

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

James Administration Building, Room 301

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019

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

For meeting attendance list, please see last page.

Guest

Dr. Saibal Ray and Dr. Yu Ma, Faculty of Management

Order was called at 2:35 p.m.

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda

CGPS-AGD_2019.02.11

Motion was made by Marta Kobiela, and seconded by Samer Faraj, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting

CGPS-MoM_2018.12.17

Motion was made by Sonia Semenec, and seconded by Bruno Belzile, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2018. Motion carried.

Business Arising

None

For Approval**3.0 New Graduate Programs:****3.1 Master of Management (M.M.) in Retailing (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)**

CGPS-NP-M.M.Retailing-NT_R00

Presented by: Dr. Saibal Ray and Dr. Yu Ma from Faculty of Management

The Master of Management (M.M.) in Retailing (Non-Thesis) addresses the reinvention of both physical and online retail and the existing shortage of qualified retail talent. The proposed 45-credit program is highly digital, global and omnichannel and offers students the opportunity for analytical and creative specializations. Required Courses (21 credits) include two foundation courses (RETL 601 – Foundations of Retailing (3 credits) and RETL 603 – Retail Science and Data Analytics (3 credits)), in addition to 12 credits of core courses which encompass the consumer journey. Complementary Courses (24 credits) include courses focusing on function and competency and the food, fashion and fintech and financial services sectors. The program also offers an experiential component with an optional co-op/internship and alternatives such as Retail Lab Projects and Global Retail Challenges.

The M.M. in Retailing (Non-Thesis) will be the first comprehensive Master's level program in Quebec to tackle the future of retail. It is a 16-month program with a 12-month accelerated option for individuals with significant retail experience. Similar to the M.B.A. and other M.M., the GMAT is required. Expected enrolment is 25 students for the first year and an additional 5 students per year for the subsequent two years.

CGPS commentary

- A Council member questioned how the significant use of software services in the innovation of retail will be reflected in the program. Dr. Ray replied that this will be dealt with in the new RETL 613 – Digital Retailing Models (3 credits) course. The Council member asked if other schools or departments offered similar courses, emphasizing the mutual benefits of including more technical content in the program and collaborating with software students. Dr. Ray explained that although there are several existing courses that deal with some of the same technical aspects, the distinguishing feature of their course is the specific focus on the application in the retail sectors.

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- A Council member questioned how research opportunities will work within a Non-Thesis program. Dr. Ray explained that their goal is to have a Retail Innovation Lab which will be more Ph.D. oriented, but will allow Master's students to be involved in lower levels of research, such as data analysis.
- With the ongoing introduction of new specialized programs, a Council member asked if other programs are being retired. Dean Nalbantoglu replied that program retirements are done on a regular basis according to enrolment levels. She proceeded to explain how quality control is done at the Ministry level, with the Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire and the Ministry reviewing academic dossiers for new regulated programs and evaluating fees, projected clientele and equitability for self-funded programs. Dean Nalbantoglu noted that Council members can expect to see more program retirements this year as the Ministry is changing its funding model, with a particular emphasis on the distinction between Research Master's and professional Non-Research Master's programs.

Motion was made by Chantal Autexier, and seconded by Jean-Benoit Charron, to approve the new program. The new program was unanimously approved; it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

For Information**4.0 For Information:****4.1 Report****CGPS-RPTP_2019.02.11**

Minor/Moderate Revisions and Program Retirement [including Low Enrolment/Obsolete].

Program proposals available upon request.

Councilors' forum**5.0 Item proposed:****5.1 Pro-Dean Quotas**

A Council member raised the issue of Pro-Deans as a subject for discussion, suggesting that quotas be established for units to provide Pro-Deans roughly equal to the number of Ph.D. students that the unit graduated during the preceding calendar year. Dean Nalbantoglu informed Council members that a new doodle campaign has been implemented with this in mind. Chairs are now informed of the number of students their department graduated in the last calendar year in addition to the number of upcoming oral defences that are being scheduled. . Chairs are reminded to reciprocate for the work that has already been performed by their University colleagues, by putting forward enough volunteers for Pro-Dean slots.

Other Business**6.0 Mental Health and Supervision**

Dean Nalbantoglu informed Council members about the launch of the [Rosy Student Wellness Hub](#), a new collaborative way of approaching mental health for all McGill students. This new service-delivery model will ensure that "students have access to the right care at the right time". This model will provide multiple paths to different types of support that a student can receive including clinical services, peer support, group therapy, workshops, spiritual wellness offerings, short term one-on-one counselling and more. In addition to the hub, Local Wellness Advisors (LWAs) will be embedded in every Faculty to raise awareness, emphasizing prevention and early intervention. LWAs will direct both students and faculty members to the right resources to deal with mental health and wellness care issues.

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Dean Nalbantoglu emphasized the importance of the supervisor-student relationship in determining graduate student wellness. As such, Faculty Associate Deans will be encouraging Graduate Program Directors to clarify the expectations between supervisors and students by producing a letter of understanding for their departments.

There was discussion about the roles and responsibilities of supervisors and the efficacy of the new policies in addressing the core of mental health issues. Although the number of McGill students who report mental health issues is similar to that from other Canadian and US universities, several Council members expressed concern about the data collected from McGill Counselling Service surveys, whether they were representative of the entire student population.

There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

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***Delegate**

Q*	Name	Faculty/Département	Present	Regrets	Absent
1	Prashant Keshavmurthy	Arts			X
2	Thomas Georg Soehl	Arts	X		
3	Robert Funnell (Ahmad Haidar)	Medicine		X	
4	Sonia Semenic	Medicine	X		
5	Chantal Autexier	Medicine	X		
6	Eyal Goren	Science	X		
7	Russell Steele	Science	X		
8	Lauren Chapman	Science		X	
9	Jean-Benoit Charron	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	X		
10	Stephanie Chevalier	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	X		
11	Lindsay Duncan	Education			X
12	Marta Kobiela	Education	X		
13	Aysenur Ipek Tureli (David Theodore)	Engineering		X	
14	Daniel Varro	Engineering	X		
15	Monzur Murshed	Dentistry			X
16	Nancy Czernmel	Law			X
17	Samer Faraj	Management	X		
18	Lena Weman Ericsson	Music	X		
19	Maria Tippler	Secretary-General - PGSS	X		
20	Bruno Belzile	Postdoctoral fellow	X		
21	Heba Madi	Graduate Student - Education			X
22	Alissa Rutman	Graduate Student - Medicine			X
23	TBA	Graduate Student - Music			
24	Erin Gibbons	Graduate Student - Science	X		
-	Jill Boruff	Libraries (ex-officio)			X
-	Sylvain Coulombe (for Martha Crago)	Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) (ex-officio) (delegate)	X		
-	Carolyn Samuel (for Laura Winer)	Director - TLS (ex-officio)	X		
Members with voice but no vote					
-	Josephine Nalbantoglu	Dean of GPS - Chair	X		
-	Robin Beech	Associate Dean - GPS			X
-	France Bouthillier	Associate Dean - GPS	X		
-	Lorraine Chalifour	Associate Dean - GPS	X		
-	Elisa Pylkkanen	Director - GPS	X		
-	Maggie Do Couto	Academic Affairs Officer - GPS	X		
-	Sabine Dhir	Academic Affairs Officer - GPS	X		
-	Cindy Smith	SCTP Secretary	X		
-	Sarah Curci	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