

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

Meeting held via Zoom

Date: Monday, February 14, 2022

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

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

Guests:

- Dr. Joseph Levitan, Dept. of Integrated Studies in Education (DISE)
- Dr. Susan Ballinger, Dept. of Integrated Studies in Education (DISE)
- Dr. Nicolette Papastefanou, School of Continuing Studies (SCS)

**Order was called at 2:33 p.m.**

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

- 1.0 Adoption of the Agenda** **CGPS-AGD\_2022.02.14**  
Motion was made by Nicolas Moitessier, and seconded by Margaret Kalacska, to adopt the agenda.  
Motion carried.
- 2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting** **CGPS-MoM\_2022.01.17**  
Motion was made by Isabelle Gélinas, and seconded by Griet Vankeerberghen, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 17, 2022. Motion carried.

**Business Arising**

- 3.0 Progress Tracking** **CGPS\_2022.01.17\_GradProgTrackingRev**  
  
Based on feedback from the January CGPS meeting, further edits to the policy clarification were presented to Council. The Chair noted that minor changes were also made to the Progress Tracking Form, progress tracking website, and eCalendar.
- 3.1 Supervisory committees and co-supervision**  
  
As a follow-up to a question raised at the January CGPS meeting, it was confirmed that supervisory committees must include at least one faculty member in addition to the supervisor(s). This faculty member must attend the progress tracking meeting.

**For Approval**

- 4.0 New Graduate Programs:**
- 4.1 M.A. Second Language Education (Non-Thesis) - Project (45 credits)** **CGPS-NP-MA\_SLE\_NTProject\_R00**  
Presented by: Dr. Joseph Levitan (DISE) and Susan Ballinger (DISE)  
  
The Project Option for the MA in Second Language Education will align with the other MAs in DISE with the addition of two 6-credit project courses. The program will provide a strong option for students who want to pursue topics that are less suited for the thesis or non-thesis options. The presenter noted that student demand for such an option exists, and has often been met through individual reading courses, which is not an efficient use of resources. The proposed option would be centered around group project courses, combined with individual supervision.  
  
Motion was made by Griet Vankeerberghen, and seconded by María Sierra Córdoba Serrano, to approve the new program. The new program was approved with 21 votes (1 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

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**5.0 Courses taken as an Admission requirement**

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The Chair presented a new section to be added to graduate regulations in the eCalendar concerning undergraduate courses that are taken as an admission requirement and intended to fill a specific gap in the background of an otherwise qualified applicant. Grades for these courses are not included in the student's GPA, and credits for these courses do not count towards the graduate degree.

A lively discussion issued about the wording of the regulation. A council member asked what happens if a student fails one of these courses. The Chair replied that the student must pass the course within the first year of the program. In response to a question from another council member concerning the passing grade for these courses, the Chair clarified that they are graded at the undergraduate level.

Motion was made by Pierre Moffatt, and seconded by Stéphanie Chevalier, to approve the memo. The memo was approved with 17 votes (4 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

**For Information****6.0 For Information**

- 6.1** Report for Minor/Moderate Revisions and Program Retirements [including low-enrolment/obsolete]

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Proposals available under request.

**6.2 Program revisions in School of Continuing Studies:****Graduate Certificate in Public Relations and Communications Management Practice (15 credits) & Graduate Certificate in Strategic Public Relations and Communications Management (15 credits)**

Presented by: Nicolette Papastefanou (SCS) and María Sierra Córdoba Serrano (SCS / CGPS member)

The presenters discussed the School of Continuing Studies' project of converting graduate diplomas to graduate certificates. This project has arisen from a comprehensive review of SCS programs, as well as new definitions of non-degree programs at the University. The revisions presented to Council for information concern the existing Diploma in Public Relations & Communications Management (30 credits), which is being split into two (2) new 15-credit Graduate Certificates. Revisions to the program design are based on market research and focus groups, and include a shortening of the program for flexibility (including the potential for stackable degrees) and a change in delivery format (from in-person to online).

**6.3 Program revisions in Education:****Certificat d'études supérieures en pédagogie de l'immersion française**

Presented by: Susan Ballinger (DISE)

The Graduate Certificate in French immersion pedagogy has undergone a change in modality, and will now be offered entirely online. Course content has also been updated and enhanced, and credit weightings have changed (from 3-credit courses to 2- and 1-credit courses). The presenter noted that these changes were made in light of extensive research and consultation with stakeholders, and are aimed at making the program more accessible to teachers. Lower weighted courses and remote delivery allow for the program to be completed in small sections over several years, as many teachers are unable to commit to full-length courses.

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**Councilors' forum**

None.

**Other Business**

None.

**There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 p.m.**

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Q*	Name	Faculty/Department	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	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	Philippe Ouzilleau (for Jinhyuk Lee)	Engineering	x		
15	Philip Tidwell (for 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			x
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		
-	Benoit Boulet (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		
-	<b>TBA</b>	Committee Secretary	n/a		

\*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 they have the right to vote. - Robert's Rules of Order