



Minutes of the 28th meeting of the Faculty Council held on December 6, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom)

Barchichat, Guila	Gratton, Alain	Piccirillo, Ciriaco
Barralet, Jake	Henry, Melissa	Quesnel-Vallee, Amelie
Bessissow, Ali	Huang, Sidong	Robaire, Bernard
Biskin, Robert Simon	Kearney, Robert	Rollin, Marie-France
Cambrosio, Alberto	Kilpatrick, Kelley	Rubulotta, Francesca (Critical Care delegate)
Charles, Fern	Lencucha, Raphael	Sacre, Lauralicia
Chelini, Erica	Loganathan, Sampath	Soicher, Judith
Cloutier, Jean-Francois	Loiselle, Carmen	Soufi, Ghassen
Cybulsky, Andrey	Marelli, Ariane	Stiver, Mikaela
Daniel, Sam	Marchionni, Caroline	Tonin, Patricia
Donlan, Matthew	Mazer, Bruce	Toussaint, Paule-J.
Dove, Marion (Family Medicine delegate)	McArthur, Juliet-Ann	Tulandi, Togas
Eidelman, David	Mondou, Mélanie	Wasserman, Sydney
Elgar, Frank (IHSP delegate)	Morrone, Amanda	White, John
Evans, Timothy	Nadig, Aparna (SCSD delegate)	Yang, Stephen
Fu, Lili	Naiyeju, Ibukunoluwa	Zeytuni, Natalie
Gagnon, Robert	Nguyen, To Nhu (DPS)	
Gonnerman, Laura	Park, Morag	

REGRETS

Marc Afilalo, Robert Allard, Steven Backman, Shashika Bandara, Tracie Barnett, Miguel Burnier, Jordi Chaffer, John Chen, Michelle Elizov, Kevin Jutras, Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Cassandra Lee, Mark Levental, Zachary Levine, Steve Lomber, Chelsea Maedler-Kron, Malina Charisma Moskun, Jean Ouellet, Arnim Pause, Harmehr Sekhon, Leon Tourian, Francine Wein, Theodore Wein.

SECTION I

(D. Eidelman)

1. Welcoming Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed Faculty Council members and guests. Before proceeding, he delivered a land acknowledgement. He then welcomed several incoming members to Faculty Council as well as to the Steering and Nominating Committees (see presentation for complete list of names). He thanked

everyone for their invaluable input. He then noted there is a vacant position on the Steering Committee for a graduate/post graduate/postdoctoral student representative.

2. Approval of the agenda

The Chair presented the agenda, and asked if anyone wished to add anything to it or had any objections. With no objections reported, the agenda was accepted.

3. In Memoriam

A moment of silence was observed to remember those in our Faculty community who had recently passed: Garth Bray, Walter Mushynski, Bernard Cooper, Paul J. Carroll, and Patricia Monnier. He further acknowledged the 14 women who lost their lives on December 6, 1989 in the École Polytechnique massacre, as well as all victims of gender violence.

SECTION II

4. Centre de recherche en biologie structurale (CRBS) *(P. Yang)*
Student Consortium : 2021-2023

P. Yang provided an overview of the [CRBS](#) at McGill, noting they represent the Faculties of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Medicine and Health Sciences, as well as Science. He mentioned that among many others, one of the main events they organize are student seminar series which feature trainee research twice per month (see presentation). He explained they also offer professional workshops and engage with Cégep and undergraduate students, noting this year, they hope to make presentations to high school students throughout Montreal as part of their outreach initiatives. He indicated the current student council has also had many successful collaborations with other student associations within McGill and outlined several new initiatives (see presentation).

5. Meet the new FMHS Local Wellness Advisor *(A. Ryan & L. Dolgoy)*

A. Ryan began by mentioning the priorities for graduate students and postdocs are primarily stipend funding, which will be discussed in upcoming meetings, and also student wellness. To that end, she was pleased to introduce L. Dolgoy who began in September as the new Local Wellness Advisor for graduate programs.

