

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES (CGPS)

Meeting held via Zoom

Date: Monday, May 17, 2021

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\*For meeting attendance list, please see last page.\*

Guest:

Dr. Erica Moodie, Medicine and Health Sciences

**Order was called at 2:31**

and seconded by Samer Faraj, to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

**2.0 Approval of previous Minutes of Meeting CGPS-MoM\_2021.03.22**

Motion was made by Nicolas Moitessier, and seconded by Griet Vankeerberghen, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2021 Mo9

**New Graduate Programs: CGPS-NP-Gr.Cert.HlthDataAna-NT\_R00**

**3.1 Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Health Data Analytics 1**

Presented by Dr. Erica Moodie from Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The Graduate Certificate (Gr. Cert.) Health Data Analytics 1 aims to offer strong statistical and computational training to solve emerging problems in public health and biomedical sciences. The training will enable students to clean, manage and analyze data sets, and learn how to interpret and report their findings in a reproducible way. The proposed certificate is geared towards students with an undergraduate degree in a quantitative or science field who may not necessarily have the mathematical background for existing Biostatistics degrees, and international students seeking the flexibility of an online format.

The 15-credit online certificate includes five courses that are taken sequentially over a 10-month period. There are no comparable programs in Canadian universities as most institutions only offer M.Sc. programs on the subject. Internationally, there is a greater mix of similar certificates and master's degrees; however, a health-oriented focus is uncommon. Projected enrolment is 15 students in the first year, 30 in the second, and 45 students a year thereafter.

CGPS commentary

- A Council member asked why the certificate was limited to current graduate students. Dr. Moodie clarified that while all applicants must have a graduate degree.
  - A Council member asked if the program would consist of entirely asynchronous or synchronous courses. Moodie explained that they envision offering office hours and small group meetings however, group work would be optional as time zones may differ.
  - A Council member asked if international students still require study permits for online programs. Nalbantoglu confirmed that they don't.
- A Council member asked how tuition fees work for online programs. Dean Nalbantoglu explained that since the government introduced a new funding formula in 2019, international students are





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Q*	Name	Faculty/Departement	Present	Regrets	Absent
1	Cecily Hilsdale	Arts	X		
2	Eran Shor	Arts			X
3	Griet Vankeerberghen	Arts	X		
4	Robert Funnell	Medicine and Health Sciences	X		
5	Isabelle Gélinas	Medicine and Health Sciences	X		
6	Chantal Autexier	Medicine and Health Sciences	X		
7	Andrew Cumming	Science	X		
8	Nicolas Moitessier	Science	X		
9	Tamara Western	Science	X		
10	Jean-Benoit Charron	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	X		
11	Stéphanie Chevalier	Agricultural, Environmental & Science	X		
12	Marta Kobiela	Education	X		
13	Marie-Hélène Pennestri	Education	X		
14	Jinhyuk Lee	Engineering	X		
15	Siva Nadarajah	Engineering	X		
16	Monzur Murshed	Dentistry	X		
17	Nancy Czemmell	Law	X		
18	Samer Faraj	Management	X		
19	Philippe Depalle	Music	X		
20	Kristi Kouchakji	Secretary-General - PGSS (delegate)	X		
21	TBA	Postdoctoral fellow			
22	TBA	Graduate Student - AES, Eng or Sci			
23	TBA	Graduate Student - Arts, Edu or MGMT			
24	TBA	Graduate Student - Dentistry or Med			
25	TBA	Graduate Student - Law or Music			
-	April Colosimo	Libraries (ex-officio)	X		
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