



Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on September 5, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Holmes Hall (Room 100, 3605 de la Montagne).

## PRESENT

Brown, Karen (by phone)  
Filion, Françoise  
Robaire, Bernard

Colby, Diana  
Kafantaris, Demetra  
Roncière, Léanne

Eidelman, David (Chair)  
Ortiz-Paredes, David

**Regrets:** Stephen Liben, Behrang Sharif, Catherine Liu

### 1. Review of the April 4, 2018 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

### 2. Review of the May 23, 2018 Faculty Council Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

### 3. Topics to consider for next FC meeting on September 26 [education, research, students]

The Chair preceded the discussion by stating it would be best to create as succinct an agenda as possible in order to ensure member attendance and audience engagement. He further noted controversial topics such as the MDCM language proficiency issue, which is likely to be tabled again within the coming year, attracting attendance and discussion. He noted A. Majnemer should be invited to report her findings on the issue of adopting a harmonized approach to supporting language proficiency for learners at a future meeting.

<p><b>ACTION:</b> D. Kafantaris to verify A. Majnemer's availability to report on her findings regarding a process for supporting language proficiency for our learners.</p>
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#### New topics:

*i. Student topics/issues?*

The Chair noted a lack of student topics and thus opened the floor to the two student reps present. L. Roncière, MSS President, suggested speaking about a new inter-disciplinary student run clinic, but noted it may be best to postpone this presentation to the December

meeting once things are further along. F. Filion confirmed this topic is different from Nursing's Accueil Bonneau clinics, which were presented at a previous meeting.

D. Ortiz-Paredes then brought up space as a potential topic. B. Robaire confirmed this was recently raised at a departmental meeting. L. Roncière added that the space issue is also important for clerks who do not have adequate space in hospitals. It was decided that Aimee Ryan, Associate Dean, Biomedical BSc, Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, would be the best person to present on this topic and graduate students would have the opportunity to weigh in. The Chair further suggested this issue also be raised when the MSS Executive next meets with him and D. Colby. The Chair will comment on the issue of space allocation during his "State of Faculty Affairs," as it relates to accreditation criteria, postdocs and PhD students.

**ACTION:** D. Kafantaris to verify A. Ryan's availability to report on space at this or a future meeting. D. Colby to ensure the space issue per accreditation is included in the Dean's "State of Faculty Affairs" presentation.

The Chair then asked committee members about initiatives involving graduate students. B. Robaire offered two topics: 1) inter-departmental methods seminars run by a joint committee of graduate student societies and 2) bringing back graduates for research. The Chair supported both topics as great options.

**ACTION:** B. Robaire to confirm name(s) of student(s) to D. Kafantaris so that she may reach out to them for availabilities to present.

The Chair then asked for research topics. D. Colby indicated that the Life Sciences Complex would be marking its 10-year anniversary this month. After some discussion, the Chair suggested asking Morag Park to speak about MC2. All were in agreement. It was noted that Yvonne Steinert would be presenting on the Institute of Health Sciences Education.

**ACTION:** D. Kafantaris to reach out to M. Park about her availability to present on MC2.

K. Brown suggested speaking about the concern of medical students matching to residency programs. The Chair noted that is more of a national problem than a local one, adding that, in theory, there were enough places for every student, but most of the vacant places are in regions that are less appealing to students. Members agreed that the topic merits discussion at Faculty Council.

B. Robaire mentioned the impending McIntyre garage closure and concern over the Bellini Building's safety, given its placement directly above the garage. While the Chair confirmed that engineers were hired to ensure the structural integrity of the building, B. Robaire maintains that it would be wise to have someone explain what is going on with the closure and re-construction of the garage at the December meeting. All agreed.

D. Colby indicated the *Campus Médical Outaouais*, for which ground breaks in October 2018, would be worth speaking about. It was agreed upon to also include this as a topic at the December meeting.

The Chair stated that having three major topics and some updates is better for audience engagement. D. Kafantaris suggested mentioning the Biomedical Sciences Retreat as well.

**ACTION:** The Chair to ask P. Gros and A. Majnemer about the Biomedical Sciences Retreat being an open retreat and the possibility of meeting with Faculty members for ideas.

D. Colby suggested to D. Ortiz-Paredes to reach out to grad students about future topics. F. Fillion indicated that at the spring 2019 meeting, Indigenous Health could be a topic discussed jointly by the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders as well as the Ingram School of Nursing. This is in relation to a project funded by the Provosts' office for Enriched Educational Opportunity (EEO) funding by the Provost's office: Nursing Health Promotion/Primary Prevention and Speech-Language Pathology Intervention in Indigenous communities. All agreed.

It was decided that the focus for the December Faculty Council meeting would be on education, particularly on the results from the Faculty retreat (Oct. 29) co-led by the Vice Dean of Education and the Hospital Directors of Education.

*ii. McIntyre Fire*

No discussion was had.

*iii. Nominating Committee rep replacement*

No discussion was had. N.B. Replacements are needed for two elected members: 1) for the undergraduate student representative as well as one academic rep, to replace the current PGME representative.

**Topics previously suggested:**

*iv. Bicentennial planning*

No discussion was had.

*v. Dean's yearly: state of the Faculty*

The Chair suggested giving a "mini" year in review, providing updates and a state of affairs at the same time. All were in agreement.

*vi. Institute of Health Sciences Education*

No discussion was had.

**Standing/Routine Agenda items:**

- vii. Dean: approval of the agenda  
No discussion was had.
  
- viii. In Memoriam  
The Chair suggested beginning the meeting with this section, followed by the more robust topics previously discussed and leaving more time for the Q&A portion to ensure member engagement. All agreed.
  
- ix. Report from the Steering Committee  
No discussion was had.
  
- x. Consent Agenda items:
  - a. *FC Minutes*  
The Steering Committee approved the minutes to be included on the consent agenda.
  
- xi. Business Arising
  - a. *MDCM language proficiency*  
See page 1.  
  
  - b. *Faculty Council membership elections/attendance*  
No discussion was had.
  
- xii. Dean's updates:
  - a. *Project Renaissance*
    - i. *FoM space*  
No discussion was had.
  
    - ii. *CMEG*  
See page 3.
  
    - iii. *School of Biomedical Sciences – retreat?*  
See page 3.  
Various topics for the Dean's updates were mentioned earlier in the minutes.
  
- xiii. Kudos  
No discussion was had.
  
- xiv. Town Hall – open session  
No discussion was had.

There being no other business to address, the meeting ended at 3:48 p.m.