



Minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Faculty Council held on May 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom)

Adams, Annmarie	Fuhrer, Rebecca (delegate)	Robbins, Shawn
Allard, Robert	Gonnerman, Laura	Rohlicek, Charles
Arora, Anish	Henry, Melissa	Rollin, Marie-France
Barnett, Tracie	Huang, Sidong	Rompotinos, Dennis
Barralet, Jake	Kearney, Robert	Ruthazer, Edward
Beaudry, Jonas-Sébastien	Kilpatrick, Kelley	Sacre, Lauralicia
Biskin, Robert Simon	Levental, Mark	Saunders, Sara Elizabeth
Cambrosio, Alberto	Loiselle, Carmen	Sekhon, Harmehr
Chabot, Zoë	Marchionni, Caroline	Sternszus, Robert
Chen, John	Marelli, Ariane	Tonin, Patricia
Daniel, Sam	Mondou, Mélanie	Tourian, Leon
Drouin, Anne Sophie	Nardini, Sonia	Toussaint, Paule-J.
D’Aquila, Vanessa	Patoucheas, Chrisoula	Wein, Francine
Eidelman, David	Piccirillo, Ciriaco	White, John
Evans, Timothy	Robaire, Bernard	Zeytuni, Natalie

REGRETS

Marc Afilalo, Steven Backman, Rislaine Benkelfat, Chantal Bernard, Ali Bessissow, Jennifer Chan, Nadia El Hallaoui, Michelle Elizov, Jean-Pierre Farmer, Robert Gagnon, Rebecca Huston, Srinivasan Krishnamurthy, Arnim Pause, Brent Richards, Norbert Schmitz, Ewa Sidorowicz, Alan Spatz, Catherine St-Cyr, Ursula Stochaj, Jean-Marc Troquet, Sophie Vaillancourt, Gabriel Venne, Lucy Vieira, Stephen Yang.

SECTION I

(D. Eidelman)

1. Welcoming Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed Faculty Council members and guests. He welcomed incoming members Vanessa D’Aquila, Nursing graduate student representative on Faculty Council as well as Caitlin Fierheller, incoming graduate student representative to the Steering Committee. He thanked everyone for their invaluable input.

2. Approval of the agenda

The Chair asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda, or if anyone had anything to add. Hearing none, the agenda was approved with no changes.

3. In Memoriam

A moment of silence was observed to remember those in our Faculty community who had recently passed: Drs. Harry L. Goldsmith, Natalia Nuño, Krešimir Krnjevic, James McNutt, Catherine Duong, and Peter McLean.

The Chair provided an update for plans related to entry in the fall 2021 semester, outlining a number of priorities and scenarios (see presentation). He stated that regular communication would be shared with faculty members. In terms of budget, he stated that an update would be provided at the fall Faculty Council meeting.

SECTION II

4. Overview and Recommendations from Review of Faculty Thesis-Based Graduate Programs (A. Ryan)

A. Ryan provided an update following her presentation at the February 23, 2021 Faculty Council meeting. She outlined several key points of this self-study questionnaire that reviewed 16 thesis programs. She further highlighted major observations and several priorities for the faculty and programs alike, including career preparation training for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and concluded by outlining several next steps (see presentation for further details).

5. MDCM Admissions Update (E. Chétrit)

E. Chétrit provided an update regarding the incoming change to the MDCM language proficiency requirement. She indicated the MDCM Program Committee revised its policy to require French proficiency prior to admission as of fall 2023 (see presentation for further details).

She went on to speak about the development of a Black student admissions program, noting it is a proposal for an optional application stream where candidates who self-identify as Black, who are Quebec residents and who meet the excellence criteria will be invited to submit an essay contextualizing their life experiences which will be assessed by Black health professionals and community admission file reviewers (see presentation for further details).

6. School of Population and Global Health Strategic Plan (T. Evans)

T. Evans provided an overview of the School of Population and Global Health (SPGH) strategic plan, building on strengths and minding the gaps (see presentation). He indicated the SPGH has updated their vision, mission and values as well as identified strategic objectives. With diversity as a cross-cut priority, he outlined having an anti-racism working group and working very closely with the Social Accountability and Community Engagement office. He promoted an upcoming meeting “*Anti-Racism and the Public’s Health: Are Universities Stepping up?*” which is taking place on June 10 and is being co-hosted with the Université de Montréal. For more information about this meeting, emails may be sent to spgh.med@mcgill.ca. On the education front, he outlined the

development of an undergraduate inter-faculty program in Population and Global Health (see presentation). He further outlined some key features of the Pandemic and Emergency Readiness Lab (PEARL), which includes the launch of the COVID-19 Immunity Task Force (see presentation for details).

SECTION III

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

The Chair confirmed that at its meeting on March 31, the Steering Committee welcomed incoming graduate student representative, Caitlin Fierheller, and 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.

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

The Chair confirmed that at its meeting on April 15, the Nominating Committee reviewed its membership and determined that with the opening of Campus Outaouais, membership should include at least one representative from the new campus. Consequently, the Terms of Reference for this committee were revised and submitted for approval at this meeting of the Faculty Council. The revised Terms of Reference were approved.

9. Consent Agenda
i. Faculty Council Minutes (February 23, 2021)

The minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on February 23, 2021 were presented as the only item on the consent agenda. The Chair asked if any corrections were needed and, in the absence of objections, the minutes were approved.

10. Business Arising and updates
i. Membership volunteers (representatives appointed by their respective student associations)
a. Faculty Council: 1 graduate student from the School of Medicine
b. Faculty Council: 1 graduate student from the School of Biomedical Sciences

SECTION IV

11. 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 and 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, the Chair extended thanks to all for attending; the meeting ended at 6:12 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.