

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

James Administration Building, Room 301

Date: Monday, February 13, 2017

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

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

Guest(s):

Dr. Julie Côté from Faculty of Education

Drs. Jocelyne Feine and Laura Stone from Faculty of Dentistry

\*Dean Nalbantoglu distributed chocolate cookies.

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

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

**1.0 Adoption of the Agenda CGPS-AGD\_2017.02.13**

Motion was made by Aimee K. Ryan, and seconded by Tetyana Krupyi, to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting CGPS-MoM\_2017.01.16**

Motion was made by Nancy Czemmell, and seconded by Thomas Colbourne, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 16, 2017. Motion carried.

<b>Business Arising</b>
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<b>For Approval</b>
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**3.0 New Graduate Programs:**

**3.1 Master of Management Analytics (Non-Thesis) CGPS-NP-M.M.Analytics-NT\_R001  
(45 credits)**

Dean Nalbantoglu explained that the most up-to-date documents were provided for this program, with 30 credits of required courses and 15 credits of complementary courses. She also confirmed that course consultations have been completed.

During the brief discussion, there were two suggestions regarding the program description. First, to delete the first sentence, and second, to replace the word “electives” with “complementary courses.”

The Master of Management Analytics (Non-Thesis) was unanimously approved.

**3.2 Ph.D. in Kinesiology Sciences CGPS-NP-Ph.D.Kinesiology.Sci\_R00**

Presented by: Dr. Julie Côté from Faculty of Education

Dr. Côté gave an informative presentation of the PhD in Kinesiology Sciences, highlighting that the program does not lead to professionalization or certification, but rather high quality publishable research. The program will cover 6 areas of specialization, which reflect research expertise in the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education (KPE).

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Program requirements include 12 credits of required courses; 6 credits of complementary courses, and an option to take additional courses upon the recommendation of the supervisory committee. An important aspect of the program are the four 0-credit research seminar courses, which foster a research culture in the program. While these are not graded courses, students must attend a percentage of these seminars during their program as a requirement for graduation. This program has one new course 661D1/D2 - Current Topics in Kinesiology Research. This 6-credit capstone course covers a breadth of kinesiology research and includes both intra-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary perspectives.

The rationale for the new program is manifold. First, the Department of KPE has the research capacity to have a PhD program, and in fact has the highest research intensity in kinesiology research in Canada. Also, it is unique because this research expertise crosses the 3 TriCouncil agencies. McGill's KPE Department is the highest ranking department that does not have a PhD program. In addition, this will be the only English Kinesiology PhD program in Quebec. Finally, the PhD program will further solidify kinesiology as a research discipline that will inform the professionalization of kinesiology.

Previous attempts to create an interdisciplinary health PhD did not materialize, and as such, the department of KPE has been using the Ad Hoc PhD option until now.

Enrolment numbers are strong and show sustainability over the past 10 years. The goal with the new program is to admit up to 10 students per year within the next 10 years. Two new hires have been proposed for the department and this will support the growth of enrolment over time.

Consultation has been done with the Department of Educational Counselling and Psychology, which offers one of the statistics courses. In addition, Dr. Côté has included a letter of support for the program from the Federation of Kinesiologists of Quebec.

Dr. Côté concluded the presentation by highlighting that the Department of KPE has many international research collaborations and with the PhD program, there is a strong capacity to be world leaders in kinesiology research.

There were several questions from Council members regarding the proposed program. First, there was a question regarding why the Master's program (KPE) and PhD program (Kinesiology Sciences) have different titles. The answer is that the Master's program has the same name as department, likely for historical reasons. The name of the PhD program clarifies that the degree does not lead to teacher certification, as is implied by Physical Education. In addition, Kinesiology Sciences reflects current trends.

Another question was regarding supervision. The current ratio is about 2 students per supervisor. Increasing enrolment will moving the ratio towards 3:1. Given this, will students still get appropriate

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supervision? Dr. Côté replied that yes, they would, as there will be more faculty hires. In addition, a 3:1 ratio is still very low ratio compared to other programs.

Finally, Dr. Côté clarified that they are very close to completing the program dossier and will have it done by April 2017, with the goal of sending it to the Ministry by June.

