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FACULTY OF MEDICINE & HEALTH  
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## Steering Committee

### Minutes

January 25, 2023

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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on January 25, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

#### **PRESENT (via Zoom)**

Bandara, Shashika ( <i>PGSS graduate student rep</i> )	Colby, Diana	Eidelman, David (Chair)
Gonnerman, Laura	Morrone, Amanda (MSS)	Marelli, Ariane
Habib, Rami ( <i>ARM delegate</i> )	Maione, Stefanie (secretary)	Marchionni, Caroline
Moss, Leah	Robaire, Bernard	

**Regrets:** Ghassen Soufi (ARM)

**1. Review of the November 8, 2022 Steering Committee Minutes**

The minutes were approved without change.

**2. Review of the December 6, 2022 Faculty Council Minutes**

The minutes were approved without change.

**3. Review of topics for the February 21, 2023 FC meeting [education, research, students]**

#### Student/learner topics:

- i. *Article in JAMA by med students in Surgery sustainability:* L. Moss noted she was made aware of medical students published in JAMA related to a project on sustainability in surgery. She suggested it could be an interesting topic to present in the thematic area of sustainability, inviting the students to present. The Chair wondered if there was anything we could combine it with and asked fellow learners who were present for their thoughts. R. Habib mentioned there are a few ways of getting sustainability topics on the platform within the MSS and noted it may be an opportunity to get faculty members who are involved in sustainability to co-present with students or residents. B. Robaire agreed, indicating a paper had come out on this issue regarding how much material is wasted during surgery. The Chair noted this sounds like a topic that requires preparation in order to be impactful. S. Bandara added it would be

important to get an Indigenous viewpoint. The Chair indicated the need to put together a micro taskforce of individuals who can champion this, noting to bring people together from the Schools of Population and Global Health, Medicine and Nursing to make this a major topic which would cover education, research and community engagement. This topic is deferred to spring 2023.

- ii. *McGill Ultrasound Interest Group (MUSIG):* As of August 24, 2022, this topic was re-approved for a future Faculty Council meeting where we would include a section on learner led projects. R. Habib, who had initially proposed this topic as MSS President in 2020, noted this group is still active and that he would defer to the current medical student representative. R. Habib provided a brief explanation of what this group does and stated it could be an interesting topic to present. As of January 25, 2023, A. Morrone noted she would verify with the club executives regarding their availability to present at either the February or May Faculty Council meetings. The Chair expressed his hope for this to take place at the February meeting.

S. Bandara shared two ideas; one of which is a growing movement towards decolonizing global health. The second is with regards to wellness, for which he suggested it would be good to hear from students, especially graduate students, in terms of where they are and what needs to be done. The Chair noted the need for a champion regarding de-colonization. S. Bandara to reach out to the inter-professional global health student group who did this work to verify availability to present.

- iii. *Graduate students and postdocs:* As of January 25, 2023, no discussion was had.

## Research topics

- i. *Animal Facilities in Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences:* It was decided this topic should be deferred to early 2023, after the veterinarian has started. As of January 25, 2023, no discussion was had.
- ii. *Core Facilities:* B. Robaire suggested this topic for the next Faculty Council meeting which the Chair confirmed was timely in terms of indirect costs of research. The suggestion is to ask S. Baillet and A. Guarné for an update on where we are heading.

## Education topics

- i. *NEW TOPIC: Outcomes for learners/patients re telemedicine @ JGH virtual ward:* As of November 8, 2022, C. Marchionni indicated the Jewish General Hospital has a virtual ward when they do early discharge for patients often with congestive heart failure and they have students doing their clinical placement in the virtual ward. She suggested a presentation of some outcomes for learners/patients in the realm of the telemedicine theme. The Chair noted this would be a good fit for the theme of educational core facilities as examples of alternate

forms of clinical placements and clinical training. As of January 25, 2023, the Chair asked who the right person to present this would be. C. Marchionni mentioned she would check the meeting minutes for the presenter's name. The Chair stated this will speak to the Professional Schools and provide opportunities for research.

