COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

James Administration Building, Room 301   Date: Monday, December 12, 2022   Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

<u>*For meeting attendance list, please see last page.*</u>

<u>Guest(s):</u>
Prof. Bettina Kemme, School of Computer Science
Chris Buddle, Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Programs)

Order was called at 2:30 p.m.
Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

1.0   Adoption of the Agenda   CGPS-AGD_2022.12.12
Motion was made by Jean-Benoit Charron, and seconded by Benoit Boulet, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2.0   Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting   CGPS-MoM_2022.11.14
Motion was made by Jason Opal, and seconded by Benjamin Forest, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 14, 2022. Motion carried.

Business Arising

None

For Approval

3.0   Major Revision to Program:
3.1   M.Sc. Computer Science (Non-Thesis)   CGPS-MRP-CompSciNT_R00
Presented by: Prof. Bettina Kemme, from the Faculty of Science

Professor Kemme introduced the major revisions to the existing M. Sc. in Computer Science (non-thesis), which comprise enabling students to apply directly into the non-thesis program and offering them the choice to complete a research project, or an internship, in addition to coursework. Direct entry will help the integration of international students into Canadian settings and labor markets and improve the program's accessibility for students seeking deeper knowledge of computer science. Professor Kemme also presented on the new internship course, which will attract students with interest in advanced industrial positions.

<u>CGPS Commentary</u>
- A Council member asked about the responsibilities of industries hosting interns and the measures in place to ensure quality programming. The proposer confirmed that the internships will be paid and only companies with public projects will be eligible. Both companies and students will be required to write reports on the progress and quality of the internship.
- A Council member recommended an internship preparation course to help students adapt to workplace culture (GPS already offers modules on "Preparing for your Internship" on myCourses).
- Another Council member inquired whether the proposers will establish criteria to ensure students are ready for the industry. Professor Kemme confirmed that students will be required to complete a minimum number of courses prior to the internship. The company will also provide performance feedback to the unit.
- One Council member asked about the implications of more admissions on resources for current students. The proposer noted the School of Computer Science has received government funding to restructure the program to include an internship. The Dean also confirmed that this enrolment plan is different than that of thesis students.
- A Council member inquired whether students must be bilingual. The proposer said no.

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- Engineering students' roles in securing internships in their co-op program was discussed. The proposer explained that for this program, the School of Computer Science wants to oversee internships and will be hiring Internship Coordinators.
- Council members asked about student funding and program costs. Dean Nalbantoglu noted the students who do the internship will be paid, which may help contribute to tuition fee payment.
- It was advised that the School consult models of successful internship programs at McGill.

Motion was made by Benoit Gentil, and seconded by Benjamin Forest, to approve the program. The new program was approved with 20 votes (0 abstain, 0 against); it will be reported to SCTP for approval.

For Information

4.0   For Information:

4.1   Report   CGPS-RPTP_2022.12.12

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

Council member María Sierra Córdoba Serrano presented the background for program revisions being undertaken in the School of Continuing Studies. They are converting current diplomas to graduate certificates, which are attractive options to students given their short length and the possibility of summer offerings.

Other Business

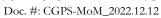**5.0   New Models of Academic Program Delivery**

Associate Provost (Teaching and Academic Programs) Chris Buddle presented the mandate of the Working Group on New Models of Academic Program Delivery, which includes recommending strategies and directions for program development at McGill University and reviewing best practices in areas such as learning assessment, experiential learning, and blended learning. Their work seeks to ensure that programs address student demands and resources are used effectively. The Associate Provost shared feedback from the community and elaborated on key points such as the implementation of blended learning, the development of definitions for new types of programs, interest in non-credit offerings, and the possibility of increased summer offerings. Input from Council was requested.

The ensuing discussion addressed topics and questions related to:
- challenges with flexibility in accredited programs
- the necessity to consider impacts of online courses on student loans and fee structures
- challenges related to student engagement in online settings
- the need for consistent and clear student evaluation
- the integration of shorter learning activities (such as those offered by the Library or SCS)
- reconsidering the need for in-person learning for large classes
- the creation of more flexible learning opportunities that also still fit within the McGill framework
- the possibility of reflecting experiential learning opportunities on the student transcript

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There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

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Q*	Name	Faculty/Department	Present	Regrets	Absent
1	Eli MacLaren	Arts	X		
2	Eran Shor	Arts		X	
3	Jason Opal	Arts	X		
4	Fackson Mwale	Medicine and Health Sciences	X		
5	Isabelle Gélinas	Medicine and Health Sciences	X		
6	Rahul Gawri, replacing Pierre Moffatt	Medicine and Health Sciences	X		
7	Andrew Cumming	Science	X		
8	Barbel Knauper	Science		X	
9	Benjamin Forest (replacement)	Science	X		
10	Jean-Benoit Charron	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	X		
11	Stéphanie Chevalier	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	X		
12	Chiaki Konishi (interim)	Education	X		
13	Celena Scheede-Bergdahl (replacement)	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	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	Sogo Adegboyega	Graduate Student - AES		X	
24	**TBA**	Graduate Student - Arts			
25	**TBA**	Graduate Student - Med and Hlth Scis			
26	**TBA**	Graduate Student - Law			
-	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		
Members with voice but no vote					
-	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		
-	**TBA**	Academic Programs Officer - GPS			
-	Cindy Smith	SCTP Secretary	X		
-	**TBA**	Committee Secretary			