



Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Faculty Council held on February 21, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom)

Barnett, Tracie	Golchi, Shirin	Piccirillo, Ciriaco
Beaudry, Jonas-Sebastien	Hamdy, Reggie	Robaire, Bernard
Biskin, Robert Simon	Henry, Melissa	Rourke, Sarah
Bitton, Alain	Kearney, Robert	Russell, Alton
Burnier, Miguel	Kilpatrick, Kelley	Sadeghi, Nader
Cambrosio, Alberto	Langlais, David	Sahyoun, Zahraa (SCSD)
Charles, Fern	Lencucha, Raphael	Sierra, Camilo (NGSA)
Chen, John	Loganathan, Sampath	Tonin, Patricia
Chu, Dominic (PGSS delegate)	Lomber, Steve	Toussaint, Paule-J.
Cloutier, Jean-Francois	Mazer, Bruce	Tulandi, Togas
Cybulsky, Andrey	McArthur, Juliet-Ann	Vuong, Té
Duchaine, Thomas (Biochemistry delegate)	Mondou, Mélanie	Wang, Aaron (SoM delegate)
Evans, Timothy	Naiyeju, Ibukunoluwa	White, John
Fellows, Lesley	Nguyen, Tho Nhu (DPS)	
Fu, Lili	Pause, Arnim	

REGRETS

Marc Afilalo, Mylène Arsenault, Steven Backman, Jake Barralet, Ali Bessissow, Sahiba Bindra (SPOTGSA co-rep) Liziane Bouvier, Sam Daniel, Matthew Donlan, Robert Gagnon, Alain Gratton, Adam Hassan (MSS), Ashley Hum (SPOTGSA co-rep), Bryana Jean-Jacques (NUS), Kevin Jutras, Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Mark Levental, Zachary Levine, Chelsea Maedler-Kron, Caroline Marchionni, Malina Charisma Moskun (POTUS), Morag Park, Lauralicia Sacre, Judith Soicher, Ghassen Soufi (ARM), Mikaela Stiver, Antonio Tongué, Leon Tourian, Francine Wein, Theodore Wein, Stephen Yang, Natalie Zeytuni.

SECTION I

(L. Fellows)

1. Welcoming Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed Faculty Council members and guests. Before proceeding, she delivered a land acknowledgement. She then welcomed Alain Bitton, CAS representative for the Department of Medicine, to Faculty Council and thanked outgoing member Ariane Marelli for her service on the Council as well as to the Steering Committee, along with outgoing resident delegate Rami Habib.

She then welcomed incoming members Amanda Cervantes, Professional School representative (Ingram School of Nursing) and Romina Mizrahi, Clinical – CAS representative (Psychiatry) to the Steering Committee and welcomed volunteers for the position of postdoctoral student representative, Postgraduate Students’ Society (PGSS), to sit on Faculty Council.

2. Approval of the agenda

The Chair presented the agenda and asked if anyone would propose its adoption. It was first and seconded; with no objections reported, the agenda was accepted. The Chair noted that due to an urgent meeting, President Saini’s update would be rescheduled to a later Faculty Council meeting.

3. In Memoriam

A moment of silence was observed to remember a fellow member of our Faculty community who had recently passed: Brian Collier.

SECTION II

4. Envisioning the future: Faculty strategic plan refresh: *(L. Fellows)*
interactive session

The Chair outlined the purpose of refreshing the strategic plan, noting several immediate and 10-year considerations. She further summarized some of the themes that came out of the breakout room sessions regarding social accountability from the December 5, 2023 Faculty Council meeting (see [presentation](#)). She provided a brief proposal of how today’s discussion would be organized, including several questions to consider. She then explained participants would be put into random breakout rooms for a duration of twenty minutes, for which groups of seven to eight individuals were formed, and asked that a moderator ensure notes would be taken in order to bring back key takeaway messages to either report to the larger group, copy into the chat, or send to L. Moss via email. When the breakout rooms ended, several ideas were shared, including focusing on making McGill an internationally renowned leader, taking action on climate issues and planetary health and the role of IT in our teaching, training and delivery of care. Several other comments ensued, which may be referred to in the [recording](#).

SECTION III

5. Report from the Steering Committee *(L. Fellows)*

The Chair confirmed that at its meeting on January 24, 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.

6. Consent Agenda

- i. Faculty Council Minutes (December 5, 2023)*

The minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on December 5, 2023 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.

Before proceeding, the Chair outlined some recent academic leadership Faculty appointments since the last meeting (see [presentation](#)).

The Chair then outlined several updates, including next steps for strategic planning following today's breakout room discussions which will involve creating a relatively high-level blueprint plan that will be shared for comments before being presented more broadly. She also provided a budget update, noting the University has taken a conservative approach in the face of high uncertainty about the impacts of the Quebec tuition changes that were imposed in the Fall, further noting we are currently in a hiring freeze. She then highlighted the upcoming UGME accreditation exercise in March and April 2024, noting that anyone involved in medical student teaching or who is a medical student/resident will be receiving information to help them prepare. She thanked those involved in preparing for accreditation for their efforts in maintaining an excellent undergraduate program.

She proceeded to outline a few other updates, including that the Giving Constructive Feedback module of the Our Words Matter campaign launches on February 26 and that the McGill24 fundraiser will take place on March 13, mentioning that those interested should contact [Gareth Black](#). She also highlighted that Campus Outaouais' first cohort will be graduating in May.

SECTION IV

7. Kudos *(L. Fellows)*

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, she thanked everyone for their participation and promised to come back to the Council with next steps on the strategic plan strategy; the meeting ended at 5:50 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.