MEMORANDUM COTUTELLE-FRANCE

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS)

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To: Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS)

From: France Bouthillier, Associate Dean of GPS

Subject For Approval – Requests for Cotutelle (Joint Thesis Supervision)

Background:

In 2007, Senate amended the McGill University statutes to allow, in principle, the granting of joint degrees.

In 2013, McGill Senate approved the adoption of a Joint Thesis Supervision Framework Agreement (Convention-Cadre sur les cotutelles de thèse) between the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Québec Universities (CREPUQ) and the Conférence des Présidents d'Université (CPU) and the Conférence des Directeurs d'Écoles et de Formations d'Ingénieurs (CDEFI). This document provides a broad outline of an agreement allowing students to carry out joint study between two of the partners and to be awarded a single jointly-awarded degree for one PhD thesis. The document also includes a sample MOA to be used to specify the details of each student's program.

The awarding of joint PhDs under this framework agreement was approved at McGill by CGPS on May 21, 2013, by APC on May 23, 2013, and by Senate on September 18, 2013. In accordance with this agreement, the details of the program for an individual student are specified in a MOA.

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