



Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Council Steering Committee held on February 17, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room (Room 103, 3605 de la Montagne)

PRESENT

Brown, Karen	Colby, Diana	Dhaliwal, Kiesha
Eidelman, David (Chair)	Filion, Françoise	Hosatte-Ducassy, Caroline (by phone)
Kafantaris, Demetra	Kornisch, Myriam	Liu, Xin Mei
Robaire, Bernard		

1. Review of the November 9, 2016 Steering Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

2. Review of the December 6, 2016 Faculty Council Minutes and debrief on meeting

The revised minutes were approved without any further change.

3. Topics to consider for next FC meeting(s) [education, research, students]

New topics

i. Proposals for:

1) Distinguished University Professors & 2) Honorary Degrees process:

The Chair indicated that given the large number of nominees for Honorary Degrees, creation of a formalized process was deemed necessary. The Chair also indicated the need for some mechanism to recognize our top University professors. Dr. Abraham Fuks was asked to prepare a proposal for each topic, in collaboration with the Honors and Awards Committee. Bernard expressed uncertainty as to the need for such an award. Members agreed that both proposals should be presented at the next Faculty Council meeting to allow for debate.

ii. Creation of Tanenbaum Open Science Institute

The Chair mentioned that given the influx of large amounts of funding to the MNI, Dr. Rouleau has prepared a proposal for the creation of a more integrated operational structure and wishes to bring it to Faculty Council for endorsement (not approval). This will be important should it need to go further within the University. Everyone agreed on adding this to the agenda.

iii. Postdocs unionization

The Chair indicated that McGill's administration cannot comment on this issue while negotiations are underway. As postdoc representative, Myriam agreed that the Faculty cannot do more at this point in time as postdocs have not yet agreed on anything with the University. Bernard suggested the situation be stated as discussed in the Chair's updates. Bernard further suggested that follow-up questions should be prepared in advance. Everyone agreed. The question submitted regarding Postdocs taxation, MUHC vs McGill was not addressed.

iv. Institute for Computational Medicine

Robert Funnell, member of the Faculty Council, reiterated the request for follow-up on this topic from the last Faculty Council meeting in December 2016. Committee members were asked if the topic should be presented by Guillaume Bourque at the March or June Faculty Council meeting; June was favored.

v. US travel ban

Given issuance of an email by the Provost clarifying that the University will try to accommodate and support those who are stranded as a result of this ban, it was decided unanimously that the Chair would only briefly speak to this issue in his updates.

Topics suggested at previous meeting(s)

vi. Quantitative Life Sciences, PhD program

It was decided that this topic be presented during Dr. Bourque's presentation on Computational Medicine in June.

vii. SIM Centre expansion

Members agreed that this would be a nice informational topic to present as it affects residents and students as well as clinical instructors. Caroline suggested that the students leading the Learners Quality Improvement Circle co-present and she offered to follow-up on this.

<p>ACTION: Demetra will contact Rajesh Aggarwal re availability to present to Faculty Council in March or June. Caroline to follow-up re Learners Quality Improvement Circle.</p>
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viii. Award or recognition of Research Associates

Demetra mentioned that there was no further feedback. The topic would be put on hold for now. The Chair noted that this was an issue best addressed at the laboratory/departmental level rather than faculty-wide.

ix. Project Renaissance update

The Chair will provide an update, mentioning an upcoming Faculty Leadership Commons (FLC) Project Renaissance retreat scheduled for April 20. The two Faculty Council members who had volunteered for Project Renaissance have confirmed their attendance. At the retreat, each Vice-Dean will present updates on strategic planning in their respective portfolios. For example, Annette Majnemer, Vice-Dean (Education) has held several consultation meetings

for the education strategic planning process and Philippe Gros, Vice-Dean (Life-Sciences) is currently updating the strategic research plan, asking for idea submissions. The Chair will be presenting on governance and space. The Chair asked whether the invitation for additional members of the Faculty Council should be issued at the next meeting. Bernard supported this suggestion; all were in agreement.

- x. All agreed that a CFREF update should be provided, as needed. Dr. Philippe Gros to be invited back in June, if warranted.

Routine items

The Chair will welcome Dr. Hemmings to the Faculty Council as he replaces Dr. Lucy Gilbert.

The Steering Committee needs a member to replace L. Gilbert, in the MD category. At the next Faculty Council meeting, the Chair will ask for a volunteer to replace Dr. Gilbert on the Steering Committee.

Standing Agenda Items

1) Dean's updates:

a. MDCM accreditation

The Chair indicated he would speak on this matter, and mention accreditation outcomes in Nursing and in the Department of Occupational Therapy. Regarding accreditation of the Nurse Practitioner program, the Chair asked committee members whether we should ask someone from the School of Nursing to speak on this. Members agreed.

ACTION: Demetra Kafantaris to follow-up with Dr. Anita Gagnon.

b. Healthcare consultation (February 28, 2017) with Dr. Arvind Joshi

As many people were consulted through various mechanisms on this, the Chair stated that he would provide an update at the March 13 Faculty Council meeting on this.

2) Business Arising

a. Communication/Consultation needs

ACTION: Demetra Kafantaris to verify with Clinical Chairs if still needed.

b. CERC update - the Chair noted that either he or Philippe Gros would provide an update.

3) Report from Steering Committee- to be completed and presented to the Faculty Council.

4) Report from Nominating Committee

Demetra provided a brief update on the committee's first meeting (Feb. 1, 2017). John Orłowski has volunteered to become inaugural Chair of the committee. The committee also decided on full transparency regarding committee positions seeking members-at-large. A "Call" will be issued shortly for representatives on UGME committees. There are eleven seats to be filled. The Chair commented that if this is an effective process, we will then expand to other committees. Bernard agreed this was a good idea and presentation at Faculty Council appears is the best approach.

Xin Mei Liu added that for the replacement of Lucy Gilbert, a call should be issued to all members of Faculty Council. All agreed.

5) Consent Agenda items

Members agreed that the revised minutes should be distributed to Faculty Council members. Bernard suggested that a time limit be set for revisions to be sent in, for which all were in favor.

6) "State of the Faculty"

The Chair described this as a yearly update that would touch on topics such as budget, research, and educational programs. The Chair asked members whether this update should be provided in Spring or Fall, for which Spring was favored by all as an "end of academic year" June meeting.

There being no other business to address, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.