and Caroline Paquette, Sharon Rankin

Regrets: Dean Dilson Rassier, Professors Sheryl Smith-Gilman; Stephen Peters; Gordon Bloom; Lisa Starr and Benoit Gentil, Ajeetpall Singh (EGSS co-president).

#### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Associate Dean Paquette welcomed everyone to the last Faculty Council of 2022. She then congratulated members on a smooth return to fully in-person teaching/learning. Associate Dean Paquette informed members that she would be delivering the Associate Dean, Academic Programs report in Professor Sheryl Smilth-Gilman's absence.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 14, 2022**

The agenda was approved with the addition of Liaison Librarian and Coordinator under item 4d. EGSS and EDUS will become items 4e and 4f respectively.

Marie-Claude Geoffrey moved and Valerie McConnell seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2022**

Marie Helene Pennestri moved and Tianna Klopfer seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS**

##### **ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

1. **MINISTRY:** Teacher education programs
  - EETC exam: 3 English universities will be meeting on Dec. 16th with new Ministry re possible modifications to the exam. French Universities also meeting about the TECFEE.
  - **MINISTRY:** RAC programs being encouraged to support teacher shortages; Probationary licenses from the Ministry being considered for individuals from out of Canada with teaching degrees( or teaching experience in disciplines) ( need to take 5 courses and pass language exams within 5 years) – to address teacher shortages. Various pathways are being considered.
  - Topics of focus for the coming year: Early Childhood; RAC programs; cultural awareness.

- CAPFE: Deployment plan for the integration of the new REFERENTIEL will be submitted by the end of the month (in translation). Some of the plans have already been put in to place (such as new PCS in courses (objectives & assessments), lesson planning and assessment). Some new projects will be planned. CAPFE has to give feedback. (CAPFE still not up and running).

## 2. FACULTY:

- NEWMAD: Chris Buddle presented to APC; all Departments represented, ISA & Student Reps present: moving forward with protocols for online course delivery
  - Hybrid approach: most report does not work well.
  - Blended approach: more a possible focus. 20 % remote presently allowed. Above that percentage an approval process will be in place (faculty/SCTP); requests will be needed way in advance. (Rationale how the remote addition adds to course content, design and learning). Individual faculties will have to design their own core elements to ensure programmatic suitability, scheduling etc.
- Admission targets coming soon.
- McGill University online website coming: Will host only select programs that are completely online. DISE 3 G-Cel certificates and Grad. Cert. PIF are included.

Question: S. Rankin inquired about the name (link) of the new website.

Answer: C. Paquette replied that she would inquire with the AD Academic Programs and would get back to her.

## **ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

### 1. OFFERING & OSR

- The OFFERING position was posted in November.
- The ADR is monitoring the OFFERING mailbox as regularly as possible, but please expect a delay.
- I continue to offer support for Grants and Awards, but considering the situation, please send OSR checklists or any request in advance - when possible.

### 2. VARIA

- We received several GSSF applications, we will evaluate the dossiers and will notify the applicants.
- There is an active collaboration between the Office of the Vice-Principal, Research and Innovation and REB to improve the review process.
- There will be new sessions offered by the Library in January-February 2023 about the new FRQ Open Access Policy (a peer-reviewed publication must be made openly accessible as soon as it is published by a scholarly journal)

Question: B. Harvey inquired whether the online REB process will be simplified/streamlined?

Answer: M.H. Pennestri replied that the online system is being newly implemented in an effort to simplify the application and renewal processes. She asked that researchers let her know if they encounter issues with the new system.

## **ASSOCIATE DEAN ADMINISTRATION**

### 1. Updates on Construction Projects:

- FINAL TOUCHES: Education Garage - there were some delays with the wiring component of the project. No commitment to an exact timeframe however the “progress is promising” as per Parking Services.

2. Space:

- Graduate student workspace: B180. Minor renos to improve work environment.
- Space Audit: Delays in implementing changes. Will be addressed ASAP.

Question: V. Talwar inquired whether research space would be available for new hires in ECP.

Answer: C. Paquette asked that Professor Talwar contact her directly as this is something that had been discussed between the two prior to the meeting.

### LIASON LIBRARIAN

Sharon Rankin shared a presentation on the closure of the Humanities & Social Sciences Library, slated to take place in 2023. The collection will be housed temporarily at a remote location and will then find a permanent home as part of the Fiat Lux project. In the meantime, Libraries is asking Faculties to identify alternative study spaces for students.

