

Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the CGPS held on
Monday, November 19, 2012, 2:30 pm
New Music Building, Room A-832

Attendance:

Officers:

Martin Kreiswirth (Chair)
Muriel Auberger (Committee Secretary)

Elected Members:

Ali Jahanbani Ardakani, Robin Beech, France Bouthillier, Greg Brown, Helge Dedek, Hatem Dokainish, Zaid El-Khatib, Maedeh Khayyat Kholghi, Louis Houle, Bettina Kemme, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Kristin Norget, Nathaniel Quitarano, Isabelle Rouiller, Ned Schantz, Ingrid Sladeczek, Eleanor Stublely and David Wolfson.

Ex-Officio:

Shari Baum, Adam Bouchard, Jonathan Mooney and Lisa Travis.

Regrets:

Hugh Bennett, Roger Cue, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Guillaume Lord, Kedar K. Mate, Lissa Matyas, Laura Nilson, Carrie Rentschler, Simon Tran,

Absent:

Jeff Gostick and Saibal Ray

Order was called at 2:30 pm

105 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with two additions. Dean Kreiswirth asked that the item: GPS Committees' Membership be added under "Other Business" and Prof. Beech asked that the item: Co-tutelle be added under the section "Councilor's Forum".

106 Approval of Minutes

CGPS.12.01

The minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting were approved. All in favour.

107 Business Arising from the Minutesa) Update on suggested changes to language of “Fail” vs. “Not Pass”:

Dean Kreiswirth announced that the document is now final but will only become official once all the forms are updated by ISR-- not before the New Year.

b) Update on Graduate Dates Issue

Dean Kreiswirth informed members that this issue was brought up at the last Council meeting by Prof. Nalbantoglu. Associate Dean Baum reiterated the fact that the process was revised 1.5 years ago after much consultation and that the justification for the deadline changes was to improve efficiency of the GPS office and reduce the turnaround time and bureaucracy of the process. Since the implementation of the changes there have been very few requests for exceptions as the vast majority of units are comfortable with the new deadlines.

c) Changes to: “Guidelines for Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination” **CGPS.12.03**

Dean Kreiswirth explained that the changes to the policy were discussed at the last meeting. Since then he has taken the document for further consultation and received feedback, which was generally positive.

Dean Kreiswirth referred members to document CGPS.12.03 and went through the additions (indicated in red) to the document following the last meeting. He pointed out that a question on whether or not a student should be allowed to have an advocate was brought up. The Council members, after much discussion, were not against it but were worried about it affecting the confidentiality of the complaint. It was decided to consider this issue again, if warranted by the process.

A few additional minor comments were brought up by the members of Council that will be incorporated into the version to be submitted to APC for approval.

Dean Kreiswirth thanked the members for their input and confirmed that the new examination policies and procedures will now be presented at APC for approval, and then Senate.

108 New Businessa) SCTP Summary Report 3

Approved New, Revised and Retired Courses

CGPS.12.10

This document is being presented for information to members.

b) SCTP Summary Report 4

Approved New and Revised Programs

CGPS.12.11

- Appendix A – new option for approval
M.Sc. (Applied) in Bioresource Engineering;

CGPS.12.12

Non-Thesis – Integrated Food and Bioprocessing

Dean Kreiswirth informed members that this new option is designed to offer avenues for development of the uses of biological resources while respecting food production and security.

All were in favor to approve the new option of the existing M.Sc. (Applied) in Bioresource Engineering; Non-Thesis – Integrated Food and Bioprocessing. Motion carried.

c) SCTP Summary Report 4

Approved New, Revised and Retired Courses

CGPS.12.13

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109 Councilor's Form

a) Co-Tutelle

Professor Beech brought up the issue of co-tutelle, informing the members that about a year ago he asked for the possibility of organizing a cotutelle for a student in association with a University in France. At the time, he was informed by Associate Dean Nahon that GPS was piloting a Law student through the process. He would now like to obtain an update on the process. Dean Kreiswirth informed the members that the file is now in the hands of Associate Dean Nilson and a mechanism for registering students in both institutions without paying dual fees is currently being put together. GPS is working with the Office of the Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning) to obtain approval for a McGill University agreement. Once finalized, the agreement will be presented at Council, APC and then Senate for approval.

Dean Kreiswirth encouraged members to submit items for discussion prior to the Council meetings.

110 Other Business

a) Selection Committees' Members

Dean Kreiswirth called for volunteers to sit on the following GPS Selection Committees:

- David Thomson Award for Graduate Supervision and Teaching
- Carrie M. Derick Award for Graduate Teaching and Supervision

Dean Kreiswirth's call for volunteers was not answered. He will be nominating members to sit on the two selection committees.

b) Thesis Challenge Subcommittee of the CGPS and Graduate Committee on Student Standing

Dean Kreiswirth called for volunteers to sit on this subcommittee. Profs Beech, Brown and Nalbantoglu all agreed to sit on the subcommittee for 2012-2013.

There being no further business, all were in favour to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm.