

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

Via Zoom

Date: Monday, March 13, 2023

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

For meeting attendance list, please see last page.

Guest(s):

Odile Liboiron-Ladouceur, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Gary Ng, Research Assistant, Faculty of Engineering

Order was called at 2:32 p.m.

Dean Nalbantoglu confirmed quorum.

1.0 Adoption of the Agenda**CGPS-AGD_2023.03.14**

Motion was made by Isabelle Gélinas, and seconded by Fackson Mwale, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting**CGPS-MoM_2023.02.13**

Motion was made by Debra Titone, and seconded by Rahul Gawri, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023. Motion carried.

No business arising

For Approval

3.0 Major Revisions to Graduate Programs**3.1 M.Eng. Electrical Engineering (Non-Thesis) (45 credits)****CGPS-MRP-MENGNT-R00**

Presented by: Odile Liboiron-Ladouceur and Gary Ng

The proposers presented the revisions to the M.Eng. Electrical Engineering (Non-Thesis) program. The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering first noted that the 2018 revisions to this program should be retired, in favor of this proposal. The proposed revision is a shift to a course-based program with no required project, which would give students more flexibility in the course selection and allow them to achieve both breadth and depth in their studies. Since the field is multidisciplinary, students will be able to choose departmental courses from four core interdepartmental research areas. The main rationale for the proposed changes is that the current project-based program limits enrolment due to the need for project supervisors. Students who wish to take a non-departmental course will be treated on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the concerned department.

Discussion:

- The Chair inquired about how the student record would look like in myProgress and the transcript. It was confirmed they can register for any graduate ECE course, as long as they have the prerequisites. No changes to program requirements in myProgress will be necessary.
- A Council member asked how McGill will compare to other Quebec educational institutions like Concordia University. The member specifically questioned how Concordia has been able to attract more students to their program. The presenter explained that the Concordia students do not have an assigned supervisor, rather they are selected based on their GPA and have the option of course-based and project-course-hybrid programs. Many choose to do courses, as opposed to a project. The proposer also explained that students' success in courses can indicate their capacity to undertake projects.
- A Council member commented that the proposal is straightforward and seems quite necessary. The Chair agreed, stating the courses already exist and this will help boost enrolment.

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Motion was made by Fackson Mwale and seconded by Jean-Benoit Charron to approve the program revision. The revision to the 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_2023.03.13

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

Councillors' forum

None

Other Business

None

There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 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 (replacement) 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	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	Ali Taqvi	Graduate Student - Med and Hlth Scis	X		
26	TBA	Graduate Student - Law			
-	April Colosimo	Libraries (ex-officio)	X		
-	Debra Titone (replacement) 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	
-	Marie-Josée Chapleau (interim)	Committee Secretary	X		