

**Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**

Minutes of the meeting of the CGPS held on  
Monday, January 20, 2014, 2:30 pm  
James Administration Building, Room 301

**Attendance:**

*Officers:*

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

*Elected Members:*

Roger Cue, Elaine Weiner, Kristin Norget, Simon Tran, Jeff Gostick, Nancy Czemmell, Louis Houle, Isabelle Rouiller, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Peter Schubert, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Bettina Kemme, Peter Grutter, Maggie Do Couto, Adam Bouchard, Aditi Mullick, Julien Ouellet, Emily Yung and Mohammad Hajizadeh

*Ex-Officio:*

Jean-Jacques Lebrun

*Regrets:*

France Bouthillier and Greg Brown

*Absent:*

Benoît Coté, Ned Schantz, Nathaniel Quitarano, Saibal Ray, Derek Bowie, Laura Nilson, Heather Goad, Lissa Matyas, Burak Ozkosem, Aditi Mullick and Ana Best

*Guests:*

Shelley Clark

**Order was called at 2:35 pm**

Dean Kreiswirth called the meeting to order and proceeded with a round table introduction of all the members.

**128 Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**129 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2013

CGPS.13.31 – MinDec16\_03

On a motion by Prof. Schubert, seconded by Ms. Aditi Mullick from PGSS, the minutes of the December 16, 2013 were approved. All in favor.

**130 Business Arising**

Further to Dean Kreiswirth's email to members of Council, which held an e-vote in regards to changing the quorum for number of attendees present at Council needed to pass motions, Dean Kreiswirth announced that the motion was approved. The quorum needed to pass legislation at the Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies has been approved to be 10 voting members.

**131 New Business: For approval**

Dean Kreiswirth invited Professor Shelley Clark to briefly present the following new program options:

- a) M.A. in Economics; Non-Thesis – Population Dynamics - Appendix A CGPS.13.32 – MA\_EconNT\_PopDyn
- b) M.A. in Sociology; Non-Thesis – Population Dynamics - Appendix B CGPS.13.33 – MA\_SocNT\_PopDyn
- c) Ph.D. in Sociology; Population Dynamics - Appendix C CGPS.13.34 – PhD\_Soc\_PopDyn

Professor Clark explained that since McGill created a Centre on Population Dynamics (CPD), the creation of an option in Population Dynamics will provide more structured training opportunities for current graduate trainees and will attract new graduate students, thus establishing McGill as a world class institution where research on Population Dynamics is conducted. CPD spans the Faculties of Arts and Medicine and includes the departments of Sociology, Economics, and Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health. Students will receive graduate training in all three programs in demographic methods and enhance their knowledge of critical population issues. In addition, students will attend at least five of the seminars given by the Social Statistics and Population Dynamics Seminar series.

Members of Council discussed the root of these interests and the advantage of reviewing the reports to better understand student needs. **All were in favor to approve the new program options in Popular Dynamics for: Masters (non-thesis) students in Economics specializing in Population Dynamics; Masters (non-thesis) students in Sociology, specializing in Population Dynamics; and for PhD students in Sociology in Population Dynamics. Motion carried.**

- d) M.A. in School/Applied Child Psychology; Non-Thesis – Project – Appendix D CGPS.13.35 – MA\_AppChildPsychNT\_Proj

Dean Kreiswirth welcomed Professor Steven Shaw from the faculty of Educational and Counselling Psychology to present a proposal for the creation of a new non-thesis (or Research Project) program in adherence with both internal (McGill University) and external (CPA and OPQ) constraints. Professor Shaw proposed changes that will transform the existing professional Master of Arts (M.A.); Educational Psychology (Thesis) – School/Applied Child Psychology program (78 credits), into a new 60-credit, non-thesis Project MA program. Specifically, the implementation of important changes, recommended by CPA to course content and the number of credits devoted to research, will modernize the program and offer students more flexibility.

**On a motion by Professor Bouthillier, seconded by Mr. Ouellet, all were in favor to approve the M.A. in School/Applied Child Psychology; Non-Thesis – Project program. Motion carried.**

- e) Graduate Certificate in Driving Rehabilitation - Appendix E  
GradCert\_DrivRehab
- CGPS.13.36 –

Professor Kreiswirth referred members to document CGPS.13.36 - GradCert\_DrivRehab and briefly explained that the major revision is only in the name of the program. Therefore, the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy proposes to change the name of the program from Graduate Certificate in Assessing Driving Capabilities to Graduate Certificate in Driving Rehabilitation to more accurately represent the content covered in the certificate program.

**On a motion by Professor Houle, seconded by Professor Norget, all were in favor to approve the major revision in the Graduate Certificate in Driving Rehabilitation - Appendix E program.**

For Information:

- f) SCTP Summary Report 6 – New, Revised and Retired Courses      CGPS.13.37 – Report 6 Crs  
g) SCTP Summary Report 6 – New and Revised Programs              CGPS.13.38 – Report 6 Pgms

Both documents were presented for information to members.

### **132 Councilor’s Forum**

No items were submitted for discussion. However, members of Council shared their concern with Prof. Kreiswirth regarding technical issues with uApply. They expressed their frustration with the system’s slow upload and connection speed.

Professor Kreiswirth reassured the members of Council that the uApply team is aware of their concerns and that the team is currently working to resolve these technical issues as soon as possible.

### **133 Other Business**

**There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.**