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Steering Committee

Minutes

October 30, 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on October 30, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room (Room 103, 3605 de la Montagne).

PRESENT

Arora, Anish (PGSS rep)
Filion, Françoise
Moss, Leah

Colby, Diana
Habib, Rami (MSS)
Robaire, Bernard

Eidelman, David (Chair)
Marelli, Ariane

Regrets: Sanah Alani (ARM rep), Thomas McAlear (Graduate student rep)

Before approving the minutes, L. Moss began by mentioning that the agenda for the December 5 Faculty Council meeting is already quite charged with time sensitive items. B. Robaire asked whether the *PTMD-SLAM workshop* student presentation would be ready to be presented at the December 5 Faculty Council meeting. R. Habib and L. Moss confirmed that it would be (see additional details on page 2).

L. Moss further noted some topics that had previously been rain checked. The Chair suggested clearing the back log before adding new topics. All were in agreement.

The topic of French language proficiency in Nursing was deemed necessary to be presented on December 5 (further details on page 4). The Chair asked whether any regulatory items pertaining to Project Renaissance might be needed. L. Moss confirmed that the only thing would be to share the results of the Faculty name change poll. D. Colby asked whether any closure is needed on the Biomedical Sciences consultations. L. Moss suggested a correspondence could be sent to the departments involved informing them that all consultations have been completed and to provide a synopsis of feedback. The Chair confirmed that people need to see what has been done. All agreed.

L. Moss then asked whether any of the agenda items that have been there for some time could be removed. B. Robaire indicated the *Graduate students* item to be discussed by A. Ryan should remain as she will be preparing a report that should then be presented to Faculty Council. He further indicated that a survey was supposed to go out, but it was delayed due to the diversity survey. B. Robaire noted he will need to verify with A. Ryan about the exact timing of the survey. The Chair suggested inviting A. Ryan to the first Faculty Council meeting in 2020, and to a Deanery meeting to discuss an update.

ACTION: B. Robaire to speak to A. Ryan about the survey and presenting a report in time for the February 2020 Faculty Council meeting.

1. Review of the August 28, 2019 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

2. Review of the September 23, 2019 Faculty Council Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

3. Review of topics for the December 5, 2019 FC meeting [education, research, students]

Student topics:

- i. PTMD-SLAM Workshops:* This topic was discussed at the August 28 Steering Committee meeting and approved for presentation at Faculty Council, however as Cyril Boulila (MED2) was not available to present at the September 23 FC meeting, it was deferred to the December 5 meeting.
- ii. Student-run clinic (MSS):* R. Habib confirmed this item may be removed.
- iii. Graduate students:* see discussion on page 1.
- iv. Helping Hands:* R. Habib confirmed this item could remain on the agenda.
- v. MASH (McGill Association of Students in Healthcare) update:* A. Arora stated he could provide updates as warranted; the Chair indicated this could be a good topic for future discussion. L. Moss asked whether there is a particular time of year this should be presented; A. Arora replied March or anytime thereafter.
- vi. Pizza and Politics:* A. Arora noted he is coordinating this as well. He provided a quick overview that this inter-disciplinary health seminar series in the Department of Family Medicine was created due to a lack of policy knowledge; students come together every month or two to discuss in an informal setting. B. Robaire asked whether only Family Medicine students can attend, which A. Arora confirmed. It was mentioned the Institute for Health & Social Policy is doing this as well. The Chair noted this seems to be departmental, and is not sure this is something that should be brought to Faculty Council, but did suggest that the School of Population and Global Health (SPGH) should get involved, along with perhaps Nursing, P&OT and all those who are involved with policies. This item was removed from future agendas.
- vii. Students with disabilities? Accommodations? / WELL office: mental health among learners:* A. Marelli stressed this is an important topic, and asked if it would be possible to have an update on what is going on in the Faculty for students with disabilities. L. Moss indicated the

SACE, WELL & OSD offices are involved. The Chair agreed this is a big topic. A. Marelli noted that committees on wellness and disabilities should have broader representation, especially from students dealing with a disability. The Chair mentioned we need to get the Dean of Students, Chris Buddle, involved at a future meeting. L. Moss asked whether Faculty Council is the right venue, or perhaps the WELL office. The Chair expressed the need to work toward a retreat, but need to introduce it first at Faculty Council and ensure there are students present as well as someone from OSD or someone living with a disability. He stated the ask is to identify unmet needs from students so he and his academic leads can work toward resolving them. The Chair indicated that the presentation should be followed up by a resolution that Faculty Council would hold a special retreat on this topic to raise the profile.

- viii. *Animal Facilities in Faculty of Medicine:* all agreed this topic could be kept for future discussion.

- ix. *Nepotism:* A. Marelli suggested this as a new topic for future discussion, noting there is a situation currently and there are no clearly defined guidelines. The Chair indicated search processes are much more rigorous than before. It was decided that the current online material on nepotism is quite old and should be taken down until clearer guidelines are defined.

Education topic

- I. *PGME accreditation:*
It was noted at the August 28 Steering Committee meeting that the Chair would be attending a PGME Accreditation meeting in Ottawa on October 3. It was agreed the Dean would make a quick update at the upcoming December 5th FC.

- II. *Indigenous Health: EEO (Enriched Educational Opportunities) Nursing & SCSD:* L. Moss noted that as this topic was already deferred once, it should be presented at the December 5 Faculty Council meeting. All agreed.

- III. *Change in French language proficiency as new admission criteria in ISON:* All agreed this needs to be presented on December 5.

ACTION: L. Moss to reach out to Kate Hooton regarding a future presentation from the Office of Admissions.

- IV. *Goodman Cancer Research Centre change to Institute (vote required):* this topic was confirmed for the December 5 meeting.

- V. *Formal introduction of Dr. Tim Evans:* it was noted that Dr. Evans was introduced at the September 23 Faculty Council meeting, however having him present his mandate should be done at a future meeting.

- VI. *Graduate Student survey*: see discussion on pages 1-2.
- VII. *Faculty Diversity survey*: no discussion was had.
- VIII. *QC vs non-QC students in health professions*: the Chair confirmed this item could be removed, noting it may come up in the discussion on Nursing French language proficiency.

Research topic

- 1. *CFI10 application*: the Chair indicated that a report could be provided, but A. Marelli noted that it would need to wait until after the submission deadline, which is on January 13, 2020.

Business arising/updates

- 1. *Steering Committee membership (1 CAS rep)*: no discussion was had.
- 2. *Nominating Committee membership (1 elected rep)*: no discussion was had.

There being no other business to address, the meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.