



Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on October 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room (Room 103, 3605 de la Montagne).

PRESENT

Chen, Liang	Colby, Diana	Eidelman, David (Chair)
Hosatte-Ducassy, Caroline (by phone)	Kafantaris, Demetra	Robaire, Bernard
Sharif, Behrang		

Regrets: Karen Brown, Françoise Filion, Stephen Liben

1. Review of the August 30, 2017 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

2. Review of the September 26, 2017 Faculty Council Minutes and debrief on meeting

The minutes were approved without change.

3. Topics to consider for next FC meeting on December 5 [education, research, students]

New topics

i. Win4Science initiative

B. Robaire provided a brief synopsis of this initiative: to sensitize individuals about the built-in discrimination/de-sensitization regarding women in science who are not given enough opportunity to advance; close the gender gap. He confirmed that attendance at the seminar is good thus far. The Chair stated Lisa Munter would be the right person to present this topic at Faculty Council, but wondered whether December 5 is the right date to do so. D. Kafantaris also mentioned that L. Munter and a basic science student attended the North America Gender Summit last week (CORRECTION: the summit is taking place on Nov. 6-8; first time hosted in Montreal). December may be a good time for her to present.

ACTION: Demetra Kafantaris to contact L. Munter to verify her availability to present at the December FC meeting, FC schedule permitting. If not, defer to the February date.
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ii. Ophthalmology Department Strategic planning and name change

The Chair indicated that Leonard Levin is not available in December to present. B. Robaire asked what the name change entails, to which the Chair replied “Ophthalmology and Vision Science”, as other institutions have done. All agreed to defer to a later meeting.

Topics suggested at previous meeting(s)

iii. *Indigenous Health Professions Program introduction*

D. Kafantaris confirmed that Kent Saylor is available to present at the December meeting.

iv. *Bicentennial planning*

The Chair questioned the value of presenting this topic. D. Colby suggested including it in the Dean’s updates. All agreed.

v. *Education Strategic Plan (ESP)*

D. Kafantaris confirmed Annette Majnemer will present the ESP for approval in December.

vi. *Resident accreditation/CBME*

D. Kafantaris asked whether this topic was for Faculty Council forum. D. Colby mentioned that in terms of engagement, it has merit and perhaps it could be spoken to under the Dean’s updates. The Chair indicated that this topic has been brought to Clinical Chairs and is not relevant across all departments. C. Hosatte-Ducassy confirmed that clinical staff are aware of this issue.

ACTION: This topic was not retained for the Faculty Council at this point in time.

vii. *New CAS guidelines passed by Senate (Sept)*

The Chair noted these new guidelines affect all professors and should be discussed. B. Robaire stated Mara Ludwig asked him to sit on a committee at the end of November regarding CAS and that it would be beneficial for the Faculty to know of these guidelines, suggesting Angela Campbell may be the right person to present them. The Chair indicated this was an important topic, and asked D. Kafantaris to verify with M. Ludwig who should present.

ACTION: D. Kafantaris to verify with Mara Ludwig who could present this topic and when.

viii. *MI4 (McGill Interdisciplinary Initiative on Infection & Immunity)*

An important Retreat is taking place this coming Friday, November 3, and the Chair suggested the timeliness of informing Faculty Council members about this research topic, led by Don Sheppard who would present it. This project is a top priority for the Faculty and was selected as one of four Grand Challenges for the University.

ACTION: D. Kafantaris to verify Don Sheppard's availability to present MI4 in December.

ix. *Nursing-led clinic Accueil Bonneau and home visits; student-faculty initiative*

The Chair noted this would be a great topic to present following the discussion that was had at the last Steering Committee meeting in August with F. Filion.

ACTION: D. Kafantaris to ask F. Filion who could present this topic, in December or February.

x. *Graduate Program and Internship*

B. Robaire provided a brief summary on how this program works. The Chair agreed that this would be a good topic to present, asking how these internships could be communicated- perhaps by Josephine Nalbantoglu? B. Robaire agreed as it is an important topic for graduate students. D. Colby suggested that it also be communicated via Med E-News.

