

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

James Administration Building, Room 301

Date: Monday, April 10, 2017

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For meeting attendance list, please see last page.

Guest(s):

Drs. Eduardo Franco and Gayle A. Shinder from the Faculty of Medicine

* Dean Nalbantoglu passes around Lindt chocolates.

Order was called at 2:35 p.m.

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda

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Motion was made by Vijaya Raghavan, and seconded by Victor Frankel, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. Victor Frankel raised a question about future status of postdocs. Dean Nalbantoglu said it would be discussed at next meeting

2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting

CGPS-MoM_2017.03.13

Motion was made by Aimee K. Ryan, and seconded by Lena Weman Ericsson, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2017. Motion carried.

Dean Nalbantoglu gave an update on the Quantitative Life Sciences (QLS) PhD dossier, which was submitted to the Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire (BCI) in March. The dossier for the PhD in Kinesiology Sciences will be submitted in May or June.

Business Arising

For Approval

3.0 New Graduate Programs:

**3.1 Master of Science in Oncology (Non-Thesis)
(45 credits)**

CGPS-NP-M.Sc.Oncology-NT_R00

Presented by: Drs. Eduardo Franco and Gayle A. Shinder from the Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Franco gave a clear rationale for this new MSc (NT) in Oncology. A survey of graduate training opportunities in Quebec, Canada, the United States and Europe shows that there is a dearth of graduate programs in oncology, though many offer degrees in basic cancer research. In addition, there is no graduate program in oncology in Quebec. While basic cancer research is well established at McGill, the lack of a graduate degree in oncology does not meet the needs of clinicians and other professionals in health care. The new program will offer training at the Master's level, tapping into the diverse populations of professionals who want to broaden their cancer research and clinical oncology knowledge.

The 45-credit program will have four streams: 1) population and global cancer control; 2) psychosocial and palliative care; 3) clinical cancer research; and 4) cancer care services and quality. The latter is innovative and does not exist anywhere in Canada. There is the possibility for this to develop into an MBA in the future.

Three new courses have been created that will be taken by all students regardless of the stream they are in: 1) a core course, Fundamentals of Oncology and Cancer Research (ONCO 610 D1/D2, 6 credits); Best Practices in Biomedical Research (ONCO 620, 3 credits); and Oncology Practicum (ONCO 630 J1/J2/J3, 18 credits). In addition, students will attend at least 7 lectures per year of the Multidisciplinary Oncology Residents Education (MORE) series.

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Dr. Franco provided a detailed overview of each stream, including the complementary courses. Streams 3 and 4 each have one new course, Principles and Practice of Clinical Trials (ONCO 615, 3 credits) and Quality Improvement Principles and Methods (ONCO 625, 3 credits), respectively.

Dr. Franco shared projected enrollment for each stream over the first 5 years, beginning with 2 new admissions in the first year and building up to between 7 and 10 in the fifth year.

Extensive consultations have been done in the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Management and accommodations have been made to address concerns expressed by Experimental Medicine.

The presentation ended with many acknowledgements.

There were two questions from council members to Dr. Franco. The first was with respect to admission requirements for incoming students. Dr. Franco explained that they would be looking for applicants with a health sciences background. The second question addressed the approach to the graduate program design and whether it was designed to offer a narrow disciplinary focus or a broader multidisciplinary focus. Dr. Franco confirmed it was the latter.

As there were no further questions, Drs. Franco and Shinder left the room.

Jennifer Fishman and Samer Faraj moved to approve.

There was a brief discussion after the guests left.

One council member asked if it is usual to budget \$30,000 for a GPD position. Dean Nalbantoglu explained that the budget is still in draft form and has not yet been approved by the Provost.

This led to a question regarding the approval process for the budget and the program. Dean Nalbantoglu clarified that the program approval and budget approval processes happen in parallel. Budget approval is done with the Analysis, Planning and Budget Office, while CGPS is involved in the academic aspect of the program.

There was a question about whether applicants would be coming to this program with a medical degree. Dean Nalbantoglu replied that applicants would most likely not come directly from a Bachelors program, but a prior Master's degree.

Finally, there was praise for the format of the presentation.

The M.Sc. in Oncology was unanimously approved.

3.2 Master of Engineering in Materials Engineering (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)**CGPS-NP-M.Eng.Mat.Eng.-NT_R00**

Dean Nalbantoglu explained that the Department of Mining and Materials is restructuring their Master's and PhD programs to reflect the two distinct research areas. 3.2-3.5 are listed as new programs because of the name change, which will be reported to the Ministry as such. No presenters were needed for this because there is nothing new about the program except the name change. 4.1-4.4 are listed as major revisions also due to the name change.