### EGSS

#### General assembly and budget:

- On Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 4:00pm-5:30pm we held our Fall General Assembly following this [agenda](#)
- During the General Assembly, we approved the year [budget](#)

#### Awards:

- We currently have a call out for the Professional and research development award (Tier based)
- We plan on distributing the following awards:
  - Academic excellence award (merit based - 3 MA, 3 PhD)
  - Student solidarity fund (student initiatives for fall and winter semesters)
  - Preserving scholars award (need-based, 5 MA, 5 PhD)
- Depending on if we receive additional funding (e.g., sponsors, fundraising), we may add more awards or increase the award values

#### Events

##### *Academic events:*

1. Student panel: Tips and tricks to survive grad school (Dec 1, 2022)
  - Panel of returning graduate students discussing their experiences and answering student questions
  - Light snacks and refreshments were provided
2. Shut up and write + movie (Nov 17, Dec 1, Dec 15, 2022)
  - Half of the session is collective silent writing
  - The other half is a movie night
  - Light snacks and refreshments were provided

##### *Social events:*

1. Meet & greet (Sep 29, 2022)
  - Snacks, games and prizes in the graduate student lounge
  - Opportunity to meet the current EGSS council
2. “We Will Walk Together” (Sep 30, 2022)
  - EGSS booth in the Education building during National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
3. Halloween (Oct 28, 2022)

- Snacks and games in the graduate student lounge)

*Equity, diversity & inclusion events:*

1. A "working in diverse spaces: Do's and don'ts": Workshop series
  - Workshop on microaggressions hosted by Welly (VP EDI) and Dr. Tabi

**Potential future events:**

- Winter semester welcome
- Additional shut up and write + movie sessions
- Additional academic and EDI workshops
- Career fair
- Black history month art exhibition
- End of year event

Graduate student lounge:

- Appliances such as a coffee machine and toaster was added to the EGSS lounge
- Snacks, drinks, stationery, and art supplies are regularly replenished
- We aim to make the lounge as accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all graduate students

Conference:

- The EGSS conference co-chairs are forming the conference sub-committee
- Dates: March 23-24 (hybrid)
- Theme: Going for Growth: Learning for a Sustainable Future

Communications:

- We communicate with students via our monthly newsletters sent through email, our social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), and our [website](#)

**EDUS**

FE4 Bursary & Quebec Scholarships

- With the introduction of the Quebec Scholarships for students studying for a B.Ed. degree, the FE4 bursary is no longer available. The scholarships are only available for Quebec residents, meaning that out of province and international students are not eligible.
- Is there anything the faculty can do to support students that are not eligible for the grant?

EDEC 223 Indigenous Education Fee

- This semester students registered in EDEC 223 paid \$45 to invite 6-7 guest speakers from an Indigenous community to speak to the class.
- "There is a \$45 fee used to purchase essential materials needed to provide students with firsthand insight into indigenous ways of knowing. Fees are also used to remunerate indigenous elders, knowledge keepers and/or cultural presenters that provide cultural or pedagogical expertise."
- At the end of the term now, one section (002) reported having 4 classes cancelled, with 2 guest speakers (one on zoom, one in person).

Career Fair

- Currently approving exhibitors (schools, tutoring companies).
- Will be held in the SSMU University Centre on February 8, 2023.

For-Credit Health/Wellness Course

- In discussion with SSMU they hope to help create for-credit courses on health and wellness.
- University of Toronto has a "Positive Psychology" class, University of Manitoba has "The Science of Joy and Happiness"
- For education students, could incorporate how to handle teacher burnout, promote mindfulness in the classroom.

- Professor Nancy Heath would be interested in teaching a course like this.
- What is the process for suggesting a course?

#### PED(Pedagogy) Talks

- The VP Academics held 3 PED Talks this semester
- Jason Lister led a session on applying to grad school and how to find and build connections with professor for references.
- Dr. Emmanuel Tabi led a workshop on equality vs. equity in the classroom.
- Terry Price led PED Fair to commence finals season, inviting students to drop in and participate in various workshops and musical presentations.

#### Pancake Breakfasts

Our charity pancake breakfasts were a huge success this semester! Thank you to all faculty members that came down to support us, we look forward to holding more in the new year!

#### **VARIA**

No varia.

Motion to adjourn Victoria Talwar seconded by Tina Montreuil.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:31 a.m.

