



FACULTY OF MEDICINE, FACULTY
COUNCIL **Steering Committee**
Minutes
November 5, 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on November 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room (Room 103, 3605 de la Montagne).

PRESENT

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| Berard-Giasson, Annick (delegate) | Brown, Karen | Colby, Diana (by phone) |
| Eidelman, David (Chair) | Filion, Françoise | Kafantaris, Demetra |
| Ortiz-Paredes, David | Robaire, Bernard | Sharif, Behrang |

Regrets: Liu, Catherine Roncière, Léanne

1. Review of the September 5, 2018 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

2. Review of the September 26, 2018 Faculty Council Minutes

The minutes were approved without change. It was noted that Y. Steinert had recently provided corrections to the summary of her presentation section.

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

i. *Student topics*

The Chair invited suggestions from the student reps present.

- a. *Pizza and Politics*: D. Ortiz-Paredes suggested a presentation about "Pizza and Politics", a student-led initiative where graduate students and junior researchers (mostly Family Medicine) get together and discuss current controversies in Canadian healthcare policy. B. Sharif similarly proposed site-specific space surveys.

- b. *Interdepartmental method seminar*: B. Robaire provided a brief synopsis of this topic and noted this currently involves three departments.

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| ACTION: D. Kafantaris to verify availability of the students to determine who might be able to present one of these topics. |
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ii. *McGill Cancer Consortium*

The Chair noted he had asked Dr. M. Park to present this strategic topic for the Faculty of Medicine.

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| ACTION: D. Kafantaris to verify M. Park's availability for Dec. 5. |
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iii. *Bicentennial planning*

The Chair noted that we need to ensure student involvement in the planning. D. Colby noted that Gerald Cadet (McGill Central) should be invited to speak on the university's broader plans at Faculty Council as member input would be welcomed, further noting establishing a volunteer group would be useful. The development of a McGill Faculty of Medicine timeline (with 20-30 year milestones) would be very good. F. Filion reminded everyone that it was also the School of Nursing's Centennial (2020-21). Nursing faculty members leading the planning are S. Drouin and A. Gauthier. They have organized subcommittees and hold monthly meetings. This will culminate with Nursing's Exploration event. They still need to find funds to support the events. S. Drouin (or a delegate) will be invited to speak at Faculty Council. B. Robaire added that we should consider YouTube vignettes, as he had recently seen at a CIHR Board meeting. The Chair agreed this was a good idea, noting U of T has done this, further suggesting it would be better if student-led. D. Colby suggested the development of a podcast.

ACTION: D. Colby and B. Brais will present the Faculty of Medicine planning. G. Cadet will present University planning efforts.

iv. *Capital Campaign and fundraising*

The Chair stated that it would be a good idea to show the areas of priority the Faculty will be fundraising for during the capital campaign.

ACTION: D. Kafantaris to include topic if there is room on the agenda.

Feedback on some of the topics not retained for Dec. 5:

i. Space for Graduate Students (A. Ryan); criteria for graduate programs (Accreditation)

B. Sharif will reach out to Dr. Ryan about space concerns for graduate students to see if there is a way to contribute to her ongoing consultations. Dean Eidelman will ask for a timeline by Dr. Ryan and Dr. Robaire to present their Committee's report regarding an accreditation mechanism the Faculty could adopt for graduate programs. D. Ortiz-Paredes asked whether the Faculty offers any programs to support graduate students who are international medical graduates as well and wish to reintegrate into the healthcare system. The Chair replied that since medical schools in Quebec are publicly funded, it is quite restrictive for any students originating from countries outside of Canada. B. Sharif noted there are workshops in the US that provide teaching on innovation, entrepreneurship, soft skills, etc. This topic may serve for a future meeting but needs to be clearly defined.

ii. McIntyre garage construction

B. Robaire reiterated that many in the Bellini building remain concerned over the impact construction will have on research, et al. The Chair suggested that Central Facilities should hold a Town Hall for those affected.

ACTION: The Chair to ask the Vice-Principal, Administration and Finance if he would consider holding a Town Hall for those affected by the McIntyre garage repairs (impact on the Bellini structure).

v. *Provost*

The Chair explained that the Provost is responsible for budget, course work and government related topics such as Ministry programs. He noted Provost Manfredi is scheduled to speak at the December 5 Faculty Council meeting, stating he would like to hear him speak about international partnerships for revenue-generating activities and on-line learning, and how the University can support us in such initiatives.

Standing/Routine Agenda Items:

- vi. Report from the Steering Committee (new committee member to be announced)
- vii. Consent Agenda Items (FC minutes)
- viii. Business Arising (confirmed topics)
 - a. Saudi situation
 - b. Oct. 29 Faculty Retreat

The Chair then posed the question that should M. Park not be available to present at the Dec. 5 Faculty Council meeting, what other research-related topics could be discussed? B. Sharif suggested perhaps speaking about the animal facilities, noting that after working at several of them, he has noticed things are not run the same way. The Chair confirmed this would be an interesting topic and J. Gourdon would be invited to speak.

ix. Dean's updates:

- a. SPGH update - The Chair stated he should know by the end of the week whether the lead candidate for the position of Director of the School of Population and Global Health will accept the offer.
- b. D. Colby suggested an update on Project Renaissance. The Chair confirmed that an update was warranted, given progress made in all initiatives, however given the heavy agenda, it was decided to reserve this topic for the February meeting.

There being no other business to address, the meeting ended at 2:55 p.m.