

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

James Administration Building, Room 301 | Date: Monday, May 09, 2016 | Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meeting cancelled – Electronic Vote

In lieu of the meeting, the Chair requested that an electronic review be held for the CGPS Minutes from the last meeting and for the new Graduate Diploma in Surgical Innovation from the Department of Surgery.

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed that with 15 voting members we had quorum.

- 1.0 Approval of previous minutes of meeting :** **CGPS.15.38-MinApr18_16**
The minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting were approved electronically by the council members.

For Approval

2.0 New Graduate Programs:

- 2.1 Graduate Diploma in Surgical Innovation (30 credits) CGPS.15.34-GradDip_SurgeryInnov2 (Revised)**

Program description as presented in the proposal:

The cores of this 30 credit program are two-fold. Firstly two innovation courses offered by the McGill Department of Surgery, Experimental Surgery (EXSU 620-Surgical Innovation & 621-Surgical Innovation and 2) supporting courses that are delivered by McGill Department of Surgery and with some sessions in those courses provided by external partners, Local Industry (Regulatory & IP), the John Molson School of Business (JMSB) (lean start-up), Concordia University (software design) and L'École de technologie supérieure (ETS) (prototyping). Secondly fundamental business and management courses are taken concurrently provided by Continuing Studies (McGill) and JMSB and reinforce the innovation project team experience. Students embark on a hospital-based needs finding process by observing all aspect of clinical activity in their focus themes. The trainees learn basic prototyping skills, start up organization and project management. This is supplemented by a basic statistics course and an introduction to the current status of biomedical research innovation. This diploma then gives a business-oriented training in the surgical innovation process.

At the April 18, 2016 meeting, the Graduate Diploma in Surgical Innovation was presented to Council members for approval. A discussion ensued during which it was noted that McGill programs should not have courses listed from other universities. All the Concordia courses (GDBA) listed in the proposal will therefore be replaced with McGill equivalencies. Consultation with the Desautels Faculty of Management and the School of Continuing Studies was also recommended. Council members were all in favor of the proposed revisions and asked for the revised program to be resubmitted for approval.

Following Council's recommendations, Dr. Jake Barralet provided GPS with the modifications to the Graduate Diploma in Surgical Innovation. Dean Nalbantoglu asked the Council members to vote electronically on the approval of the revised program proposal. The results of the votes were: 14 members in favor, 1 member against and 10 members abstained. The motion was carried.