



Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Faculty Council held on September 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (via Zoom)

Allard, Robert	Gratton, Alain	Quesnel-Vallee, Amelie
Arora, Anish	Henry, Melissa	Robaire, Bernard
Backman, Steven	Hoang, Marie-An	Robbins, Shawn
Barnett, Tracie	Huang, Sidong	Rohlicek, Charles
Benkelfat, Rislaine	Kearney, Robert	Rollin, Marie-France
Biskin, Robert Simon	Kilpatrick, Kelley	Sacre, Lauralicia
Burnier, Miguel	Krishnamurthy, Srinivasan	Saunders, Sara Lizabeth
Cambrosio, Alberto	Loganathan, Sampath	Sekhon, Harmehr
Chabot, Zoë	Lomber, Steve	Soufi, Ghassen (ARM delegate)
Chelini, Erica	Maedler-Kron, Chelsea	Starnino, Cindy
Chen, John	Marchionni, Caroline	St-Cyr, Catherine
Cloutier, Jean-Francois	Marelli, Ariane	Tonin, Patricia
Daniel, Sam	McArthur, Juliet-Ann	Tourian, Leon
D'Aquila, Vanessa	Mondou, Mélanie	Toussaint, Paule-J.
Eidelman, David	Nardini, Sonia	Tulandi, Togas
Evans, Timothy	Ouellet, Jean	Valerio, Alexander
Fu, Lili	Park, Morag	Wein, Francine
Gonnerman, Laura	Piccirillo, Ciriaco	Wein, Theodore

REGRETS

Marc Afilalo, Jake Barralet, Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry, Ali Bessissow, Andrey Cybulsky, Michelle Elizov, Robert Gagnon, Mark Levental, Zachary Levine, Carmen Loiselle, Arnim Pause, Joella Reev, Sophie Vaillancourt, Gabriel Venne, John White, Stephen Yang, Natalie Zeytuni.

SECTION I

(D. Eidelman)

1. Welcoming Remarks from the Chair

The Chair welcomed Faculty Council members and guests. He 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.

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. John Burgess, Hugh Bennett, Louis Beaumier, Michael Du Bow, John Crawhall, and Mortimer Lechter.

SECTION II

4. VP-Dean's update (including Financial update) *(D. Eidelman)*

The Chair provided an update on the return to campus efforts, stressing the importance of being vaccinated. He went on to discuss travel restrictions and exemptions, noting exemptions may be granted in certain cases and requests should be made via an online [form](#); questions should be addressed to the International Affairs [Office](#) (see presentation). He further highlighted the importance of staying up-to-date by visiting www.mcgill.ca/coronavirus, [reporting](#) symptoms or positive diagnoses, and about vaccine [passports](#). The Chair then provided a brief overview and update on the Faculty's budget, noting the budgetary vulnerability continues, the structural deficit remains concerning as well as an uncertain future for Middle East revenues. The Chair also noted the opportunities to grow and diversify revenues and acknowledged strong support from the Provost's office as well as the Faculty's Finance team (see presentation).

5. Career learning & development beyond the Faculty *(L. Gonnerman, A. Ryan,
N. Saad, L. Snider)*

L. Gonnerman provided a brief summary on career advising within the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, outlining the two main streams: Master's of Science Applied and PhD (see presentation for further details).

A. Ryan discussed the various resources available at McGill to help graduate students prepare for their postgraduate career. She encouraged everyone to have their students look at [myPath](#), a confidential individualized development plan that asks them to reflect on their values and what they like to do and then provides suggestions of skills they need to gain in order to pursue that profession afterwards. She briefly presented other resources and mentioned any training sessions would be added to students' co-curricular [record](#). She further outlined the Desjardins Centre for Advance Training (DCAT) at the RI-MUHC run by Emily Bell (see presentation).

N. Saad then spoke on behalf of the WELL office and undergraduate medical career advising, which offers support groups, one on one encounters, and a list of resources including quizzes on how students can figure out what they like or what fits them (see presentation for overview and examples of career events).

L. Snider spoke about careers in rehabilitation science, noting the professional master's program is very career oriented and for which students run a job fair yearly (see presentation).

6. School of Population and Global Health: Proposed New Departments (T. Evans)

T. Evans provided an update as part of the School of Population and Global Health (SPGH) strategic plan which was presented at the previous Faculty Council meeting, noting that after much thought and consultation, it was decided to move from the original Senate approved six divisions of the School to three departments, two of which are new (see presentation). He confirmed there is no change to the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health. The Chair thanked him for his presentation and requested a motion for approval from Faculty Council members in order for it to proceed to APC and then Senate for further approval. It was first and seconded, and without any objections, the motion passed.

7. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) webinar series update (L. Lalla)

L. Lalla provided an update on the programming for the 2021-22 program for the CPD office, in particular to the WELS and TELS courses which have been combined and are now called McGill CPD MedUpdates. It offers three live webinars per week which are archived and made available one week after the live presentation date to be viewed at one's convenience and with full credit still assigned (see presentation). She mentioned the opening session would be taking place on September 23 and [registration](#) is now open. She also presented a second course called *Essentials of Psychiatry: An Overview for Family Physicians and Other Specialists*; sessions will also be available as online accredited learning modules until May 2022 (see presentation).

SECTION III

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

The Chair confirmed that at its meeting on August 25, the Steering Committee welcomed incoming medical resident representative, Sanela Music, and reviewed and adopted the agenda for this meeting of the Faculty Council, as well as the revised Terms of Reference for the Council and its Steering Committee for ratification. Their report was made available to all members of the Faculty Council and was posted online.

9. Consent Agenda

i. Faculty Council Minutes (May 18, 2021)

The minutes of the Faculty Council meeting held on May 18, 2021 were presented on the consent agenda. The Chair asked if any corrections were needed and, in the absence of objections, the minutes were approved.

ii. Faculty Council revised Terms of Reference (for review & ratification)

The revised Faculty Council Terms of Reference were previously circulated to committee members for their review. The Chair asked if any corrections were needed and, in the absence of objections, the terms of reference were approved.

- iii. *Faculty Council Steering Committee, revised Terms of Reference (for review & ratification)*

The revised Steering Committee Terms of Reference were previously circulated to committee members for their review. The Chair asked if any corrections were needed and, in the absence of objections, the terms of reference 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 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, the Chair extended thanks to all for attending; the meeting ended at 6:02 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.