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**February 1, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
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Present:

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*Non-elected members:* Dean Dilson Rassier, Professors Sheryl Smith-Gilman; Victoria Talwar; Gordon Bloom; Lisa Starr; Caroline Paquette.

Regrets: Professors Marie-Hélène Pennestri; Stephen Peters; Tina Montreuil, Sharon Rankin, Cinzia Di Placido (EGSS co-president) and Tianna Kloepfer (EdUS President)

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Dean Rassier welcomed everyone to the meeting. He went on to advise members that as we approach the end of the fiscal year, his Office is expecting to receive a document from the Provost's Office which will outline the budget allocation as well as salaries and positions. Dean Rassier then announced to members that the Faculty had obtained funds from the government to open an Ed-Tech (Educational Technology) Office under the direction of Prof. Adam Dubé. The Office would serve to help lecturers with remote instruction as well as a hub where partnerships with Ed-Tech companies could be created. As a final point, Dean Rassier spoke about Black History Month as February 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of a month-long series of events and guest speakers organized by the Provost's Office in collaboration with the Faculty of Education. He encouraged members to attend the keynote address given by Professor Rinaldo Walcott this evening.

Question: B. Gentil inquired whether internal grants were available to support the creation of the Ed Tech office.

Answer: Dean Rassier explained that no grants were available at the University level but that one of the goals of the Ed-Tech office would be to go out and get such grants (philanthropy).

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

Victoria Talwar moved and Sheryl Smith-Gilman seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2022**

Sheryl Smith-Gilman moved and Marie-Claude Geoffrey seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of December 14, 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS**

**ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

Teacher Education Programs:

1. EETC: The 3 English universities met in December to discuss suggestions for possible modifications to the EETC exam that have been suggested by our DISE committee. This month the following will occur at each university:
  - AD will discuss suggestions with the expert examiners from their university.
  - The entire group will meet on Feb. 21st to review and finalize a list of recommendations.
  - Once confirmed the recommendations for modifications will be put forward to the CEETC.

The CEETC is piloting a new version of Part 2 of the exam. UG B.Ed. students were offered the opportunity to partake in the piloting this month. (Only 20 students were being accepted). A stipend was offered as well as evaluator's feedback to writing skills.
2. Revisions to the MATL program will be presented at this coming APC meeting. Updates to follow.
3. RAC Programs remain under review. Quebec Education Minister has made some announcements that may alter plans. More information is needed; there are implications that might affect our programs.
4. Teacher Education initiatives: Early in the fall term the faculty had requested proposals from all departments for initiatives to enhance teacher education offerings. Three proposals from DISE were forwarded to central to the Ministry. (~\$1 million in funding is available for these projects).

#### **ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

Dean Rassier presented in Associate Dean Pennestri's absence.

1. Departments have received their Graduate Funding Allocation, Admissions Targets & Graduate Awards/Fellowships. Funding plans are expected by February 8th but do not hesitate to reach us before the deadline if you have any question or if you want some feedback.
2. The ADR wants to kindly remind everyone to send their OSR checklist in advance, especially when there is a Table of Commitment. Unfortunately, our team was not able to confirm some in-kind contributions recently because of very last minute requests. We will send an email to all Faculty members in the next weeks to clarify the process. Dean Rassier echoed the necessity to submit the OSR checklist in advance.
3. There is still time to register for some of the library workshops on the new FRQS open access policy.
4. The way the Central OSR is selecting CRCs/James McGill /William Dawson recipients has not changed.

Question: B. Harvey asked whether there was an update on the OFFERING position?

Answer: Dean Rassier answered that several applicants had been interviewed but no one was hired.

#### **ASSOCIATE DEAN ADMINISTRATION**

1. Space In-Kind Contributions for grants:
  - Updating figures with McGill Central.
  - Both AD-Research and AD-Administration need to be included in in-kind requests. The role of the AD-Administration is to provide the in-kind dollar amount as well as to ensure availability of the spaces for the project. Requests should therefore include specific room numbers, % usage, #of days or hours per year as well as period of the year in which the space is requested.
2. Coach House Move Delayed until end of term:
  - CH200 remain available for booking until the end of the Winter semester.

3. New Hire Naman Wiesel IT Administrator at A/V Loans Counter:
  - Assess needs of users – potential visit to Departmental Meetings to provide an overview of equipment available and identify any unmet or potential need.