L. Dolgoy proceeded to briefly introduce herself and to promote reflection on wellness and preventive mental health. She also aimed to orient to the services offered by the Student Wellness Hub and discuss the role of the new Local Wellness Advisor (LWA) in the Faculty, as well as how to go about [booking an appointment](#) (see presentation). Several questions ensued via the chat, which L. Dolgoy addressed individually and may be referred to by listening to the [recording](#). Of note, L. Dolgoy clarified that these types of services are offered to undergraduate students by the WELL office or via other hub resources.

6. Coordination efforts for Digital Biomedicine & Healthcare Systems Research *(S. Baillet)*

S. Baillet began by summarizing ongoing efforts towards developing digital literacy across the Faculty to promote a better healthcare system for all patients and professionals. He explained the vision is to position McGill at the forefront of the integration of data science with digital technologies towards biomedical research. He went over steps taken thus far and outlined the Faculty's working group, noting the aim is to build a shared infrastructure that cuts across the different components of the complex landscape on campus and at affiliated institutions, including hospitals (see presentation). Several questions ensued via the chat, which S. Baillet addressed individually and may be referred to in the [recording](#).

7. Department of Medicine: Wellness *(N. Dayan)*

N. Dayan provided an overview of faculty wellness within the Department of Medicine, noting the aim is to hopefully transfer some of these initiatives to other departments. She presented several wellness objectives which include mentorship, a Wellness Task Force and tailoring existing or planning new programs and offerings in leadership development, stress management and resilience building (see presentation for details on the McGill Department-wide formal mentorship program and best practices in academic mentorship programs). She also provided a summary of [WisdomShare](#), the online platform for the mentorship program that allows for oversight and tracking, explaining that due to pre and post surveys in which individuals are asked to self-rate their own competency, they have been able to apply and receive accreditation for section 3 CME credits. Of note, new mentors are recruited every six months and new faculty are on-boarded through their letter of offer (see presentation for additional information).

SECTION III

Before proceeding, the Chair outlined various faculty appointments since the last meeting and provided a summary on where things stand with the Our Words Matter campaign surrounding issues within the learning environment (see presentation). He also reminded those in attendance of two upcoming award submissions: 1) The Principal's Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers (internal deadline to the Faculty is December 15, 2022); 2) The Principal's Prize for Public Engagement through Media (deadline is midnight on January 31, 2023).

8. Report from the Steering Committee *(D. Eidelman)*

The Chair confirmed that at its meeting on November 8, the Steering Committee reviewed and adopted the agenda for this meeting of the Faculty Council. Their report was made available to all members of the Faculty Council and was posted online.

9. Consent Agenda

i. Faculty Council Minutes (September 20, 2022)

The minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on September 20, 2022 were presented on the consent agenda, for which the link was sent to all members following the meeting. The Chair asked for a member to propose the adoption of the minutes, for which a first and seconder came forward. Without any objections, the minutes were approved.

SECTION IV

The Chair was pleased to share a few recent highlights, including the launch of the new McGill Centre for RNA Sciences as well as the Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Institute of Genomic Medicine, Fall Convocation which included the first cohort of graduates from the Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Management program, as well as the 2022 World Restart a Heart Campaign among others (see presentation).

10. Kudos

(D. Eidelman)

The Chair went over a robust list of accomplishments within the Faculty and congratulated an impressive number of faculty and staff members as well as students who have been publicly recognized for their accomplishments in recent months (see presentation). Congratulations to all!

SECTION V

Open Session/Town Hall

The Chair invited Faculty Council members and guests to put forward any questions or issues they wished to discuss. There being no other business to address, he wished everyone a great academic year; the meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

The complete set of documents, including PowerPoint presentations made at the Faculty Council meetings and video links of the meeting, are kept as part of the official minutes and can be found in the [Governance section](#) of the Faculty website.