

Minutes of the meeting of the **Academic Policy Committee** held on Thursday 18th February 2016, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., James Administration Building, Room 301

Present: C. Manfredi (*Chair*), A. Asghar, A. Campbell, R. Chromik, O. Dyens, I. Henderson, L. Khoury, A. Maioni, C. MacArthur, S. McDougall, J. Nalbantoglu, J. Potter, C. Rourke, E. Sarigöllü, X. St-Denis, E. Sobat, C. Urbain, T. Western, V. Arshad (*Secretary to APC*)

Regrets: W. Caplin, T. Hébert, E. Lewis, K. Massey, B. Nicolau, M. Rouleau, M. Scott, G. Varela Vallespi, L. Winer

Guests: L. Braitstein

1. Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 4th February 2016

The minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising

The Chair informed the Committee that all items recommended by APC were approved by Senate at its meeting on 17th February 2016.

4. New Business

i. Deputy Provost (Student Life and Learning)

- International Education

University-Wide Partnerships:

Université Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC) - Paris VI

Université Paris-Sorbonne – Paris IV

Université libre de Bruxelles

Ludwig Maximilians University

Technische Universität München

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

University of Iceland

University of Helsinki

Faculty-Specific Partnerships:

Tongji University (School of Architecture)

Rangjung Yeshe Institute, University of Kathmandu (Faculty of Religious Studies)

All student exchange partnerships included in this item were approved by APC and will be reported to Senate for information in APC's 471st (A) report (for the meeting of Senate of 23rd March 2016).

ii. Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs

- SCTP report #6 on meeting of 7th January 2016

Faculty of Science

B.Sc.; Joint Honours in Computer Science and Biology (75-79 cr.)

This item was approved by APC and will be submitted to Senate for approval in APC's 471st (A) report (for the meeting of Senate of 23rd March 2016).

B.Sc.; Minor in Entrepreneurship for Science Students (18 cr.)

This item was approved by APC and will be reported to Senate for information in APC's 471st (A) report (for the meeting of Senate of 23rd March 2016).

iii. Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

- Proposed Changes to the Regulations on Graduate Research Progress Tracking
- Proposed Changes to the Time Limitation Policy
- Proposed Changes to Admission of Former Students Policy

These items were approved by APC and will be submitted to Senate for approval in APC's 471st (A) report (for the meeting of Senate of 23rd March 2016).

- Proposed Changes to the Regulations on Graduate Student Supervision
After some discussion, APC approved the proposed changes to the Regulations on Graduate Student Supervision but with the following amendment:
 - Section 2.3 to clarify and specify "When a thesis supervisor retires or resigns from the University, they cannot act as sole supervisor"

This item was approved by APC with one amendment and will be submitted to Senate for approval in APC's 471st (A) report (for the meeting of Senate of 23rd March 2016).

iv. Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations)

Revisions to the Regulations on the Conduct of Research

After some discussion, the Committee wished to bring to the attention of the Office of the VP-RIR the following points:

- a. What steps are currently planned for the "University-wide consultation?" Will this extend beyond the groups listed (RAC, APC, Senate, and BoG)?
- b. Is it possible to include students from multiple constituencies on the current review working group, particularly given that this regulation does not affect all Faculties equally? PGSS should be included in consultations.
- c. What kinds of "actions" will be taken under the "Tracking and Reporting" referenced in the Implementation Plan? Will this extend beyond the current monitoring and communication with research projects that have prompted concerns regarding harmful applications?
- d. What criteria or methodology will be adopted by the Responsible Conduct Committee in "weighing the known benefits against the reasonable likelihood for harmful applications" of research cases?
- e. In section 1.5, research does take place in the School of Continuing Studies and Libraries. Why were they omitted in the revisions?
- f. In section 1.17, "includes" was removed, yet a word to replace it such as "means" was not added.
- g. In section 3.12.1, instead of "participants of", it would be preferable to say "participants in".

5. Other

New Mandate and Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee on Professional Programs

The Chair announced that Prof. Lara Khoury will spearhead a new working group to review the mandate and terms of reference for this subcommittee of APC. She will reach out to other members in order to reorganize the subcommittee's structure and to create a more focused mandate, particularly on issues surrounding accreditation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.