Question: V. Talwar inquired when the Faculty's space plan will be made available.

Answer: C. Paquette thanked Prof. Talwar for her patience and advised that her office is working on delivering the document soon.

## **EGSS**

EGSS presented on various upcoming events namely the EGSS Conference which will be taking place on March 23 and 24, 2023.

Question: B. Gentil asked whether we have information on how students are supposed to fill out the section on sustainability on Quebec funding agency application forms.

Answer: A. Singh replied that he would inquire with his Graduate-level peers and follow up.

## **EDUS**

1. SSMU mental health researcher
  - Tianna has been in contact with Dana Kaye Matthews, a special researcher of wellness in academic settings. They are looking to research how mental health support is being implemented into the classroom.
  - They are looking to distribute a survey amongst professors. Who can we put her in contact with?

Dean Rassier replied that EDUS should contact Andee Schuster who is responsible for communications in the Faculty.

2. Valedictorian committee
  - Tianna has organized the committee of council members who created a form for applications for graduating students that wish to be valedictorian. They will close applications in mid-February, and then start the interview process. We will have a valedictorian selected by mid-March.
  - Speaking on that, does the EDUS president give a speech at convocation? Tianna would be interested if so.

Dean Rassier advised that typically the EDUS President does not give a speech at convocation.

3. Career fair
  - Drop-in fair on February 8, 2023, in the SSMU ballroom down McTavish.
  - Employers coming from across Quebec, Canada, and internationally, from school boards, to tutoring companies, and summer camps.
  - Open to all education students, not just graduating students!
  - Holding many events with Lara Franko (career advisor), including cv reviews and grilled cheese fests.
4. Student campaign projects
  - Working with Andee Shuster to create promotional material for the @mcgilleducation Instagram page.
  - Council members are making videos on the ins and outs of the building, taking us through a day in their life as a council member, and sharing field experience stories.
  - We are working with SAPEK and medusa (Phys Ed, Kin, and Music) to have them featured as well!

**VARIA**

Prof. Victoria Talwar announced that Jude Marie Cénat (*When Racism Makes You Sick*) will be speaking in room 233 on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 1:00pm for Black History Month.

Motion to adjourn Victoria Talwar seconded by Caroline Paquette.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:31 a.m.

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Regrets: Dean Dilson Rassier, Professors Gordon Bloom and Tina Montreuil, Sharon Rankin, Ajeetpall Singh (EGSS co-president) and Tianna Kloepfer (EdUS President)

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Associate Dean Caroline Paquette welcomed everyone to the final Faculty Council meeting of academic year 2023-2024.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF MARCH 29, 2023**

Benoit Gentil moved and Valerie McConnell seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

Blane Harvey moved and Benoit Gentil seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2023.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CONSULTATIONS & REPORTS**

**ASSOCIATE DEAN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

**2023 Admissions:** UG Applications are slightly down from previous years. However, applications to Kinesiology up a bit and the new BA in Education in Global Context, applications have doubled (over 400). Overall, application numbers are 91%, in comparison to last year. The final admission numbers are still forthcoming.

**Teacher Education Programs:**

1. EETC: Meeting with 3 universities was suspended. Instead, we are meeting with Rita de Marco (Project Manager of the exam) to review process of making modifications. A pilot updated section of the EETC exam was offered to all eligible. There were not enough participants to run the test.
2. ADEREQ will be meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss government proposal to our education programs (MATL in particular) due to teacher shortage. ADEREQ is not in agreement with fast tracking teachers.

**ASSOCIATE DEAN RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

Associate Dean Pennestri thanked the departments for submitting to her office their Funding plans, and advised that her office would be working on the Faculty awards in the coming weeks. She thanked everyone for their efforts regarding the OSR checklists and explained that her team is working on a document to clarify the process (Timeline and Table of commitments).

Faculty of Education Grant Submission Support Fund (GSSF): 3 grants were awarded in the last competition.

OFFERING: a graduate student will be hired temporarily to provide support.

