

Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the CGPS held on
Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 2:30 pm
James Administration Building, Room 301

Attendance:

Officers:

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

Elected Members:

Roger Cue, Ned Schantz, Carrie Rentschler, Kristin Norget, Ingrid Sladeczek, France Bouthillier, Hedge Dedek, Louis Houle, Isabelle Rouiller, Hugh Bennett, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Eleanor Stublely and Bettina Kemme.

Ex-Officio:

Lisa Travis and Lissa Matyas.

Regrets:

Robin Beech, Simon Tran, David Wolfson, Greg Brown, Shari Baum, Laura Nilson and Jonathan Mooney.

Absent:

Nathaniel Quitoriano, Jeff Gostick, Patricia Krikpatrick, Adam Bouchard, Saibal Ray, Adam Bouchard, Ali Jahanbani Ardakani, Kedar K. Mate, Adelina Artenie and Maedeh Khayyat Kholghi.

Guests:

Meaghan Thurston, David Syncox, Eli Turk and Kathleen Massey

Order was called at 2:40 pm

129 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

130 Approval of Minutes

CGPS.12.35

The minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting were approved.

131 Business Arising from the Minutes

132 New Business

- a) SCTP Summary Report 8 - Approved Revised and Retired Courses CGPS.12.36

This document was presented for information to members. Dean Kreiswirth explained the purpose for sharing documents of this type is to keep Council members apprised of the approved new, revised and retired courses.

- b) SCTP Summary Report 12 - Approved New, Revised and Retired Programs CGPS.12.37

- New option – M.Sc.(A.) in Human Nutrition;
Non-Thesis – Dietetics Credentialing CGPS.12.38

Dean Kreiswirth welcomed Dr. Rose and Dr. Koski from the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition who presented a new concentration of the Master of Science (Applied) in Human Nutrition; Non-Thesis-Dietetics Credentialing program. The new option will accommodate students who completed their undergraduate degree outside of McGill and will offer students the opportunity to gain professional experience by way of an internship to be eligible to work as a registered dietitian. Dr. Rose also specified that the number of credits presented include the internship credits.

All were in favor to approve the new option: M. Sc. (A.) in Human Nutrition; Non – Thesis – Dietetics credentialing. Motion carried.

- c) SCTP Summary Report 12 - Approved New, Revised and Retired Courses CGPS.12.39

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- d) SCTP Summary Report 13 - Approved New, Revised and Retired Programs CGPS.12.40

- Program revision: M.M. in Manufacturing Management
(to be offered in China) – Appendix G CGPS.12.41

Professor Yalovsky, Associate Dean Academic of the Desautels Faculty Management described the history of the agreement between McGill University and Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. He presented the change to the existing MMM program which consists of offering a new part time Global Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management (GMSCM) program at Zhejiang University.

Dean Kreiswirth provided some more background information concerning the Faculty of Engineering's involvement in the past.

All were in favor to approve the program revision: M.M. in Manufacturing Management. Motion carried.

- Program revision: M. Sc. in Physiology; Bioinformatics - Appendix E CGPS.12.42

- Program revision: M. Sc. in Physiology - Appendix F CGPS.12.43

Professor White from the department of Physiology presented the program revisions of the Master of Science in Physiology; Bioinformatics – Appendix E and the Master of Science in Physiology – Appendix F together.

He explained that a new ethics component has been incorporated into the program with the introduction of four two hour sessions, which deal with various aspects of research ethics. Professor White discussed the challenge to finalize the number of credits in the program. Professor Bouthillier suggested that Professor White consider that the new course PHGY 604 [added to all of the Physiology graduate programs] be reduced to 0 credits from 1 credit [PRN 5099 – submitted to SCTP April 4, 2013] in a revision of the proposals. She also noted that such a change would not have to come to CGPS (or SCTP) for approval since it would be a minor revision.

Professor White decided to pull this item off the agenda. No motion was passed.

- New option of existing program: M. Sc. in Physiology;
Chemical Biology – Appendix B CGPS.12.44
- New option of existing program: Ph.D. in Physiology;
Chemical Biology – Appendix A CGPS.12.45

Professor White presented a new option of two existing programs; Master's and Ph.D. of Science in Chemical Biology. The Graduate option in Chemical Biology will offer complementary courses that will increase student participation in lecture and seminar courses and in a series of thematic workshops. The new options can be viewed as the equivalent of a minor program and will appear on the student's transcript.

Dean Kreiswirth mentioned that adding options to existing programs adds value to the Master's and Ph.D. programs. He also believes it is a great opportunity to see if the area covered by the option can stand alone as a program in the future.

All were in favor to approve the new option of existing programs: M. Sc and Ph.D. in Physiology; Chemical Biology. Motion carried.

- New option of existing program: M.A. in Education and Society;
Mathematics and Science Education – Appendix C CGPS.12.46

Professor Jackson, Assistant Professor, from the Department of Education presented the Master of Arts in Education and Society and explained its focus on teacher education in the areas of math and science. The aim of the program is to equip graduates with sufficient teacher education experience to assume roles as educational leaders in informal and formal settings during this period of high demand for teachers.

- New option of existing program: Ph.D. in Educational Studies;
Mathematics and Science Education – Appendix D CGPS.12.47

Professor Jackson also introduced the Ph.D. in Educational Studies; Mathematics and Science Education with its focus to develop skills, knowledge and practices specific to teaching and learning mathematics and science. The concentration will provide sufficient teacher education experience to assume roles as teacher educators in universities and other settings.

All were in favor to approve the new option: M.A. in Education and Society and Ph.D. in Educational Studies; Mathematics and Science Education. Motion carried.

e) SCTP Summary Report 13 - Approved New and Revised Courses CGPS.12.48

This document was presented for information to members.

f) New Graduate and Postdoctoral Writing Initiative

Dean Kreiswirth updated members of Council on the new Graduate and Postdoctoral Writing Initiative. He confirmed that the advisory committee has been formed and informed Council members that a project manager has been hired to work across the University to implement the Initiative.

Dean Kreiswirth also discussed the upcoming tutorials and courses offered at no cost. Additional details will be shared by Ms. Thurston.

g) Memorandum of Agreement
Joint Doctoral Degree McGill University and the University of Edinburgh CGPS.12.49

Dean Kreiswirth welcomed Professor Meyer Nahon from the department of Mechanical Engineering who presented a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning/McGill University and the University of Edinburgh.

Professor Nahon shared the background of the MOA and presented the documents for approval that describe the program for the first doctoral student seeking a joint degree under the U21 MOU. He explained the approval process; an internal GPS form that records the specific academic details of the student's program and captures the departmental and Faculty approval. He informed the members of Senate's decision to have APC approve each MOU until further notice.

Dean Kreiswirth specified the agreement will be granting one diploma mentioning the two names of the universities and offered guidance from GPS to Faculties if needed.

On a motion by Professor Nalbantoglu, seconded by Professor Rentschler, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

h) Memorandum of Understanding
Joint Doctoral Degrees with Universities in France CGPS.12.50

Professor Nahon also presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a proposal for McGill to agree to abide by CREPUQ agreement and approve in principle the awarding of joint doctoral degrees between McGill and the French Institutions covered in the agreement.

While this MOU describes the general agreement between McGill and universities in France, the details of the program of an individual student would be specified in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) drafted specifically for that student. Each MOA would then be submitted to Council as well as to and the partner institution for approval of the program.

Dean Kreiswirth informed members of Council that Associate Dean Nilson is the lead for this project.

All were in favor to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Motion carried.

133 Councilor's Forum

134 Other Business

There being no further business, all were in favour to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.