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To : Members of the Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS)
From : Josephine Nalbantoglu, Chair of Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS)
Subject: Welcoming remarks and CGPS Mandate (2016-2017)
Purpose: For Information For Review and Approval

Dear CGPS members,

As the Chair of CGPS, it is my pleasure to welcome those of you that have been with us for some time as well as those of you who are new to Council. I am happy to be chairing the Council meetings, for a second year, throughout the 2016-2017 academic year.

As a member of Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS), you are an essential part of ensuring excellence for graduate and postdoctoral education at McGill. Your role as a CGPS member informs the leadership and vision for graduate teaching, supervision, and research across our 400 graduate programs through collaboration with Faculties, central administration, graduate students, professors, researchers, and the postdoctoral fellows.

You will have the mandate to:

- develop, revise and approve the regulations, guidelines and policies on graduate and postdoctoral studies and so recommend, to Senate following consultation with the relevant disciplinary faculties;
- participate in strategic planning for initiatives to promote and enhance graduate and postdoctoral studies;
- review and approve proposals for the creation of new graduate programs.

Any items approved by Council will be reported to the appropriate party following the approval path in the [guidelines](#) provided by the Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs (SCTP).

I encourage you to attend all CGPS meetings. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you are responsible for sending a delegate to attend on your behalf. This is crucial because your vote is needed it to ensure that all agenda items are approved in a timely manner.

I would like to wish you all the very best for this new academic year.

Josephine