

Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the CGPS held on
Monday, May 11, 2015, 2:30 pm
James Administration Building, Room 301

Attendance:

Officers:

Martin Kreiswirth (Chair)

Mona Sharafi-Razvand (Secretary)

Elected Members:

Benoît Coté, Vijaya Raghavan, Meyer Nahon, Louis Houle, Naguib Mechawar, Jennifer Fishman, Josephine Nalbantoglu, Lena Weman, Peter Grutter and Jennifer Murray

Ex-Officio:

Elisa Pylkkanen, Jean-Jacques Lebrun, Laura Nilson, Alison Crump and Maggie DoCouto

Regrets:

Michael Van Dussen, Simon Tran, Dennis Jensen, Gordon Bloom, Nancy Czemmell, David Wolfson, Laura Winer, Behrang Sharif, Andrea Price, Natheer Alatawneh and Heather Goad

Absent:

Elaine Weiner, Prashant Keshavmurthy, Milica Popovich, Samer Faraj, Lara Braitstein, Greg Brown, Sebastien Breau, Devin Mills and Stephanie Lew

Guest(s):

Prof. France Bouthillier and Dr. David Ragsdale

Order was called at 2:35 pm

125 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was not **approved due to a lack of quorum.**

126 Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2015

CGPS.14.35– MinMarch16_15

The minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting were **not approved due to a lack of quorum.**

127 Business Arising

For Approval

New Programs:

**a) Graduate Certificate in Information Architecture
and Design**

CGPS.14.36-GradCert_InfoStud_InfoArchDesign

Dean Kreiswirth invited Professor France Bouthillier to present the Graduate Certificate in Information Architecture and Design and respond to any questions from members of Council.

There is a growing demand for information professionals in the area of information architecture and design. The Graduate Certificate in Information Architecture and Design would attract students who do not want to do a full Master's program and who have finished a bachelor in any discipline and/or those who have a master in information studies or other discipline. The department expects to start with approximately five enrollments in the first year and hopes to increase their registration numbers to around thirty students in the long term.

Professor Bouthillier also explained that the certificate may serve as a stepping stone for the Master of Information Studies (MIS) as students may be interested in switching to the MIS program while doing the certificate since the completed courses can be counted towards MIS. However, once students have completed a certificate and then decide to do the MIS the understanding is that the courses completed in the certificate cannot be counted in the MIS.

Dean Kreiswirth and members of Council briefly discussed the extent of consultation required when developing new certificates and programs. The members of Council agreed that consulting related faculties as much as possible will help avoid duplication.

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

Major Revisions

b) MSc in Neuroscience

CGPS.14.37-Msc_Neuroscience_T

Dr. David Ragsdale was invited to present the M.Sc. Thesis program in Neuroscience. He explained that the course NEUR 610 has been moved from the list of required 3-credit complementary courses to the list of complementary courses from which the student must obtain six credits. In addition, the credit weight from NEUR 610 has been changed from 5 credits to 3 credits. In consequence, the course NEUR 610 is no longer necessary for students to obtain credits since the credit weight for NEUR 610 now offers 3 credits. As a result, the proposed program will require a student to complete 45 credits to graduate.

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

c) PhD in Neuroscience

CGPS.14.38-PhD_Neuroscience_T

Dr. Ragsdale also presented the PhD Thesis in Neuroscience. The major revisions included removing the course NEUR 610 from the list of required 3-credit complementary courses to the list of complementary courses from which the student must obtain six credits. The credit weight for the course NEUR 610 has also changed from 5 credits to 3 credits.

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

128 For Information:

a) SCTP Summary Report 6 – New, Revised and/or Retired Graduate Programs and/or Courses

CGPS.14.39-Rpt_6_SCTP_Feb_19

b) SCTP Summary Report 7 – New, Revised and/or Retired Graduate Programs and/or Courses

CGPS.14.40-Rpt_7_SCTP_March_12

c) SCTP Summary Report 8 – New, Revised and/or Retired Graduate Programs and/or Courses

CGPS.14.41-Rpt_8_SCTP_March_26

**d) SCTP Summary Report 9 – New, Revised and/or
Retired Graduate Programs and/or Courses**

CGPS.14.42-Rpt_9_SCTP_April_9

The document above was presented for information to members.

129 Councilor's Forum

No items were submitted for discussion.

130 Other Business

There being no further business, all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.