

## COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

Meeting held via Zoom

Date: Monday, March 14, 2022

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

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

Guest(s):

Dr. Jake Barralet, Department of Surgery (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences)

Dr. Fackson Mwale, Department of Surgery (Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences)

**Order was called at 2:30 p.m.**

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

**1.0 Adoption of the Agenda****CGPS-AGD\_2022.03.14**

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

**2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting****CGPS-MoM\_2022.02.14**

Motion was made by Philippe Depalle, and seconded by Pierre Moffatt, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 14, 2022. Motion carried.

**Business Arising****3.0 Courses taken as an Admission Requirement****CGPS-MM\_2022.02.14\_R00**

Based on the discussion at the February CGPS meeting, a revised version of the eCalendar addition was presented to Council. The Chair highlighted the minor changes, which included removing the specific reference to 500-level courses and clarifying that conditions regarding the admission requirement courses are outlined in the Offer of Admission. Moved by Griet Vankeerberghen, and seconded by Stéphanie Chevalier, the revised regulation was approved with 19 votes (1 abstaining, 0 against). It will be reported to APC for approval.

**4.0 Comprehensive Exams**

The Chair updated Council on the Comprehensive Exam review process, which was initiated and discussed at the January CGPS meeting. Since then, a review of all programs has taken place. Meetings have already taken place with many units, and are ongoing. Proposed reviews to guidelines and policy will be brought to the April Council.

**For Approval****5.0 New Graduate Programs:****5.1 M.Sc., Experimental Surgery (Non-Thesis):  
Oncology (45 credits)****CGPS-NP-ExSurOnc\_R00**

Presented by: Drs. Jake Barralet and Fackson Mwale (Department of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences)

Profs. Barralet and Mwale presented a new Concentration in Oncology for the existing M.Sc. in Experimental Surgery. The proposed program offers graduate-level training in surgical research related to oncology, and provides students the opportunity to better understand the broad range of disciplines in cancer research and care. It is a partnership between the Department of Surgery and the Department of Oncology, and combines 15 credits of coursework in Experimental Surgery with 30 credits from the existing Graduate Diploma in Oncology. The presenters highlighted the research activity and history of collaboration between Surgery and Oncology faculty, as well as student demand for such an option. They also noted that initial admissions to the new program would be through the Graduate Diploma in Oncology, by allowing enrolled students to transfer to the M.Sc.

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CGPS Commentary

-The Chair asked whether the Graduate Diploma in Oncology was a pre-requisite for the new program. Prof. Barralet said that, while it was not, roughly half of students currently enrolled in the Graduate Diploma were interested in the new program. He also noted that they anticipated eventually having a stackable Master's, comprised of the Graduate Diploma in Oncology and either the existing Graduate Certificate in Surgical Innovation or a new Graduate Certificate in Surgical Sciences.

-A Council member asked whether there was a project associated with the proposed program. Prof. Barralet noted that there was a 3-credit practicum in Oncology, as well as a 6-credit research project in Experimental Surgery. Another Council member suggested that these independent work components be made more explicit in the proposal.

Motion was made by Robert Funnell, and seconded by Nicolas Moitessier, to approve the program. The new program was approved with 19 votes (1 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

**For Information**

**6.0 For Information:**

**6.1 Report #5**

**CGPS-RPTP\_2022.03.14**

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

Proposals available under request.

**Councilors' forum**

**None.**

**Other Business**

The Chair discussed some of the ways that the University and wider Canadian academic community is supporting Ukrainian students.

A Council member noted a significant drop in applications to programs in their Faculty, and inquired whether others had also seen such declines. The Chair replied that there is an observed decline in applications to graduate programs across the board in the Fall 2022 admission cycle.

**There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 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	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		

\*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