



SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
OPEN SESSION**

February 27, 2017 at 10:00 am room EV 2.184

PRESENT

Ex-officio members: J. Beaudoin (Secretary), J. Wiercinski, P. Wood-Adams (Chair).

Voting members: A. Aghdam, M. Akbar, R. M. Azad, P. Bianucci, S. Chauhan, A.-M. Croteau, M. Debbabi, A. Dolatabadi, B. Freiwald, M. Mehmet Ali, E. Monson, E. Peltier-Wagner, A. Poteete, U. Saif, K. Sawchuk, G. Vaillancourt, M. Watson.

Non-Voting members: M. C. Bolton, L. Hughes, M. Jordan (Recording Secretary).

Guests: N. Blanchet-Cohen, C. Hawthorne, P. Joyce, L. Mitchell, D. Radwan, D. Secko.

REGRETS

Voting members: J. Berzowksa, S. Bhagwati, E. Diamantoudi, T. Gould, H. Bin Jawaid, B. Jaumard, B. Nelson, P. Pawelek, K. Schmitt.

Non-voting members: W. Cheaib, D. Therrien.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, A. Dolatabadi). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of November 28, 2016.

Moved and seconded (M. Debbabi, B. Freiwald). Carried.

4. Chair's Remarks

Dr Wood-Adams informed Council members that 16 new Horizon Postdoctoral Fellowships had recently been announced and that the Spring competition would soon be underway. She also provided members with an update on the Public Scholars project – a program designed to promote outreach, leadership and scholarship for top PhD students. This term, the School welcomed its first cohort of ten exceptional doctoral students from a broad range of disciplines.

The Chair announced that the 6th rendition of the Three Minute Project and Thesis competition where graduate students learn to present their research to a non-expert audience was to take place on March 23. She invited Council member to attend the event to witness the breadth of research at Concordia.

The School will also be establishing a new grant program for cotutelles programs. Aligned with the spirit of the Strategic Initiative, 'Embrace the World', the goal of the program is to increase Concordia's participation in cotutelles; currently, we have very few. The grant in the amount of \$5,000 will be available to new cotutelle agreements and may be used to defray typical research-related costs as is the case with seed grants.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

Consent Agenda

6. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

Faculty of Arts and Science

6.1	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1617 3 D1
6.2	Department of Humanities (HUMA-1)	CSGS 1617 3 D2
6.3	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1617 3 D3
6.4	Department of Religion (RELI-51)	CSGS 1617 3 D4
6.5	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1617 3 D5
6.6	Department of Sociology & Anthropology (SOAN-27)	CSGS 1617 3 D6

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

6.7	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1617 3 D7
6.8	Concordia Institute for Information Systems Engineering (CIISE-58)	CSGS 1617 3 D8
6.9	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1617 3 D9
6.10	Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering (ELEC-90)	CSGS 1617 3 D10

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, U. Saif). Carried.

Business

7. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

Faculty of Arts and Science

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| 7.1 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1617 3 D11 |
| 7.2 | Department of Journalism (JOUR-18) | CSGS 1617 3 D12 |

Dr Aghdam requested speaking privileges for Dr David Secko who provided a brief overview of the changes outlined in the document.

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, K. Sawchuk). Carried.

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| 7.3 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1617 3 D13 |
| 7.4 | Department of Journalism (JOUR-19) | CSGS 1617 3 D14 |

Dr David Secko provided a brief overview of the changes outlined in the document.

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, K. Sawchuk). Carried.

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| 7.5 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1516 3 D15 |
| 7.6 | Department of Applied Human Sciences
New Program: <i>Master of/Magisteriate in Arts (Youth Work & Psychoeducation)</i>
(AHSC-24) | CSGS 1516 3 D16 |

Dr Aghdam requested speaking privileges for Drs Natasha Blanchet-Cohen and Paul Joyce who provided a brief overview of the new program that was first conceptualized nearly a decade ago.

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, K. Sawchuk). Carried.

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

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| 7.7 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1617 3 D17 |
| 7.8 | Department of Building, Civil & Environmental Engineering
New Program: <i>Master of/ Magisteriate in Engineering (Environmental Engineering)</i>
(BLDG-70) | CSGS 1617 3 D18 |

Dr Debbabi provided a brief overview of the new program. He further explained that the courses already exist in the department as does the student population. This new nomenclature provides students with a degree name indicative of their field of study.

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, M. Debbabi). Carried.

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| 7.9 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1617 3 D19 |
| 7.10 | Department of Building, Civil & Environmental Engineering
New Program: <i>Master of/Magisteriate in Engineering (Construction Engineering & Management)</i>
(BLDG-74) | CSGS 1617 3 D20 |

Dr Debbabi provided a brief overview of the new program. Similar to the previous new program, he again explained that the courses already exist in the department as does the student population. This new nomenclature also provides students with a degree name indicative of their field of study.

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, M. Debbabi). Carried.

John Molson School of Business

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| 7.11 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1617 3 D21 |
| 7.12 | New Program: <i>Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship</i>
(GCE-0) | CSGS 1617 3 D22 |

Dr Croteau provided a brief overview of the new program and thanked both Dr Anne Beaudry, Graduate Program Director, for quickly mounting the program since her appointment in July and Ms Frédérica Martin for her support and expertise. The program is designed for students from all disciplines who wish to start their own business.

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, A.-M. Croteau). Carried.

At this point during the meeting, Dr Wood-Adams asked Dr M. Catherine Bolton to introduce two guests to the Council – Ms Dalia Radwan and Ms Caro Hawthorne – from the Office of the Provost who have recently been hired as Curriculum Developers reporting to Mr Robert Cassidy, Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning. The Chair welcomed them to their new positions and looked forward to future collaborations.

Presentations

8. Laura Mitchell, Director
Student Success Centre

Dr Wood-Adams welcomed Dr Mitchell to the Council. Dr Mitchell provided members with a brief biographical sketch as well as an overview of the services available at the Student Success Centre. Dr Mitchell joined Concordia three years ago after a teaching career in psychology which included the supervision of graduate students.

Dr Mitchell explained that the services previously offered under Counselling and Development have been separated into two units, Campus Wellness and Support Services, which focusses primarily on mental health issues, and the Student Success Centre; her presentation focused on the services available in the latter. In addition to paying special attention to first year undergraduate students, the Student Success Centre also offers services in academic skills development, career planning, English and French language support, access to learning

specialists, and time management. The Writing Centre, the Career and Planning Service (CaPS) and the Career Resource Centre, amongst others, are housed in the auspices of the Student Success Centre. Dr Mitchell invited members to visit the Centre's future space in the Hall Building which is currently in the design stages.

Other Next Meeting: April 10, 2017 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in EV 2.184

9. Adjournment of the Open Session moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, A.-M. Croteau).

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Jordan
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Graduate Studies