The Ph.D. in Kinesiology Sciences was unanimously approved.

**3.3 Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Oral Health Sciences****CGPS-NP-Ph.D.IOHS\_R00**

Drs. Jocelyne Feine and Laura Stone from Faculty of Dentistry

Drs. Feine and Stone gave a presentation about the new PhD in Interdisciplinary Oral Health Sciences. They began by distributing the most up-to-date version of the syllabus for the capstone course.

The program has 3 objectives: to provide discipline-specific scientific training in oral health sciences; to provide theoretical and methodological understandings of different disciplines; and to develop skills to lead and participate in collaborative, interdisciplinary oral health research teams. The third objective emerged from focus groups with students and faculty members.

Four new courses have been developed for the program. The 6-credit capstone course - Interdisciplinary Oral Health Research I and II - will provide students with breadth of knowledge. Consultations have been done for this course with Epidemiology, Physiology, and Social Work. Course consultation was also done with Management for the new 1-credit Leadership and Management in Oral Health Research course. The other new 1-credit courses focus on skills (e.g., research; communication).

The rationale for this new PhD program is to replace the current Ad Hoc program, which has demonstrated a cumulative increase in enrolments over the past decade, and to meet evolving needs of faculty and students.

The Ad Hoc program currently enrolls about 10 students per year. The goal is to increase enrolments to up to 18 students per year after 5 years. In addition, the interdisciplinary nature of the program will lead to more effective knowledge translation.

Whereas most Faculties of Dentistry in Canada offer PhD programs, this program is unique in its focus on interdisciplinary training.

After the presentation, Council members asked several questions. First, one member asked for more detail about the 1-credit management course and Drs. Feine and Stone clarified that they had a very supportive professor from the Faculty of Management who is working with Dentistry on this course. Another question was pertaining to the employability of students who graduate from the

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PhD program and what kinds of careers they might go on to. Dr. Feine replied that Dental Faculties are begging for clinician–scientists, so graduates have a good chance at an academic appointment. In addition, the program’s focus on interdisciplinary skills will give graduates an advantage with respect to careers in industry and public health.

There was a question about how the program will support doubling the number of students and it was clarified that the proposed budget for the program includes two new tenure–track hires that will absorb some of the increased enrolment. In addition, there are two recent hires who are starting to take on supervisees.

After the presenters left, there was only one comment in the discussion. This was regarding the inclusion of “interdisciplinary” in the title of the program. Because it is clear that the program is interdisciplinary from the program description, it is not necessary in the title. In addition, it is not the subject or major of the program. The recommendation is to leave it off.

The Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Oral Health Sciences was approved pending confirmation of consultations completed.

**For Information**

**4.0 For Information:**

**4.1 Report #5**

**CGPS-RPTP\_2017.02.13**

Minor/Moderate Revisions and Program Retirement [including Low Enrolment/Obsolete]  
There were no comments about the report.

**4.2 Report for Cotutelle Agreements**

**CGPS-RPTCA\_2017.02.13**

Dean Nalbantoglu explained changes to the cotutelle agreement report presented to Council for information. She also confirmed that with the new cotutelle template agreement developed in 2016 by GPS, we can put through cotutelles much faster.

**Councilors’ forum**

None

**Other Business**

None

**There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.**

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Q*	Name	Faculty/Departement	Present	Regrets	Absent
1	Emily Carson	Arts (no delegate)		x	
2	Thomas Georg Soehl	Arts	x		
3	<b>TBA</b>	Arts			
4	Jennifer Fishman	Medicine			x
5	Naguib Mechawar	Medicine (no delegate)		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) (no delegate)		x	
-	Anne McKinney (Rosie Goldstein)	Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) (ex-officio) (no delegate)		x	
-	David Syncox and Laura Winer	Director-TLS (ex-officio) (no delegate)		x	
<b>Members with voice but no vote</b>					
-	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	Interdisciplinary Programs Officer - GPS		x	
-	Cindy Smith	SCTP Secretary	x		
-	Audrey Simoneau	Committee Secretary			x

\*Q = quorum (40%) = 10 of 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