



## Special COVID-19 Faculty Council Town Hall Meeting March 31, 2020

### Presentation Key Takeaways

VP-Dean Eidelman (Opening remarks)

A moment of silence for all those around the world who have died of this virus.  
Heartfelt thanks to all fronts.

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Happy Birthday to former Dean Maurice McGregor on his centennial birthday!

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by Rouleau on receiving the esteemed Gairdner Wightman award.

### Student Speakers

Robin Grantner (Nursing graduate)

- Main concern is for nursing students who are currently licenced and called back to clinical duties. This has meant their study leaves have been cancelled.
- School has been very receptive to their asks.
- Outstanding question: entry-to-practice student's graduation

Alanna Bouffard (Nursing undergraduate)

- A lot of student stress with workload, student nurses recalled to work fulltime, adapting to online format or moving across country to be back with families.
- One mitigation strategy: S/U grading.
- The nursing faculty continues to find other ways to address student stress, with direct feedback from students.

Rami Habib (Medicine)

- Medical students included in conversation from day 1 helped reduce stress.
  - o MED 1 are glad to continue in the online format, though the increased screen time isn't easy to adapt to.
  - o MED2, adapting to online format, some parts of TCP won't make the online transition; stress about summer vacation and clerkship.
  - o MED3 have started a bit of online teaching programs. However, clinical duty which is at the core of clerkship will not resume until, earliest the start of May and students are increasingly anxious.
  - o MED4 fully transitioned to online learning and finished clinical rotations; they are feeling anxious about the pandemic but eager to contribute.



- Clinical education pressure from government to reintegrate students sooner, but challenging, different for each health profession school.
- Student wellness a major concern; however, there is a fully functional WELL Office, thanks to the Assistant Deans. Encouragement to graduate program directors to ensure support graduate students
- Many students interested in volunteering in safe ways. Processes have been developed to assist.

Sam Benaroya

- Important to maintain continuous communication with our hospital partners during this crisis.
- Royal College exams delayed, but restorative permits being issued to residents completing their training.
- Faculty of Medicine appointments of physicians being recruited in McGill's affiliate hospitals are being fasttracked to help integrate them into the workforce as quickly as possible

Aimee Ryan:

- Thanks to student representatives for sharing concerns and challenges
- Thanks to SBaillet, S Baum, A. Guarré and J. Nalbantoglu for their support, and all GPDs, GPCs
- Student stipends should stay intact
- Grad courses will have satisfactory/unsatisfactory
- All courses are on track, but students have final say on moving forward with online format; not have an impact on their milestones.
- Student competitions will continue to run and dates have been extended until April 30 applications please continue to send applications.
- Communication regarding non-essential research some students still feel pressure to conduct experiments in non-essential areas This is not acceptable.
- She thanked graduate program directors for student drop-ins.
- Certain agencies may not be sending out cheques message to supervisor to pay students

Diana Colby

- In addition to the above, please see the following information regarding the re.6



Shari Baum

- Thank to everyone for their cooperation during this challenging time.
- A. Ryan, SBaillet, A. Guare in planning and managing ramp down of research, in compliance with government directives and peer universities
- We have ramped dow