

## Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the CGPS held on  
Monday, February 11, 2013, 2:30 pm  
James Administration Building, Room 301

### **Attendance:**

#### *Officers:*

Martin Kreiswirth (Chair)  
Muriel Auberger (Committee Secretary)  
Mona Sharafi-Razvand (Committee Secretary Assistance)

#### *Elected Members:*

Roger Cue, Robin Beech, Ned Schantz, Kristin Norget, Hedge Dedek, Louis Houle, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Eleanor Stubley, David Wolfson, Bettina Kemme and Maedeh Khayat Kholghi.

#### *Ex-Officio:*

Lisa Travis, Shari Baum and Lissa Matyas.

#### *Regrets:*

Simon Tran, Hugh Bennett, Greg Brown and France Bouthilier

#### *Absent:*

Carrie Rentschler, Ingrid Sladeczek, Nathaniel Quitarano, Jeff Gostick, Saibal Ray, Isabelle Rouiller, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Lauran Nilson, Adam Bouchard, Ali Jahanbani Ardakani, Ziad El-Katib, Kedar K. Mate, Adelina Artenie and Hatem Dokainish.

#### *Guests:*

Meaghan Thurston, Joel Deshayes and Jonathan Mooney

### **Order was called at 2:30 pm**

#### **117 Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was not approved due to a lack of quorum.

#### **118 Approval of Minutes**

CGPS.12.21

The minutes of the January 14, 2013 meeting were not approved due to a lack of quorum.

#### **119 Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) “Guidelines for Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination”

Dean Kreiswirth announced to the members that the proposed revisions to the Guidelines for Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination were approved by Senate at its meeting on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. He explained that several meetings were held for consultation regarding the subject. He confirmed that the regulation is now changed.

## **120 New Business**

- a) SCTP Summary Report 7  
Approved Revised Programs **CGPS.12.22**
- b) Appendix A - M.A. in Counseling Psychology – major revision for approval **CGPS.12.23**

Dean Kreiswirth welcomed Dr. Marilyn Fitzpatrick from the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology who presented the program revisions.

Dr. Fitzpatrick explained that there will be 3 changes to the way the project is designed in the Counseling Psychology Program. She describes the first change as splitting the testing courses into two courses that will benefit both programs. The second change is in the credit weights. The current proposal is for the Department to increase the M.A. in Counseling Psychology, Non-Thesis Project credit weight from the existing 45 credits to 60 credits.

Dr. Fitzpatrick mentioned that the 9 credit weight was insufficient and that it put the students at a disadvantage to retain their funding. There was discussion regarding the maximum of credits in a thesis and a project and the duration of a Master degree at McGill compared to other Universities.

Due to a lack of quorum, **no motion was passed at the meeting. The votes will be made electronically.**

- c) SCTP Summary Report 7  
Approved New, Revised and Retired Courses **CGPS.12.24**

This document is being presented for information to members.

## **121 Councilor's Forum**

**No items were submitted for discussion under this section.**

## **122 Other Business**

- a) GAP, uApply:

Dean Kreiswirth informed the members that in a month or two, the full application process will be available online. More information will be provided soon. Dean Kreiswirth also asked everyone to share any problems they are having regarding the current process of admissions for fall 2013.

Ms. Thurston pointed out that there were recently problems with the system to upload reference letters. As of January 30<sup>th</sup>, the problem is resolved and the reference letters can be uploaded.

Prof. Beech brought up the issue of validating reference letters to which Ms. Thurston replied that the rate of falsification is low and so it has not been an issue.

b) Progress tracking:

There was discussion regarding the understanding of stipends paid through the departments and the need to clarify the roles and responsibilities of both the student and the faculty member. Dean Kreiswirth emphasized on the need to have an official progress tracking mechanism at McGill. Mr. Mooney pointed out that PGSS' position is that if a student is not making satisfactory progress, he/she should be informed and appropriate measures taken.

**There being no further business, all were in favour to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 pm.**