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Steering Committee

Minutes

October 29, 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on October 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT (via Zoom)

Arora, Anish (PGSS)
Drouin, Anne Sophie
(ARM)

Ibrahim, Aisin (ARM)
Moss, Leah

Colby, Diana
Eidelman, David (Chair)

Marchionni, Caroline
Robaire, Bernard

Daigneault, Marie-Louise (ARM)
Gonnerman, Laura

Marelli, Ariane
Rompotinos, Dennis (MSS)

Regrets: n/a

1. Review of the August 24, 2020 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

2. Review of the September 22, 2020 Faculty Council Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

3. Review of topics for the November 24, 2020 FC meeting [education, research, students]

Student topics:

- i. Inter-professional social accountability:* No discussion was had.
- ii. Graduate students survey:* L. Moss confirmed that a presentation would be possible in early 2021. B. Robaire added that graduate program assessments of the various departments is well underway, with meetings expected to end in early January.

Before proceeding to other topics, the Chair asked whether learners had any topics they wished to address. Hearing none, he brought up the topic of the learning environment and issues relating to anti-racism. He then asked L. Moss to provide an update. L. Moss indicated that work is being carried out by the Social Accountability and Community Engagement Office (led by S. Razack) as well as the Indigenous Health Professions Program Office (led by K. Saylor). She further noted engagement from students, namely MSS student V. Kpadé

who has presented on work being done to bring about changes in admissions for Black students and to the curriculum. She asked whether the ARM had similar initiatives they may have heard about. A. Drouin replied that they will be issuing a statement to be re-discussed at the next meeting of the ARM.

- iii. *MASH (McGill Association of Students in Healthcare) update:* A. Arora provided a brief update, noting they are struggling at the moment due to engagement. Although he initially hoped to present this topic in early 2021, he confirmed that they could present on how they have adapted to the online environment at the November 24 Faculty Council meeting.

The Chair thought this would be very helpful, further suggesting having a discussion on the online environment. Committee members voiced their agreement.

The Chair suggested this meeting be made, in part, into a special Faculty Council with focus on education, further suggesting to ask A. Majnemer, Vice-Dean, Education, to present. He also noted we should ask MASH and each student group/association to give a quick report, in addition to having someone provide a perspective from professors. L. Moss proposed a quick presentation from Faculty Development could also be given. D. Colby added it would be useful to invite Teaching & Learning Services (TLS) to be present to respond to any questions. All agreed.

ACTION: L. Moss to reach out to each student association, verify A. Majnemer's availability to present as well as M. Elizov's (Associate Dean, Faculty Development) and to ask L. Weiner (TLS) to send a representative. The Chair noted perhaps also asking for a professor's perspective as well as having D. Kafantaris speak to the impact on staff.

- iv. *McGill Ultrasound Interest Group (MUSIG):* No discussion was had.
- v. *Graduate students and postdocs:* No discussion was had.

Research topics

A. Marelli mentioned there is a lot of amazing COVID research, as well as some CFI news. The Chair agreed, wondering who should present. B. Robaire suggested having T. Evans present on COVID research. The Chair added there are several projects occurring outside of his realm that we may want to speak to, so it would be good to compliment what he is doing with things that are going on in other areas such as Neuroscience. B. Robaire suggested maybe the head of MI4 could present. A. Marelli further suggested having someone from one of the RIs. The Chair indicated we want to remind people it is not all about COVID-19. B. Robaire added that for the next meeting, we could invite the new head of the Lady Davis to present. The Chair agreed.

The Chair provided an overview of the topics that were agreed to, including a major focus on the impact of COVID-19 from both a learner and teacher perspective, with expert commentary from A. Majnemer and M. Elizov; an update on our research performance at least from T. Evans, but potentially from other speakers such as one of the RI Directors; and the anti-racism framework for feedback and input.

The Chair added that they are trying to encourage people to end Zoom meetings at least five minutes earlier as a mental health break, as well as to have as few scheduled Zoom meetings as possible on Fridays.

- i. *COVID-19 (research perspective):* see above.
- ii. *SPGH National Project & Immunity Task Force:* No discussion was had.
- iii. *Animal Facilities in Faculty of Medicine:* No discussion was had.
- iv. *Round of Committee meetings for AI:* No discussion was had.

Education topics

- i. *Mistreatment Oversight for Respectful Environments (MORE) Task Force Framework:* This topic was submitted by L. Moss on behalf of A. Majnemer. No discussion was had.
- ii. *Addressing anti-Black racism:* This topic was submitted by D. Colby on behalf of S. Razack. See pages 1-2.
- iii. *Human Trafficking:* No discussion was had.
- iv. *School of Population and Global Health (SPGH):* No discussion was had
- v. *Online teaching:* See pages 2-3.

Business arising/updates

- 1. *Steering Committee membership (1 graduate student rep):* no discussion was had.

There being no other business to address, the meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.