

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

James Administration Building, Room 301

Date: Monday, November 14, 2022

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

\*For meeting attendance list, please see last page.\*Guest(s):

Prof. Jonathan Kimmelman, Biomedical Ethics

Prof. Irene Sarasua, Program Director, Nurse Practitioner Programs

Ms. Jodi Tuck, Program Director, M.Sc. A – Advanced Nursing

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

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

**1.0 Adoption of the Agenda****CGPS-AGD\_2022.11.14**

Motion was made by Eran Shor, and seconded by Stéphanie Chevalier, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting****CGPS-MoM\_2022.09.12**

Motion was made by Jason Opal, and seconded by Benoit Gentil, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 12, 2022. Motion carried.

**Business Arising**

None

**For Approval****3.0 New Graduate Programs:****3.1 M. Sc. Bioethics (Non-Thesis)****CGPS-NP- BioethicsNT\_R00****M. Sc. Bioethics (Thesis)****CGPS-NP- BioethicsT\_R00**

Presented by: Prof. Jonathan Kimmelman, from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

Professor Kimmelman presented the new M.Sc. in Bioethics (thesis and non-thesis options). Upon providing a review of the interdisciplinary field of bioethics, he explained the history of the Biomedical Ethics Unit at McGill University and the necessity of having a distinct master's program (with two options) in Bioethics. The presenter argued that different audiences want training in bioethics: his Unit receives around 40 applications a year, which are currently being turned away. They anticipate the thesis and non-thesis options will eventually attract 5-8 and 10-20 students a year (respectively). The Units offering the Bioethics specialization were consulted prior to CGPS.

CGPS Commentary

- A Council member asked why some Canadian Universities stopped offering graduate programs in Bioethics. The proposer noted that faculty attrition and personnel issues may be potential causes. However, they noted that at Université de Montréal and elsewhere internationally, bioethics is thriving.
- A member inquired about the choice to use “Bioethics” vs “Biomedical ethics”. The proposer noted that bioethics is more inclusive and reduces the focus on medicine.
- Another member wondered what type of student would be attracted to the non-thesis program. The proposer expects working professionals, as well as pre-med and pre-law students. They confirmed that they would offer a part-time option.
- A Council member asked about supervision. The proposer confirmed that the Unit has many affiliates and associates eligible for co-supervision. Students in the Bioethics specialization are already being supervised by various faculty members from different departments.
- Dean Nalbantoglu asked if the non-thesis program could be done in 3 full terms. The proposer noted that they expect students would take two years, but it may be possible for someone to complete the program in less time.

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- There was a follow-up question on the practicum that is offered as an option in both streams. The proposer replied that the practicum offers students applied learning opportunities, like attending REB meetings.
- Associate Dean Hall asked about enrolment in PPHS 624. This course can be expanded if there is a need.

Motion was made by Eran Shor, and seconded by Pierre Moffatt, to approve the program. The new program was approved with 17 votes (1 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

**4.0 Major Revisions to Graduate Programs:****4.1 Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Neonatal Nurse Practitioner CGPS-MRP-NeoNatCert\_R00**

Presented by: Prof. Irene Sarasua, from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The major revision involves an increase to the Certificate's credit weight (15 to 24 credits) and additional courses. The proposer explained that this revision is part of a series of curricular revisions to the Nursing concentrations, grounded in student feedback and research on competencies needed in the field.

CGPS Commentary

- A Council member commented on the number of semesters students take based on their master's degree. Dean Nalbantoglu offered clarifications.

Motion was made by Benoit Boulet, and seconded by Jason Opal, to approve the program. The new program was approved with 18 votes (0 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

**4.2 Master of Science (Applied) in Advanced Nursing (Non-Thesis)- Nursing Services Administration CGPS-MRP-AdvNurNTNSA\_R00**

Presented by: Ms. Jodi Tuck, from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The major revision involves a reduction to the program credit weight (49 to 48 credits), addition of an internship to the required courses, and shift of the project (now research-oriented) to the complementary courses. The proposer shared an overview of the competencies required for nursing practice (e.g., leadership, research), and they explained the gaps they identified through benchmarking research and a literature review, which the program revisions aim to address.

CGPS Commentary

- A Council member requested information on the statistics course taught remotely. The proposer noted that the format for the course changed based on students' positive response to remote delivery during the pandemic. The format also helps with work/life balance. The proposer clarified that the course was not designed for online learning, but rather remote teaching.
- A Council member asked whether the competencies discussed in the presentation were recommended by their accreditation body. The proposer confirmed that their competencies were used as a reference.
- There was a follow-up question on the career paths of students in the program. Graduating nurses can become nurse managers or directors.

