

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

May 16, 2024 at 10:00 am in EV 2.309

PRESENT

Ex-officio members: E. Diamantoudi (Chair).

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

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

Guests: N. Butt, L. Campione, K. Clarke, R. Courtemanche, N. Hardy, E. MacFadden.

REGRETS

Voting members: E. Adams, C. An, C. Lesage, M. Packirisamy, A. Salas, M. Steinberg.

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 (G. Dover, L. Caminati). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of March 22, 2024

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

4. Chair's Remarks

Dr Diamantoudi provided an update on the current enrolment situation at the university. While we appear to be on the expected trajectory with admissions decreased, confirmations and registrations were on the rise, particularly at the doctoral level. The collective efforts of the graduate studies community were met with success.

On May 2nd, the School hosted its sixth rendition of the Top Students event with more than 200 participants. The event is a half day of activities targeting our best undergrads, culminating in a friendly networking cocktail. She reminded members that GradProSkills would be holding its three-day Thesis Boost event at Loyola on May 29th.

5. Question Period

In response to a question about the attribution of deferrals in admission statistics, the Chair explained that deferrals are counted in the year of their initial admission.

Consent Agenda

6. Faculty Tribunal Pool Nominees ratification CSGS 2324 5 D1

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, L. Caminati). Carried.

Presentation

7. Strategic Enrolment Management Plan
Nadia Hardy, Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost, Enrolment and Student Experience

Dr Hardy gave an overview of the development of a comprehensive five-year Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) Plan focused on improving the student experience by emphasizing academic success, mental and physical well-being, an enriching campus environment, timely graduation, and preparation for professional careers.

A number of working groups have been implemented focusing on Retention and Advising, Undergraduate Admissions, Graduate Admissions, Recruitment, Teaching Space, Pathways to Graduation, and Integrated Pathways. Each working group will review past work, study similar institutions, collaborate, identify challenges, streamline processes, recommend scenarios with pros and cons, consider change management, budget, and timelines, and address key performance indicators (KPIs).

Reports

8. External awards update
Mamoun Medraj, Associate Dean, Recruitment and Awards

Dr Medraj provided a survey of Concordia's external awards performance over the last five academic years. The lower success rates at the doctoral level combined with a drop in applications for SSHRC and NSERC contributed to the decrease in recent years. Changes in FRQ eligibility criteria lead to a higher number of applications at the master's level. Results continue to show improvement in PBEEE awards, partially due to master's students now being able to apply.

Other

9. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: Fall 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Graduate Studies