3.3 Master of Engineering in Materials Engineering (Thesis) (45 credits)**CGPS-NP-M.Eng.Mat.Eng.-T_R00**

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| 3.4 Master of Science in Materials Engineering
(Thesis) (45 credits) | CGPS-NP-M.Sc.Mat.Eng.-T_R00 |
| 3.5 Ph.D. in Materials Engineering (0 credits) | CGPS-NP-Ph.D.Mat.Eng._R00 |
| 4.0 Major Revisions to Graduate Programs: | |
| 4.1 Master of Engineering in Mining Engineering
(Non-Thesis) (45 credits) | CGPS-MRP-M.Eng.Min.Eng.-NT_R00 |
| 4.2 Master of Engineering in Mining Engineering
(Thesis) (45 credits) | CGPS-MRP-M.Eng.Min.Eng.-T_R00 |
| 4.3 Master of Science in Mining Engineering
(Thesis) (45 credits) | CGPS-MRP-M.Sc.Min.Eng.-T_R00 |
| 4.4 Ph.D. in Mining Engineering (0 credits) | CGPS-MRP-Ph.D.Min.Eng._R00 |
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Samer Faraj and Marta Kobiela moved to approve.

The Engineering programs were unanimously approved.

For Information

5.0 For Information:**5.1 Report #07**

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Minor/Moderate Revisions and Program Retirement [including Low Enrolment/Obsolete]
There was no further discussion.

Councilors' forum

6.0 Item proposed:

None

Other Business

Dean Nalbantoglu informed Council members of the upcoming Tomlinson Talks event, to be held on April 19. She provided some context for the event: The Tomlinson Fellowship is a significant endowment to PhD studies at McGill, awarding \$35,000/ year for up to 3 years to roughly 20 PhD students a year. These are prestigious awards and the Tomlinson Talks event showcases the scholars. Six scholars will present their research in a well-rehearsed format. This will be followed by a cocktail reception. All Council members will receive an invitation and are encouraged to attend.

A final question was raised from a Council member regarding how to encourage faculty members to serve as Pro-Dean, remarking that delays with scheduling defences are often due to the Pro-Dean issue. Dean Nalbantoglu assured Council members that this is an old issue, which has been well addressed since instituting the Pro-Dean Doodle calendar in September 2015. Since then, there have been no delays due to scheduling Pro-Deans. Last year, there

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were 560 oral defences, and 530 were chaired by individual Pro-Deans. Associate Dean Jean-Jacques Lebrun explained that delays to oral defences now are mostly due to late internal examiner reports. One Council member shared that members of his department would like to see a list of thesis titles with dates of oral defence, as this might encourage more people to sign up to serve as Pro-Dean.

There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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***Delegate**

Q*	Name	Faculty/Departement	Present	Regrets	Absent
1	Emily Carson	Arts		x	
2	Thomas Georg Soehl	Arts		x	
3	TBA	Arts			
4	Jennifer Fishman	Medicine	x		
5	Naguib Mechawar	Medicine	x		
6	Aimee K. Ryan	Medicine	x		
7	Sébastien Breau	Science	x		
8	Eyal Goren	Science	x		
9	Lauren Chapman	Science	x		
10	Ashraf A. Ismail	Agricultural, Environmental & Science			x
11	Vijaya Raghavan	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	x		
12	Dennis Jensen	Education	x		
13	Marta Kobiela	Education	x		
14	Benoît Champagne	Engineering	x		
15	Milica Popovich	Engineering		x	
16	Monzur Murshed	Dentistry			x
17	Nancy Czermel	Law	x		
18	Samer Faraj	Management	x		
19	Lena Weman Ericsson	Music	x		
20	Nicholas Dunn	Academic Affairs Officer - PGSS			x
21	Tetyana Krupiy	Postdoctoral fellow	x		
22	Thomas Colbourne	Graduate Student - Arts			x
23	Hao Yu Chen	Graduate Student - Medicine			x
24	Julia Gjebic	Graduate Student - Music			x
25	Victor Frankel	Graduate Student - Science	x		
-	Jill Boruff	Libraries (ex-officio)			x
-	Anne McKinney (Rosie Goldstein)	Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) (ex-officio) (delegate)			x
-	David Syncox and Laura Winer	Director (delegate) - TLS (ex-officio)	x		
Members with voice but no vote					
-	Josephine Nalbantoglu	Dean of GPS - Chair	x		
-	Robin Beech	Associate Dean - GPS	x		
-	Patricia Kirkpatrick	Associate Dean - GPS	x		
-	Jean-Jacques Lebrun	Associate Dean - GPS	x		
-	Elisa Pylkkanen	Director - GPS	x		
-	Maggie Do Couto	Academic Affairs Officer - GPS	x		
-	Alison Crump	Academic Projects Manager - GPS	x		
-	Sabine Dhir (on leave)	Interdisciplinary Programs Officer - GPS			
-	Cindy Smith	SCTP Secretary		x	
-	Audrey Simoneau	Committee Secretary	x		

*Q = quorum (40%) = 10 on 25 members - Article 6.3.1 from Statutes of McGill University.

An ex-officio member is not counted in calculating the quorum, but he/she has the right to vote. - Robert's Rules of Order