

Minutes of the meeting of the **Academic Policy Committee** held on Wednesday 29th March 2017, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., James Administration Building, Room 302

Present: C. Manfredi (Chair), A. Asghar, A. Campbell (Vice-Chair), R. Chromik, W. Caplin, A. Dow, L. Houry, E. Lewis, B. Nicolau, J. Potter, N. Ross, E. Sarigöllü, M. Scott, C. Urbain, J. Degans (*Secretary to APC*)

Regrets: J. Chin, N. Dunn, O. Dyens, T. Hébert, K. Lam, K. Massey, S. McDougall, J. Nalbantoglu, E. Sobat, T. Western, L. Winer.

The Chair welcomed Mr. James Gutman who was appointed as the MACES representative on APC.

1. Agenda

The agenda was approved

2. Minutes of meeting of 23rd February 2017

The minutes were approved.

3. Business arising

- i. The Chair reported that Senate approved all the items recommended by APC at its meeting of March 22nd, 2017.

4. New business

- i. Subcommittee on Courses and Teaching Programs
 - SCTP report #8 on meeting of February 16th, 2017
 - Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
 - Graduate Certificate in Translational Biomedical Engineering (15 cr.)

This item was approved and will be reported to Senate with a recommendation for approval in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

- Faculty of Science
 - B.Sc.; Major in Chemistry; Biophysical Chemistry (65-66 cr.)
 - B.Sc.; Honours in Chemistry; Biophysical Chemistry (74-75 cr.)
 - B.Sc.; Major in Physics; Biological Physics (81-82 cr.)
 - B.Sc.; Honours in Physics; Biological Physics (81-82 cr.)

These items were approved and will be reported to Senate in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

- SCTP report #9 on meeting of March 9th, 2017
- Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies/ Faculty of Education
 - M.A. in Education and Society; Non-Thesis; Coursework (45 cr.)

M.A. in Education and Society; Non-Thesis; Coursework; Mathematics and Science Education (45 cr.)

M.A. in Education and Society; Non-Thesis; Project; Mathematics and Science Education (45 cr.)

These items were approved and will be reported to Senate in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

Ph.D. in Kinesiology Sciences (0 cr.)

The committee heard that the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education is looking to formalize its doctoral program in Kinesiology Sciences at the Ministry's request. The program has been offered on an *Ad hoc* basis for several years and has already graduated over 20 students. Professor Côté clarified the fact that students will be expected to complete the same course load whether or not they hold a Master's degree in Kinesiology, but that additional requirements could be requested on a case-by-case basis.

This item was approved and will be reported to Senate with a recommendation for approval in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

- Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies/ Desautels Faculty of Management
M.M. in Analytics; Non-Thesis (45 cr.)

This item was approved and will be reported to Senate with a recommendation for approval in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

ii. International Education

APC reviewed a proposal to establish faculty specific exchange agreements between the Desautels Faculty of Management and the following academic units:

- the Faculty of Business and Accountancy, University of Malaya (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- the Faculty of Business Administration, Foreign Trade University (Hanoi, Vietnam)
- the School of Management, Zhejiang University (Hangzhou, China)
- the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, the Humboldt- University in Berlin (Berlin, Germany)

APC heard that the courses completed by the students while abroad will be vetted in advance to avoid any issues upon their return. The exchanges were developed to respond to students' demand. The Desautels Faculty of Management chose the institutions with which exchange agreements were entered based on their reputation and ranking when available, and on their faculty members' knowledge of the region. These agreements are valid for three years and will be subject to evaluation before renewal. Courses will primarily be taught in English, although students are encouraged to take some language classes.

APC approved the aforementioned exchange agreements. They will be reported to Senate in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

iii. Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

APC reviewed a proposal for the renaming of the School of Human Dietetics and Nutrition to the School of Human Nutrition, a designation that will be more representative of the wide scope of activities conducted and offered by the School. The Director of the School hopes that this change will lead to a more diverse recruitment.

APC approved the renaming of the School of Dietetics and Human Nutrition to the School of Human Nutrition. It will be reported to Senate with a recommendation for approval in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

iv. Research Advisory Council

APC reviewed a proposal to turn the Ludmer Centre for Neuroinformatics and Mental Health into an official McGill Research Centre. The Ludmer Centre was born out of a unique virtual collaboration between three laboratories at McGill, working on the computational analysis of multimodal brain data. In this context, the current management is aware of the importance of succession planning, to ensure that the centre continues its existence beyond the structure of the founding labs.

APC approved the creation of the Ludmer Centre for Neuroinformatics and Mental Health. It will be reported to Senate with a recommendation for approval in APC's 480th report for its meeting of April 20th, 2017.

5. Other

The Chair informed the committee that the last meeting of APC for the 2016-2017 academic year will be held on May 9th, 2017 at 4 p.m. instead of May 18th, 2017 as initially planned. The meeting will take place in room 301 of the James Administration Building.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.