Motion was made by Monzur Murshed, and seconded by Stéphanie Chevalier, to approve the program. The new program was approved with 18 votes (0 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

**4.3 Master of Science, Applied, Physical Therapy CGPS-MSCAPhysTher\_R00**

The weight of the program was reduced from 63 to 62 credits, given some minor revisions to course credit weights.

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Motion was made by Benoit Boulet, and seconded by Stéphanie Chevalier, to approve the program. The new program was approved with 18 votes (0 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

**For Information****5.0 For Information:****5.1 Report****CGPS-RPTP\_2022.11.14**

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

**Councillors' forum****6.0 Course grading**

Council members were reminded that as of Fall 2022, changing any course's grading from a letter grade to Pass/Fail now requires SCTP approval. The request can be made via an email or memo that has been approved by the department and Faculty. Changes to a course's delivery mode must also go through SCTP.

**7.0 Funding for students on medical leave**

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed that departments may be able to arrange for funding before a student goes on leave, by using internal funds. If the disbursement process is stopped, Units can write to GPS. On the other hand, students may have more difficulty getting Tri-Council funding during leaves (except for parental). Teaching-assistantship positions are covered by the collective agreement. International students may face issues with immigration documents, so they are encouraged to reach out to International Student Services prior to their leave.

**8.0 External examiner selection**

Dean Nalbantoglu explained that some units hide the identity of examiners from their students, while in other cases, students are aware of who the examiner(s) will be. It was clarified that in myThesis, students can nominate examiners but are unable to see who accepted. It is also now more common for external examiners to attend defences remotely. In response to a question about guidelines on conflict of interest, Dean Nalbantoglu noted that examiners have access to these through the myThesis notifications and webpage.

**9.0 IDP requirements for non-thesis students**

Dean Nalbantoglu highlighted the use of IDPs for non-thesis students, noting that the origin of the exercise is the workplace. IDPs enable individuals to identify competency gaps and work goals. Associate Dean Steele further noted that master's non-thesis students have shown interest in the exercise. The time commitment to complete an IDP is around 4 hours in total for master's students, and they can choose from a variety of tools.

**There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.**

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| <b>Q*</b>  | <b>Name</b>   | <b>Faculty/Departement</b>                                       | <b>Present</b>               | <b>Regrets</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
| 1  | Eli MacLaren  | Arts   | X                            |                |               |
| 2  | Eran Shor   | Arts   | X                            |                |               |
| 3  | Jason Opal  | Arts   | X                            |                |               |
| 4  | Rahul Gawri replacing Fackson Mwale                           | 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  | Barbel Knauper  | Science  | X                            |                |               |
| 9  | Bernhard Lehner (interim)                                     | Science  | X                            |                |               |
| 10   | Jean-Benoit Charron   | Agricultural, Environmental & Science                            |                              | X              |               |
| 11   | Stéphanie Chevalier   | Agricultural, Environmental & Science                            | X                            |                |               |
| 12   | Chiaki Konishi (interim)                                      | Education  | X                            |                |               |
| 13   | Benoit Gentil (interim)                                       | Education  | X                            |                |               |
| 14   | Jinhyuk Lee   | Engineering  | X                            |                |               |
| 15   | Theodora Vardouli   | Engineering  | X                            |                |               |
| 16   | Monzur Murshed  | Dentistry  | X                            |                |               |
| 17   | Bianca Bourgeois (interim)                                    | Law  |                              | X              |               |
| 18   | Samer Faraj   | Management   |                              |                | X             |
| 19   | Roe-Min Kok (interim)   | Music  | X                            |                |               |
| 21   | Nicolette Papastefanou replacing María Sierra Córdoba Serrano | School of Continuing Studies                                     | X                            |                |               |
| 21   | Hossein Poorhemati  | Secretary-General - PGSS (delegate)                              |                              | X              |               |
| 22   | Claire Elizabeth Adams  | Postdoctoral fellow  | X                            |                |               |
| 23   | <b>TBA</b>  | Graduate Student - AES   |                              |                |               |
| 24   | <b>TBA</b>  | Graduate Student - Arts  |                              |                |               |
| 25   | <b>TBA</b>  | Graduate Student - Med and Hlth Scis                             |                              |                |               |
| 26   | <b>TBA</b>  | Graduate Student - Law   |                              |                |               |
| -  | April Colosimo  | Libraries (ex-officio)   | X                            |                |               |
| -  | Debra Titone (replacing Benoit Boulet (for Martha             | Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation) (ex-officio) (delegate) |                              |                | X             |
| -  | Carolyn Samuel (for Laura Winer)                              | Director - TLS (ex-officio)                                      |                              | X              |               |
| <b>COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)</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                            |                |               |
| -  | <b>TBA</b>  | Academic Programs Officer - GPS                                  |                              |                |               |
| -  | Cindy Smith   | SCTP Secretary   | X                            |                |               |
| -  | <b>TBA</b>  | Committee Secretary  |                              |                |               |