

Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the CGPS held on
Monday, November 18, 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, Kristin Norget, Simon Tran, France Bouthillier, Nathaniel Quitarano, Angela Campbell, Derek Bowie, Patricia Kirkpatrick, David Wolfson, Greg Brown, Bettina Kemme, Peter Grutter, Adam Bouchard and Mohammad Hajizadeh.

Ex-Officio:

Jean-Jacques Lebrun, Heather Goad and Laura Nilson

Regrets:

Benoît Côté

Absent:

Carrie Rentschler, Jeff Gostick, Louis Houle, Saibal Ray, Isabelle Rouiller, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Eleanor Stublely, Lissa Matyas, Yuhan Ma, Giselle Boukhaled, Emily Yung, Susana Gabriela Torres Plata and Moksha Serrano

Guests:

Peter Schubert and Jim Engle-Warnick

Order was called at 2:35 pm

Dean Kreiswirth introduced GPS Associate Deans Laura Nilson, Heather Goad and Jean-Jacques Lebrun and described their primary roles to the members of Council.

115 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

116 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2013

CGPS.13.15

On a motion by Professor Cue, seconded by Professor Bowie, the minutes of the October 15, 2013 were approved. All in favour.

117 Business Arising

- a) Revised Recommendations on Supervision_2 CGPS.13.16

Dean Kreiswirth briefly presented a third version of the adapted recommendation to members and welcomed commentaries. Professor Wolfe recommended an amendment to the mandatory progress tracking process. His feedback consisted of replacing the wording “**within three months of the student’s enrolment in graduate program** a mutually agreed-upon written record of expectations for the supervisory relationship must be created” to “**within 3 months of getting a supervisor**”. Professor Kreiswirth agreed to rectify the statement in the agreement.

- b) New approval path for New Programs and Major Revisions CGPS.13.17

Dean Kreiswirth invited Associate Dean Laura Nilson to discuss important upcoming changes in 2014 regarding academic programs and major revisions that will require committee approval. Associate Dean Nilson announced the new chain of approval. Presently, proposals are submitted by SCTP to CGPS. Once approved by CGPS, the approved documents are presented back to SCTP who submits them to APC. The documents are then presented to Senate for their information.

In 2014, the process will change so that CGPS will be the first stop in the chain of approval. As a result, proposals will be submitted by CGPS to SCTP. Once approved by SCTP, the chain of approval will remain the same: documents will be submitted to APC for approval and presented to Senate for information.

118 New Business: For approval

- a) Graduate Certificate in Accounting – Appendix A CGPS.13.18

Dean Kreiswirth welcomed Ms. Julia Scott, faculty lecturer from Desautels Faculty of Management, who presented the Graduate Certificate in Accounting to members of Council. She announced that the existing Graduate Diploma in Public Accountancy and the Graduate Certificate in Accounting Practice will be retired and replaced by the Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting (CGPA and CPA Program).

The Graduate Certificate in Professional Accounting is a recognized professional education program (PEP) des Ordre des Comptables Professionels Agréés du Québec (OCPAQ). The program will prepare students for careers as professional accountants and to write the national CPA Common Final Exams. In addition, it will allow students to develop professional skills that will be recognized nationally and internationally.

All were in favor to approve the Graduate Certificate in Accounting – Appendix A. Motion carried.

- b) Memorandum of Agreement CGPS.13.19
Joint Doctoral Degree McGill University and the University of Edinburgh

Dean Kreiswirth briefly described the two types of agreements between the province of Quebec and France as well as between Universities in Quebec and those from U21. He believes these agreements allow the University to design a program for individual students. Associate Dean Laura Nilson was invited to describe the agreement and its history to the members of Council.

Dean Kreiswirth provided additional information regarding requirements to be eligible for this type of agreement and its advantages.

On a motion by Professor Kemme, seconded by Professor Schubert, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) - Joint Doctoral Degree McGill University and the University of Edinburgh was approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

c) Memorandum of Agreement CGPS.13.20
Joint Doctoral Degree/Cotutelle McGill University and Université Paris-Sud XI

Associate Dean Laura Nilson presented the first Joint Doctoral Degree/Cotutelle between McGill University and Université Paris-Sud XI. She briefly described the agreement and its advantages for McGill University.

On a motion by Professor Cue, seconded by Professor Quitariano, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) - Joint Doctoral Degree/Cotutelle McGill University and Université Paris-Sud XI was approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

119 For Information:

a) SCTP Summary Report 4 – New, Revised and Approved Courses CGPS.13.21
b) SCTP Summary Report 4 – New Programs CGPS.13.22

These documents were presented for information to members.

120 Councilor's Forum

Long-term graduate research trainees CGPS.13.23

Professor Kemme requested a discussion regarding long-term graduate research trainees from China. She questioned the reasoning behind the limited time allocated to these students to conduct their research at the university and the process behind the types of status assigned to them.

Dean Kreiswirth discussed with the members of Council the advantages and disadvantages of this type of agreement. Amongst them, the issue of reliability, resources and university standards were debated. Dean Kreiswirth agreed to further discuss this subject in the future.

121 Other Business

There being no further business, all were in favour to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m.