

**Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies
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Meeting of March 11th, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. TEAMS Conferencing Application

Present:	Chris Buddle (Co-Chair) Angela Campbell (Co-Chair) Jennifer Chen Nancy Czettel Rebecca Fuhrer Petra Rohrbach Daniel Weinstock Laura Winer Elyse Cragg (communications) Gillian Nycum (SME/resource person) Paola Colapelle (secretary)	Regrets :	Claire Downie
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Communications update

Christopher Buddle informed the committee that an invitation has been extended to the Workgroup on New Models of Academic Program Delivery at next week's meeting. The members of the workgroup have prepared a presentation to frame the feedback they are seeking and exchange of ideas, many of which relate to items that have been discussed at the Ad-Hoc.

An MRO Communication was emailed yesterday afternoon to inform the McGill Community that the University has decided to keep most of the COVID-related measures in place for the rest of the Winter 2022 term. The feedback thus far received is mostly positive although some concerns have been raised about the fact that most requirements remain in place and that instructors – while encouraged to keep wearing masks while teaching – may remove them if they are able to maintain a 2m distance.

Senate report and recommendations

Members of the Committee agreed to prepare a report that will frame recommendations for COVID-related contingency plans if the need were to arise during the fall 2022 term. Based on a reflection of past experiences gathered during the last two years, the focus is to create a forward-thinking approach that will be founded on metrics and parameters, with a strong emphasis on transition of information and communications. There may also be opportunities to leverage existing expertise from within the University on this (e.g., epidemiologists, public health experts).