- ii. *Update from the new Vice-Dean, Education:* As of November 8, 2022, L. Moss suggested hearing from the new Vice-Dean, Education, Farhan Bhanji, at a future meeting. The Chair agreed and suggested deferring to the spring 2023 meeting. As of January 25, 2023, A. Marelli further suggested inter-sectorial educational opportunities could be an interesting perspective. B. Robaire agreed, noting ChatGPT has caused an explosion in the field of teaching and how we will have to test students differently. He further outlined the idea of having multiple expertise and being able to use AI in an intelligent way to optimize the knowledge and not something to be afraid of is important. C. Marchionni suggested asking TLS to present on this. L. Moss suggested this be presented in conjunction with L. Winer from TLS and address the newly launched AI software ChatGPT, for which all agreed.
- iii. *Guidelines for One-Time Payments and Supplemental Teaching Payments:* As of November 8, 2022, B. Robaire noted having some questions with the documents which would concern many, for which the Chair suggested reaching out to L. Fellows directly with the questions when asked to present. This topic is deferred to a future Faculty Council meeting. As of January 25, 2023, no discussion was had.
- iv. *Clinical instructors in Nursing (& other Professional Schools):* As suggested by C. Marchionni at the August 25, 2021 Steering Committee meeting, in Nursing, there is a serious issue in recruiting clinical instructors, for which the Chair suggested a presentation could be made at a later meeting to focus on Nursing and any other Professional Schools. As of January 26, 2022, C. Marchionni provided an update in that a new pilot project concerning the creation of teacher roles who would be hired to follow groups of students based on a yearlong contract (as opposed to renewing contracts every three months or per term) is in the works but has not yet been approved, so suggested deferring this topic until more is known. All agreed. As of November 8, 2022, C. Marchionni provided a brief update, noting they have not evolved in their challenges and that once a solution is found, an update can be given. As of January 25, 2023, no discussion was had.
- v. *Human Trafficking:* At a previous meeting, C. Marchionni explained that F. Filion runs a simulation about identifying individuals who might be involved or might be victims of sex trade and human trafficking. This is a learning opportunity for identifying potential victims done in collaboration with SPVM officers specializing in human trafficking who come to speak to students and perform a simulation of how to approach a potential patient. The Chair stated this sounds like a great topic. As of November 8, 2022, it was decided to defer this topic for a future meeting. D. Colby added it would be beneficial to speak with D. Weidner

as she wrote an article in Health e- News recently on this topic. As of January 25, 2023, no discussion was had.

## Faculty topics

- i. **NEW TOPIC: *Thematic Faculty Council on Planetary Health:*** L. Moss added this topic for consideration as part of a larger thematic Faculty Council. The Chair expressed the need for an expert in the field. D. Colby recalled having a follow-up conversation to bring back the group who presented on this topic last year to provide an update. C. Marchionni suggested Sustainability McGill as a sort of introduction. B. Robaire noted he has received several emails relating to how to be more sustainable in the laboratories within the School of Biomedical Sciences. R. Habib shared that Dr. Linda Ofiara (RVH) leads on global/planetary health and the environmental impact of the healthcare system at the MUHC level. The Chair thought more planning would be required along with a champion to take this on.

The Chair added we should contact each School and ask who their champions are, further noting we could create an inventory of people who wish to speak about this. S. Bandara indicated it would be wise to get the Indigenous viewpoint as well, suggesting perhaps Alex McComber in Family Medicine. L. Moss to reach out. A. Marelli noted that at a recent FRQS meeting, Carole Gervais spoke about sustainable health and the notion of planetary health. Although she is not part of the Faculty, it was suggested she might be a good presenter.

The Chair noted another aspect to sustainability in research, which is “Open Science,” and we have a world champion, Dr. G. Rouleau. A. Marelli and B. Robaire agreed it is an important topic, for which the latter suggested it may be better for a future meeting. R. Habib suggested having someone from the clinical setting speak for instance about PPE usage/recycling during COVID. The Chair agreed this is very relevant, but asked who should be invited to speak. S. Bandara suggested approaching it with the goal of creating a set of goals for the Faculty. From the chat, C. Marchionni indicated there is a nurse from the Montreal Children’s Hospital who is a champion; she recently graduated from McGill and has done some work on reducing waste. B. Robaire noted pulling all of this together for the upcoming meeting could be challenging, so perhaps postponing to the spring or making this a special Council meeting in between might be worthwhile. D. Colby suggested perhaps making this a theme that is brought back yearly. R. Habib noted if we presented this in the spring, it could coincide with Earth Day on April 22, if we held a special meeting. A. Morrone agreed it would be tight to plan this for the Winter meeting and would be in favour of holding a separate session. She also noted it would be beneficial to try to get something out of this presentation in terms of undertaking practices that are more sustainable. It was thus decided to defer this topic to the spring.

- ii. **NEW TOPIC: *Communication and knowledge transfer of health issues to the public and the Faculty’s role:*** At the November 8, 2022 Steering Committee meeting, S. Bandara suggested the topic of communication and knowledge transfer of health issues to the public and the role

the Faculty can play. The Chair agreed and noted we would just need to figure out who would be the best spokesperson. As of January 25, 2023, no discussion was had.

- iii. Bill S-5:* B. Robaire suggested this topic at the April 12, 2022 Steering Committee meeting, noting it pertains to a revision to all chemical regulations in terms of what is used in all products in hospitals, the environment and in society and their impact on health which should be complete by Fall. As of August 24, 2022, B. Robaire confirmed there are no new developments. As of January 25, 2023, no discussion was had.

The Chair thanked everyone for their time and participation on this committee. There being no other business to address, the meeting ended at 2:49 p.m.