

**COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)**

Zoom

Date: Monday, May 09, 2022

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

\*For meeting attendance list, please see last page.\*

Guest:

Professor Nik Luka, School of Architecture

**Order was called at 2:35 p.m.**

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

**1.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

**CGPS-AGD\_2022.05.09**

Motion was made by Marie-Hélène Pennestri, and seconded by Nicolas Moitessier, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting**

**CGPS-MoM\_2022.04.11**

Motion was made by Philippe Depalle, and seconded by Isabelle Gélinas, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 11, 2022. Motion carried.

**Business Arising**

None

**For Approval**

**3.0 New Graduate Programs:**

**3.1 M. Sc. Architecture (Thesis)**

**CGPS-NP-MARCHT\_R00**

Presented by: Professor Nik Luka, School of Architecture

Professor Luka presented the new 45-credit, thesis-based Master's in Architecture. It is a conversion of the non-thesis, research-based master's that had been offered for 20 years and was suspended since 2019. The School of Architecture want to enable students to gain research skills prior to doing their PhD through this Master's. The basic structure of the program was determined through discussions at the School and with GPS. It is designed to be congruent with thesis-based programs across the University, with an 18-credit thesis course, 9 credits of independent preparatory work, and 6 credits of 'scaffolding' (in the form of a Research Symposium and Research Methods course). Students will be invited to select 12 credits of complementary courses. No additional financial resources are required. The proposed program's degree nomenclature (M.Sc.) signals that the new program is research-focused; this aligns with North American accreditation norms, as the Master of Architecture designation is now reserved for professionally accredited degrees.

CGPS Commentary

- One Council member asked for clarifications on the thesis options (written vs design-oriented). Professor Luka clarified that architecture is a polyvalent field with a range of methodologies and epistemologies, and thesis conventions range from NSERC norms to humanities-based practices. Regardless, there is always a written component.
- A Council member asked about approvals, to which Professor Luka clarified that the program had been approved and signatures would be sent to Council shortly.
- Dean Nalbantoglu clarified procedures for reporting new/revised programs to the Ministry.

Motion was made by Griet Vankeerberghen, and seconded by Theodora Vardouli, to approve the program. The new program was approved with 18 votes (0 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

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**For Information**

**4.0 For Information:**

**4.1 Report #5**

**CGPS-RPTP\_2022.05.09**

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

**4.2 Report for Cotutelle Agreements**

**CGPS-RPTCA\_2022.05.09**

A brief overview of the report for Cotutelle agreements was provided. Dean Nalbantoglu explained Cotutelles and reported a growth in the number of students doing and graduating with a joint PhD. Information was provided on the various Joint and Dual programs at McGill.

A Council member asked whether Cotutelles were only for international collaborations, and whether supervision duties are equally divided. The Dean confirmed that Cotutelles should be organized with institutions outside Canada. They can be coordinated for students in all Faculties. There are usually two co-supervisors with joint responsibilities.

**Councillors' forum**

**5.0 The Initial Thesis Submission Checklist**

Dean Nalbantoglu covered the background that inspired the creation of the checklist. The Dean and Associate Deans shared their experiences with thesis failures that illustrate the need for clear guidelines for producing a dissertation according to scholarly standards. The checklist was designed to highlight the existing guidelines for preparing a thesis that are on the GPS website.

**Other Business**

**6.0 Update on Council Plans and Priorities for 2021-2022**

Dean Nalbantoglu thanked everyone for their contributions to Council.

**There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m.**

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Q*	Name	Faculty/Département	Present	Regrets	Absent
1	Tove Holmes	Arts	x		
2	Eran Shor	Arts	x		
3	Griet Vankeerberghen	Arts	x		
4	Robert Funnell	Medicine and Health Sciences	x		
5	Isabelle Gélinas	Medicine and Health Sciences	x		
6	Pierre Moffatt	Medicine and Health Sciences	x		
7	Andrew Cumming	Science	x		
8	Brian Robinson for Margaret Kalacska	Science	x		
9	Nicolas Moitessier	Science	x		
10	Jean-Benoit Charron	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	x		
11	Stéphanie Chevalier	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	x		
12	Limin Jao	Education	x		
13	Marie-Hélène Pennestri	Education	x		
14	Jinhyuk Lee	Engineering	x		
15	Theodora Vardouli	Engineering	x		
16	Monzur Murshed	Dentistry	x		
17	Brittany Williams	Law		x	
18	Samer Faraj	Management			x
19	Philippe Depalle	Music	x		
21	María Sierra Córdoba Serrano	School of Continuing Studies	x		
21	Hossein Poorhemati	Secretary-General - PGSS (delegate)	x		
22	<b>TBA</b>	Postdoctoral fellow			
23	Soyoun Park	Graduate Student - AES		x	
24	Étienne Poirier	Graduate Student - Arts			x
25	Jennifer Chen	Graduate Student - Med and Hlth Scis	x		
26	Atagün Kejanlioglu	Graduate Student - Law	x		
-	April Colosimo	Libraries (ex-officio)	x		
-	Debra Titone (for Martha Crago)	Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) (ex-officio) (delegate)	x		
-	Carolyn Samuel (for Laura Winer)	Director - TLS (ex-officio)	x		
<b>Members with voice but no vote</b>					
-	Josephine Nalbantoglu	Dean of GPS - Chair	x		
-	Lorraine Chalifour	Associate Dean - GPS	x		
-	Nathan Hall	Associate Dean - GPS	x		
-	Russell Steele	Associate Dean - GPS	x		
-	Elisa Pylkkanen	Director - GPS	x		
-	Chloe Garcia	Manager, Academic Programs - GPS	x		
-	Nicholas Dunn	Academic Programs Officer - GPS		x	
-	Cindy Smith	SCTP 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