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Steering Committee

Minutes

March 31, 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on March 31, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT (via Zoom)

Arora, Anish (PGSS)
Fierheller, Caitlin
Marchionni, Caroline

Colby, Diana
Gonnerman, Laura
Moss, Leah

Eidelman, David (Chair)
Ibrahim, Aisin (ARM delegate)
Robaire, Bernard

Regrets: Marie-Louise Daigneault (ARM delegate), Anne Sophie Drouin, (ARM), Ariane Marelli, Dennis Rompotinos (MSS)

1. Review of the January 19, 2021 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

2. Review of the February 23, 2021 Faculty Council Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

3. Revised Terms of Reference for Faculty Council (for review and ratification)

L. Moss indicated these would be presented at the May 18 Faculty Council meeting for ratification given the Faculty name change.

4. Review of topics for the May 18, 2021 FC meeting [education, research, students]

Student topics:

- i. Inter-professional social accountability:* C. Marchionni to follow-up with F. Filion.
- ii. McGill Ultrasound Interest Group (MUSIG):* Pre-approved topic. No discussion was had.
- iii. Graduate students and postdocs:* The Chair asked B. Robaire if the results of the graduate student survey are ready to be presented. B. Robaire confirmed that A. Ryan is currently working on it and a synthesis could be provided. L. Moss to reach out to A. Ryan and see if any others should be invited to present, including students if appropriate. She further

suggested asking if J. Nalbantoglu or C. Buddle from central should be invited as guests. The Chair agreed.

The Chair asked whether there were any other student topics anyone wished to address. A. Arora mentioned it is difficult for many graduate students to find career learning and development opportunities beyond the faculty, particularly in the Basic Sciences. He further noted it is easier for those who are affiliated with the RI or the MUHC to find networking opportunities. The Chair suggested asking people from the RI to speak about what they are doing. B. Robaire added this was a question that was asked to all departments, noting that many have career development options while others do not, so part of the report will touch upon how we can have mutual learning best practices applied across departments. C. Fierheller stated she is at the RI and confirmed it is open to all graduate students, but that perhaps not all are aware. The Chair thought this would be a good topic to present; D. Colby agreed.

From Anish Arora to Everyone: 03:14 PM

Grad department chairs should be formally invited?

Emily Bell —> key person at the RI

CaPs at McGill also is available to all -> but most grad students have no idea they exist or how to use them

The Chair agreed it was a good point to invite the graduate department chairs. He further noted CAPS is more general and geared more towards undergraduates.

Research topics

- i. Presentation from the new head of Lady Davis:* At the January 19 Steering Committee meeting, it was suggested to hold this topic for the spring 2021 meeting. See note on page 3.
- 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. Changes to Admissions:* NEW TOPIC. This topic was asked to be presented at the spring 2021 Faculty Council meeting. The Chair confirmed this would be presented for information.
- ii. 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.

- iii. *School of Population and Global Health (SPGH) strategic plan*: At the January 19 Steering Committee meeting, it was suggested to hold this topic for the spring 2021 meeting. All agreed this topic would be presented at the upcoming meeting.

The Chair asked whether anyone had any additional topics they wished to share. L. Moss confirmed the Nominating Committee spring report would be shared, as well as revised Terms of Reference for ratification given the Faculty name change. D. Colby further added that as this is the last meeting of the year, major achievements will be highlighted. The Chair also mentioned some significant changes such as Stephen Robbins taking over the LDI should also be shared.

L. Gonnerman asked if there were any plans to keep these meetings on Zoom. The Chair replied that in order to keep having this high level of participation, we will continue having Faculty Council meetings on Zoom. L. Moss added that with the creation of Campus Outaouais, they are now on the same footing as everyone else. The Chair asked learners what they think we should be doing. A. Arora noted students are more engaged because they are so deprived of social interactions outside of school. C. Fierheller added that as a TA, students are very engaged but mostly during open discussion. A. Ibrahim indicated he likes Zoom teaching, but a mix of both in future would be ideal. The Chair stated learner feedback is critical. C. Marchionni mentioned it has been more challenging to get students engaged virtually, noting what did work well was simulation with standardized patients. L. Gonnerman added there was a combination of things that worked, noting it feels more personal to see someone in their home environment than coming into a classroom. The Chair indicated we need to do more deep thinking about this; it would be easier to go back to things as they were before but it seems unlikely that will be sustainable. He added that for instance, chatrooms were a powerful tool to get quieter people to participate.

Business arising/updates

1. *Steering Committee membership (1 graduate student rep)*: Following the last Faculty Council meeting, a graduate student volunteer came forward; Caitlin Fierheller was welcomed to this last open position just before the March 31, 2021 Steering Committee meeting.
2. *Faculty Council membership (1 graduate student rep from the School of Medicine and 1 graduate student rep from the School of Biomedical Sciences)*: No discussion was had.

There being no other business to address, the meeting ended at 3:36 p.m.