Standing/Routine Agenda items

1) Dean's updates:

a) *December 11 Faculty Health Network Retreat*

No discussion was had.

b) *Project Renaissance: Faculty of Medicine space*

B. Robaire commented on the intense reaction this topic provoked at the last Faculty Council meeting, and suggested it needs to be addressed anew by the Chair. The Chair will seek advice and support from his Faculty Advisory Board (FAB) later in the evening. Some positive space outcomes: the School of Nursing has moved to a better space and Physical & Occupational Therapy are set to move in the near future. Medical student space however, is not great and there is no more space available to house new programs or initiatives.

B. Robaire suggested this topic be provided as an update. He further suggested a formal town hall with VP Beauchamp and Principal Fortier to allow individuals to address issues. Some concern was expressed about such a forum and that it may not lead to constructive discussion. L. Chen noted that the topic of space was brought to MASH and students have expressed a desire to get involved. B. Sharif agreed. The Chair indicated students are the key to change. L. Chen asked who they should send letters to in order to effect change, to which the Chair replied it is always good to start at the top, i.e. the Principal.

B. Sharif then inquired about a campaign of letters. The Chair suggested that letters from students indicating their own space issues would be most effective. B. Sharif noted that graduate students are generally isolated from one another, and their knowledge of space issues normally stops at the level of their supervisors. To address this he asked whether it would be possible to receive the Faculty's proposed space plans. The Chair indicated

that Pascale Mongrain would be the contact person for this. B. Robaire stressed the importance of bringing student issues to the Faculty's attention.

The Chair then asked student for their perspective on the current SSMU situation, expressing concern that few students beyond Arts students are being active. B. Sharif stated that in PGSS, this is not an issue but for undergrads, SSMU is not appealing. L. Chen added that the SSMU culture is a hard one to get involved in. B. Sharif also noted that members of the Executive are required to take a full year off their studies to serve. This is not feasible for many students, including medical students. The Chair thanked him for the information. B. Robaire commented that this then becomes an issue of representation. The Chair agreed that McGill is taking a reputational hit for ideas that do not reflect the university students' overall views.

c) Post docs – equity

No discussion was had.

2) Business Arising

a) Awaiting PGSS postdoc rep replacement

D. Kafantaris noted that she is awaiting feedback from PGSS. B. Sharif offered to help find a representative in his current graduate rep capacity.

On a separate issue, L. Chen wondered whether alternating co-representation would be feasible for the Committee for Medical Education Governance (C-MEG) that is being established. The Chair confirmed the option of co-representation.

3) Report from Steering Committee

The Chair noted the previous Steering Committee Report to keep the Faculty Council instated would need to be reported back to Senate. He asked B. Robaire whether it should be proposed as a resolution; B. Robaire stated it should only be submitted as a report. He further brought up the issue of two-year term of memberships which were coming due in December. The Chair then asked D. Kafantaris to compile a list of members due to be replaced.

<p>ACTION: D. Kafantaris to verify a date for the Chair to bring the FC report to Senate, and compile a list of two-year term memberships on FC.</p>

The Chair asked if there was a student topic to be discussed at the next FC meeting in December. L. Chen noted that MASH has developed a status report of their activities and that could possibly be discussed. B. Sharif stated he needs to hold meetings with reps from the other graduate associations to determine what graduate issues could be raised. C. Hosatte-Ducassy indicated that there was nothing new for medical residents at this point in time to be discussed.

4) Report from Nominating Committee

D. Kafantaris commented that the Nominating Committee will be preparing a status report to be presented at the February 28 Faculty Council meeting. The report will highlight activities and outcomes of the Nominating Committee's first year in operation.

ACTION: The Nominating Committee will present its first annual report in February 2018.
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5) Consent agenda Items

No consent agenda items were identified other than the Faculty Council Minutes.

There being no other business to address, the meeting ended at 2:54 p.m.