## **ASSOCIATE DEAN ADMINISTRATION**

### **Updates on Construction Projects:**

- FINAL TOUCHES: Education Garage – Parking Services is meeting a vendor of a faulty part on April 12. We will be updated after and inform users accordingly.
- COMPLETED: New Computer lab (room 122, 32 computers) and Classroom (133, 24 seats). The Faculty of Education students have access to the room.
- UPCOMING: Entering the design stage are the Adapted and Inclusive Physical Activity teaching lab (Currie 1<sup>st</sup> floor) and Art Education Teaching Laboratory (Education 6<sup>th</sup> floor: painting and sculpture studios)

### **Space:**

- Met with chairs (DISE and ECP): Reorganization of offices in progress.
- Spaces to be allocated by need and yield that aligns with McGill's New Space Directive. Priority given to experimental labs. => Submission form in the works. Target release of the form to users is end of April.
- Graduate student workspace with hot desks: B180 is available (underused as per booking records).

Question: V. Talwar inquired about what is in B180 and how to book.

Answer: C. Paquette explained that B180 is used by graduate students as a place to do work. There are eight desks with individual outlets. To book, students can scan the QR code and reserve a spot. EGSS has advertised the space.

Question: S. Peters inquired about how to book the new computer lab.

Answer: C. Paquette advised that it can be booked the same way as the previous computer lab, by emailing [buildingdirector.education@mcgill.ca](mailto:buildingdirector.education@mcgill.ca).

Question: V. McConnell asked whether the ladies locker room in Currie would be renovated, now that it has received funding.

Answer: C. Paquette answered that the locker room is currently in the design phase with the University Teaching Laboratories Research Group (UTLWG). The project should take a few years to develop depending on available funding.

Question: B. Gentil inquired whether there was a CFI related to the renovation of the Currie locker room.

Answer: C. Paquette explained that Teaching and Learning Services is looking into the renovation of this space to create a Teaching Lab: The Adapted Physical Activity Teaching Lab.

## EGSS

### Awards:

- We are currently transferring money to the award recipients for the Professional and Research Development Award and will have a last call out mid-April
- We are now evaluating applications for the Persevering Scholars Award (need-based)
- We are also evaluating applications for the Student Solidarity Fund (student initiatives)
- We will soon send out a call out for the Merit Based Award

### Events

#### *Academic events:*

1. Pre-conference workshop
  - Hybrid workshop on tips for oral and poster presentations

#### *Social events:*

1. Welcome back event
  - At the beginning of Winter 2023
  - Pizza party in the grad lounge
2. McGill 24
  - EGSS encouraged students to donate in the lobby
3. End of semester event
  - End of March
  - Food and games in the grad lounge
  - Small gifts to give away

#### *Equity, diversity & inclusion events:*

1. Black History Month Student Art Exhibition
  - Student art showcase where art pieces were for sale
  - Guest speaker (artist/educator)
2. Tokenism: Workshop series
  - Workshop on tokenism in academia

#### Graduate student lounge:

- Snacks, drinks, stationery, and art supplies are regularly replenished
- We aim to make the lounge as accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to all graduate students

#### Conference:

- Dates: March 23-24
- Theme: Going for Growth: Learning for a Sustainable Future
- The sessions took place in hybrid and in-person formats
- Oral, poster and fast 5 presentations by graduate students
- We had several keynote speakers who were professors or professionals in the field
- A reception was held on the evening of March 24 in Thomson House

#### Communications:

- We communicate with students via our monthly newsletters sent through email, our social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), and our website

General assembly and future council:

- A general assembly will be held at the end of April to discuss how EGSS spent the funds during the year
- We are currently receiving applications for positions on next year's council and will then hold an official election with PGSS

## **EDUS**

Valedictorian Committee Updates:

- The committee has selected the valedictorian for the 2022-2023 cohort.

PedTalks

- Two Pedtalks were scheduled for March. However, both speakers cancelled last minute last week due to busy schedules. They have offered to hold the talks during the next semester.

Wellness Week

- EdUS had wellness week from the 20th until the 24<sup>th</sup> where they hosted fun activities such as a drawing night and movie night. They had therapy dog visits and gave out wellness bags to education students.

EdUS is planning a transitional get-together for the outgoing and incoming council members.

## **VARIA**

Benoit Gentil announced that the 30 Credit Diplome d'etudes Superieur (DESS) Graduate Short Diplomas would now be a possibility at McGill.

Blane Harvey announced that the garden originally located behind Coach House has been moved to the terrace on the Peel Street side of the building. He included that summer students will be working to maintain the garden and there will be an Outdoor Learning Space meeting on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-4pm. The plan to start planning on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm. A poster advertising the seeding session/party has been circulated.

Motion to adjourn Benoit Gentil seconded by Valerie McConnell.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:30 a.m.