

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

**March 22, 2024 at 10:00 am in EV 2.309**

PRESENT

Ex-officio members: E. Diamantoudi (Chair), R. Johal.

Voting members: E. Adams, A. Aghdam, C. An, R. Berger, L. Blair, L. Caminati, G. Dover, A. Fattoum-Guedri, X. Huang, L. Jeancolas, R. Lakshmanan, C. Lesage, M. Medraj, M. Packirisamy, D. Raju, A. Salas, F. Scala, P. Stoyanov, M. Sussman, S. Ullah, F. Yuen, M. Zaare.

Non-Voting members: S. De Celles, D. Lafrance (Secretary), M. Jordan (Recording Secretary).

Guests: G. Beltran, K. Clarke, R. Courtemanche, E. MacFadden, C. Raso.

REGRETS

Voting members: W. Linds, M. Steinberg, E. Tsabary, C. Wilds.

Non-Voting members: W. Cheaib, S. Gabriele.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and seconded (M. Medraj, G. Dover). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of December 1, 2023

Moved and seconded (M. Zaare, M. Medraj). Carried.

4. Chair's Remarks

Dr Diamantoudi welcomed Dr Geoff Dover to his new role as Associate Dean, Graduate Student Academic Matters & Postdoctoral Studies. Dr Dover is a seasoned and prominent past Graduate Program Director, well respected by his peers and students alike. Having ushered in the new PhD program in Health and Exercise Science in his home department, he is well positioned to smoothly transition to our team at SGS.

While overall admission applications have been lower than in previous years, our admissions and acceptances are holding steady – a testament to the hard work put in by our GPDs.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

**Consent Agenda**

6. Faculty Tribunal Pool Nominees ratification CSGS 2324 4 D1

Moved and seconded (M. Medraj, F. Scala). Carried.

**Business**

7. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

- 7.1. New Program: *Graduate Certificate in Curatorial Studies and Practices* CSGS 2324 4 D2

Moved and seconded (R. Berger, G. Dover). Carried.

The Department of Art History proposed a 15-credit Graduate Certificate in Curatorial Studies and Practices in which students must complete four new three-credit courses: ARTH 676, ARTH 677, ARTH 678, ARTH 679. This program targets individuals already employed in the curatorial field. Upon completion, students receive a letter of attestation. Those who finish the microprogram have the option to subsequently undertake the practicum course (ARTH 679) and obtain the graduate certificate, allowing for the integration of the microprogram into the certificate.

- 7.2. New Program: *Competency-Based Teacher Qualification Diploma* CSGS 2324 4 D3

Moved and seconded (R. Berger, L. Blair). Carried.

The Department of Education proposed a Graduate Diploma in Competency-Based Teaching Qualification, totalling 30 credits. This initiative addresses urgent needs within Quebec's education sector. The program aims to offer flexibility in scheduling to accommodate work-life balance and to facilitate obtaining teaching licences in Quebec. Scheduled to begin in the Winter semester of 2024-2025, the program consists of two clusters: the Preschool and Elementary Teaching Cluster, designed for individuals teaching or aspiring to teach in Kindergarten through Grade 6, and the Second Language Teaching Cluster, tailored for those teaching or interested in teaching second languages at elementary and secondary levels. This initiative is in line with the Ministry of Education's recommendations.

8. Approval process of graduation lists, *Office of the Registrar*

CSGS 2324 4 D4

Moved and seconded (S. De Celles, M. Medraj). Carried.

At the November 2019 meeting of Senate, Senate approved a motion to delegate the final approval of the graduation lists to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic.

Following on the successful implementation of this process, Council was asked to consider a similar approach: to delegate the final approval of the graduation lists to the Dean.

## Information

9. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

9.1. New Program: *Microprogram in Curatorial Studies*

CSGS 2324 4 D5

The Department of Art History proposed a 12-credit Microprogram in Curatorial Studies which includes three new three-credit courses: ARTH 676, ARTH 677, ARTH 678, along with three elective credits chosen from MA seminars within the department or across the university. This program targets individuals already engaged in curatorial work. Upon completion, students receive a letter of attestation. They have the option to subsequently undertake the practicum course (ARTH 679) and obtain the graduate certificate, allowing for a 'stacking' of the microprogram into the certificate.

9.2. New Program: *Microprogram in Sustainability*

CSGS 2324 4 D6

The School of Graduate Studies proposed an interdisciplinary Microprogram in Sustainability. This 8-credit program, co-taught by faculty from various disciplines, offers a comprehensive exploration of sustainability. It features a single course spanning several weeks in the summer, with intensive lectures and case study work. Targeted at graduate students and professionals, it aims to provide a broad understanding of different sustainability perspectives.

The Gina Cody School proposed a Microprogram in Applied Artificial Intelligence, an eight-credit graduate program emphasizing hands-on learning. It targets individuals with a programming background, covering traditional statistical learning to advanced deep learning. The curriculum includes applied machine learning and deep learning courses, with a focus on practical projects. This program complements existing graduate courses at Gina Cody School.

## **Presentation**

10. PhD Career Connect  
*Kristy Clarke, Manager, Graduate Professional Development*

Ms Clarke provided Council members with an overview of the PhD Career Connect initiative. The program offers resources and networking opportunities for PhD candidates, recent graduates, and postdoctoral fellows seeking meaningful employment in various career fields. Each spring, this program facilitates interaction among students, mentors, and employers through workshops, case studies, panel discussions, and networking events.

PhD Career Connect selects a diverse group of sixty to participate in three stages: A ten-week period featuring self-directed and instructor-led workshops aimed at enhancing professional skills and job readiness, a two-day event where participants engage with mentors and employers, showcasing their skills and exploring diverse career paths, and a workshop focused on developing a personalized career action plan. Interested parties are encouraged to apply by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Other**

10. Adjournment

Moved and seconded (F. Scala, M. Medraj). Carried.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2024 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in EV 2.309

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan  
Recording Secretary  
Council of the School of Graduate Studies



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\*to be ratified at CSGS May 16, 2024

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