

**Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on COVID Academic Planning and Policies**  
**MINUTES**

Meeting of November 29, 2021 at 8:30a.m. TEAMS Conferencing Application

Present: Chris Buddle (Co-Chair)  
Angela Campbell (Co-Chair)  
Claire Downie  
Rebecca Fuhrer  
Petra Rohrbach  
Daniel Weinstock  
Laura Winer  
Gillian Nycum (resource person)  
Paola Colapelle (secretary)

Regrets: Jennifer Chen  
Nancy Czemmel  
Elyse Cragg (communications)

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**Accommodations for Instructors**

A special meeting was convened where Committee members reviewed a proposal and agreed to update Senate on areas of concern regarding instructors' requests for accommodations. The Committee determined that it would propose to the Provost two recommendations focused on:

**I. Vulnerable Cohabiting Dependants/Family Members**

To develop a process for considering requests for pedagogical arrangements for instructors who cohabit with a dependant/family member who has a documented medical situation that renders them vulnerable to health complications arising from COVID. This would be in place just for the Winter 2022 term.

**II. Assessment of Mental Health Challenges**

To review the processes by which instructors apply for accommodations based on mental health conditions with the aim to render them as expeditious and less onerous. To hold consultations with experts in mental health, public health, and organizational development within the McGill community.

These recommendations would be presented to the Provost via a memo. A discussion of these recommendations will be made to Senate at the next update from the Committee, when Senate convenes for its December 2021 meeting.