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Steering Committee

Minutes

January 19, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on January 19, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT (via Zoom)

Arora, Anish (PGSS)	Colby, Diana	Drouin, Anne Sophie (ARM)
Eidelman, David (Chair)	Gonnerman, Laura	Ibrahim, Aisin (ARM)
Marchionni, Caroline	Marelli, Ariane	Moss, Leah
Robaire, Bernard	Rompotinos, Dennis (MSS)	

Regrets: Marie-Louise Daigneault (ARM delegate)

1. Review of the October 29, 2020 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

2. Review of the November 24, 2020 Faculty Council Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

3. Review of topics for the February 23, 2021 FC meeting [education, research, students]

Student topics:

- i. Inter-professional social accountability:* No discussion was had.
- ii. Graduate students survey:* B. Robaire confirmed that an update would be available for the upcoming Faculty Council meeting, with survey data being compiled by A. Ryan.

Before proceeding to other topics, the Chair asked whether learners had any topics they wished to address. A. Arora suggested the topic of graduate students and the expected format for the fall 2021 term. The Chair indicated it is still unclear and highlighted the need to have an update on COVID-19 at the next Faculty Council, noting that we need to have a better sense of what the rate of vaccination is and is hopeful we may know more by the end of February. A. Marelli suggested a different framework and recommended preparing for hybrid platforms of program delivery. The Chair agreed, suggesting this be our education topic and noted we could ask A. Majnemer to make some recommendations. B. Robaire added there

would be a Faculty Helping Faculty session the following day in which they would be discussing how to modify teaching based on what was learned.

From Anish Arora to Everyone: 03:11 PM

It might be good for the faculty council to speak with Tamara Carver - faculty lead for online learning (or something rather)

From Leah Moss, Dr. to Everyone: 03:13 PM

Perhaps have Maggie from TLS join or Laura Winer?

From Diana Colby, Ms. to Everyone: 03:14 PM

Bernard - who is presenting at Faculty teaching Faculty tomorrow?

L. Gonnerman and A. Marelli confirmed it will be hosted by L. Fellows.

Hearing positive feedback, the Chair confirmed this topic should be addressed at the meeting, as well as the suggestion to ask TLS for input. A. Marelli further suggested linking the education topic with the learner topic to see from an educational point of view to get some suggestions for planning for hybrid platforms and from the learner point of view, to see if it might be interesting to learners to have a variety of ways of learning. The Chair agreed, and asked learners how to go about doing this. A.S. Drouin, agreed to provide a presentation.

From Leah Moss, Dr. to Everyone: 03:17 PM

I wonder if TLS has the expertise to help determine the criteria of what should stay remote and what needs to go face:face?

The Chair noted this could be a longer topic than we would like. He liked the idea of having some students give their impressions as an introduction. C. Marchionni indicated this is the inaugural year for a program within the School of Nursing which is 100% online for a cohort of students, and suggested perhaps hearing from the group who is behind it, including TLS.

From Diana Colby, Ms. to Everyone: 03:19 PM

It would be great to get anecdotal input from students - representing different areas of learning at FC, and then perhaps follow up with a survey, either of literature or otherwise.

From Anish Arora to Everyone: 03:20 PM

To flip the question: what are strategies that have made zoom/online learning enjoyable and effective? (In the perspective of learners, teaching assistants, and educators)

Based on personal experience, he mentioned facilitating online courses is more difficult due to planning. The Chair agreed.

A.S. Drouin added this is a difficult subject as it is very personal. The Chair noted the need to hear from several students to gain different perspectives. He stated this topic will need to stay on the agenda for at least the next year or so. B. Robaire suggested asking L. Fellows after the Faculty Helping Faculty session. The Chair agreed.

- iii. *McGill Ultrasound Interest Group (MUSIG):* Pre-approved topic. No discussion was had.

- iv. *Graduate students and postdocs:* No discussion was had.

Research topics

A. Marelli suggested linking this section to what was already spoken to regarding a COVID update, noting that perhaps the research topic can be on education in terms of looking at who within the University is doing research on blended/hybrid learning. The Chair agreed.

The Chair suggested dividing the Faculty Council meeting into two sections where the first section would be to discuss how to create a rich environment in the age of blended learning and the second section would be business oriented to provide an update on the MORE taskforce and anti-racism framework. He further suggested including the graduate survey as a point of business. A. Marelli asked if the survey informs this effort. B. Robaire replied it does not. He suggested beginning with the graduate student survey, then the teaching topic and other administrative points. The Chair agreed and asked if there were any other topics to be addressed. B. Robaire noted there are still topics on the agenda from previous meetings, one of which is the School of Population and Global Health (see below).

- i. *Presentation from the new head of Lady Davis:* The Chair noted that Dr. Stephen Robbins is not in town yet. As such, it was suggested to hold this topic for the spring 2021 meeting.
- ii. *Animal Facilities in Faculty of Medicine:* As of August 24, 2020, this topic was deferred to a future meeting, after the CMARC audit.
- iii. *Round of Committee meetings for AI:* At the Steering Committee meeting held on January 27, 2020, A. Marelli suggested presenting a first report on what the committee recommended. It was decided to defer to a future meeting.

Education topics

- i. *Mistreatment Oversight for Respectful Environments (MORE) Task Force Framework:* This topic was submitted by L. Moss on behalf of A. Majnemer for the October 29, 2020 SC meeting. It was decided to present this at the February 2021 meeting per the note on page 3.
- ii. *Addressing anti-Black racism:* This topic was presented at the November 24 Faculty Council meeting. The Chair noted that an update at the next meeting is necessary.
- iii. *Human Trafficking:* F. Filion had submitted this topic at the January 27, 2020 Steering Committee meeting. At the August 24 Steering Committee meeting, it was decided that it could be presented at the winter 2021 Faculty Council meeting. Due to a robust list of topics to be presented, this topic will be tabled for a future meeting.

- iv. *School of Population and Global Health (SPGH) strategic plan:* The Chair mentioned that work on the SPGH strategic plan is underway and should be completed in February. It was decided this could be presented in spring 2021.

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 3:37 p.m.