Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the CGPS held on
Wednesday, April 10, 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, Kristin Norget, France Bouthillier, Jeff Gostick, Louis Houle, Hugh Bennett, Eleanor Stubley, Patricia Kirkpatrick, David Wolfson, Greg Brown and Bettina Kemme.

Ex-Officio:
Shari Baum, Laura Nilson and Lissa Matyas.

Regrets:
Robin Beech, Simon Tran, Ingrid Sladeczek, Hedge Dedek, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Lisa Travis, Ziad El-Khatib and Maedeh Khayyat Kholghi.

Absent:
Carrie Rentschler, Nathaniel Quitoriano, Saibal Ray, Isabelle Rouiller, Adam Bouchard, Ali Jahanbani Ardakani, Kedar K. Mate, Adelina Artenie and Ned Schantz.

Guests:
Meaghan Thurston, David Syncox and Jonathan Mooney

Order was called at 2:30 pm

123   Adoption of the Agenda

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

124   Approval of Minutes   CGPS.12.25

The minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting were not approved due to a lack of quorum.

125   Business Arising from the Minutes

126   New Business

a)   Major Program Revisions
    o M.I.S.; Non-Thesis [formerly M.L.I.S.; Non-Thesis] — Appendix C CGPS.12.32

Dean Kreiswirth welcomed Professor France Bouthillier and Professor Joan Bartlett from the Faculty of Education, School of Information Studies who presented the program revisions.

Professor Bouthillier presented the proposed title change for the Master of Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.) to "Master of Information Studies (M.I.S.)". She explained the content changes and updates of the required courses and the transition from three areas of specialization to two Streams: Course-Based and Research Project. Professor Bouthillier also highlighted the benefits of updating these existing courses and adding new complementary ones.

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

b)   New options of existing program:
    o M.Ed. in Educational Psychology; Non-Thesis General Educational
        Psychology — Project — Appendix A   CGPS.12.30
    o M.Ed. in Educational Psychology; Non-Thesis Inclusive Education
         — Project — Appendix B   CGPS.12.31

The documents were presented to the committee members. Due to a lack of quorum, **no motion was passed at the meeting. The vote will be taken electronically.**

c)   SCTP Summary Report 11 – New and Revised Programs   CGPS.12.29
d)   SCTP Summary Report 11 – New Courses   CGPS.12.33

Both documents were presented for information to members.

e)   Student Exchange Agreement - Hochschule fur Musik Wurzburg   CGPS.12.34

Dean Kreiswirth presented the Student Exchange Agreement - Hochschule fur Musik Wurzburg. He briefly explained the bilateral agreement and discussed its long term goal of achieving an equal amount of student exchanges between both parties.

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

f)   SCTP Summary Report 9- Approved New Courses   CGPS.12.26
g)   SCTP Summary Report 10-Approved Revised Programs   CGPS.12.27
h)   SCTP Summary Report 10-Approved New Courses   CGPS.12.28

The documents were presented for information to members.

i)   Demonstration of version 2.0 of the online graduate admissions system (3:15)

Dean Kreiswirth welcomed Mr. Kostya Dykukha from the Project Management Office, Mr. Mark Quinsey from Graduate Admissions Project and Mr. Larry Verkade from Admissions and Recruitment who presented the uApply system.

Mr. Quinsey presented a demo of the Apply, Evaluate & Decision modules and provided details on the training available to new users. Mr. Verkade, Mr. Dykukha and the members of the committee discussed during Q & A period the potential to generate reports by accessing statistics and data from the system.

j)   Update on Support for Supervision

Dean Kreiswirth discussed the Canadian Professional and Graduate Survey results, which aimed to gather student's views on supervision. He also described McGill's parallel survey targeting supervisors and supervisees, the results of which are undergoing analysis.   This survey was designed in collaboration with the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) and the McGill Association of University Teachers (MAUT).

Mr. Mooney, Secretary-General of PGSS, pointed out that they wish to collaborate with the parties to create a FAQ document that clearly outlines guidelines and establishes broad practices that can be implemented at the Faculty level. In the meantime, any questions or concerns regarding this FAQ can be directed to Ms. Thurston.

k)   New Graduate and Postdoctoral Writing Initiative

Due to a lack of time, this item was not addressed at the meeting.

127   Councilor's Forum

No items were submitted for discussion under this section.

128   Other Business

There being no further business, all were in favour to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 pm.