

**Summary of a Meeting of the  
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH  
Held in the Council Chamber, University Hall  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 2:00 pm**

Attendance

M Shirvani in the Chair  
M Allen

L McGann

Department Representatives

L Dosdall, Ag, Food & Nutritional Sci	D Burshtyn, Medical Microbiology & Imm
A Palmer, Anthropology	E Le, Modern Lang & Cultural Studies
S Caulfield, Art & Design	H Bashaw, Music
J White, Business MBA	D Collins, Neuroscience
P Melancon, Cell Biology	P Cheung, Pediatrics
B Hayes, Chemical & Materials Eng	A El-Kadi, Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sci
T Lowary, Chemistry	B Linsky, Philosophy
I Swencky, Comparative Literature	S Petersen, Physical Education & Recreation
R Greiner, Computing Science	S Morsink, Physics
P Defraeye, Drama	C Benishin, Physiology
CR Lindsey, Economics	N Galambos, Psychology
G Buck, Educational Psychology	J Volden, Rehabilitation Medicine
J McClay, Elementary Education	P Blenis, Renewable Resources
T Zackodnik, English & Film Studies	K Hughes, Sociology
M Adria, Extension	C Boliek, Speech Pathology & Audiology
H Madill, Health Promotion Studies	
J Martin, Lab Medicine & Pathology	
L Reif, Law	
B Fleck, Mechanical Engineering	
T Hillen, Mathematical & Stat Sci	

Graduate Program Administrators

F Hey, Public Health Sciences  
S Campbell, Medicine

Graduate Student Representatives

S Aria, GSA VP Labour Relations	B Farnesi, Pediatrics
N Romaniuk, Chemistry	A Mohamed, Pharmacy
F Anderson, Computing Science	A Florea, Public Health Sciences
B Jensen, Earth & Atmospheric Sci	
H Stack-Cutler, Educational Psychology	

Ex officio

A Schmude, Office of the Registrar

Guests

T Krukoff, Faculty of Med and Dentistry	J Bisanz, Extension
S Price, Alumni Affairs	W King, Safe Disclosure & Human Rights Office
L McTavish, Art & Design	

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a) Approval of the February 17, 2010 summary minutes

The Chair revised “-10 % of funding” to read “-5% of funding” under item 4a Informal Business.

The minutes were approved.

b) Matters arising

None

3. FORMAL BUSINESS

3.1 FGSR Council Agenda Revisions/Re-ordering

Councillors had before them the following motion:

That the proposed revisions/re-ordering of the agenda be approved.

MOTION It was moved by L McGann and seconded that the motion be approved.

VOTE The motion was PUT and CARRIED, 46-0, 2 abstentions.

3.2 Calendar Statement on Student Ethical Conduct

Councillors had before them the following motion:

That the statement on student ethical conduct as outlined be approved for inclusion in the calendar.

MOTION It was moved by A Mohamed and seconded by J McClay that the motion be approved.

Councilors suggested three amendments:

- 1) “like all” be replaced by “as”
- 2) “FGSR specific guidelines” be replaced by “FGSR’s specific guidelines”
- 3) “Like all members of the University Community they should be aware that they will be held accountable...” be replaced by “Like all members of the University Community graduate students will be held accountable...”

The three suggestions were accepted as friendly amendments.

MOTION TO AMEND It was moved by P Blenis and seconded by A Palmer that the last sentence be removed.

VOTE The amendment was defeated, 17-26, 5 abstentions.

VOTE The motion was PUT and CARRIED, 45-0, 3 abstentions.

### 3.3 PhD in the Department of Art and Design

Councillors had before them the following motion:  
That the PhD in the Department of Art and Design be approved.

MOTION It was moved by M Allen and seconded by L McGann that the motion be approved.

VOTE After a brief discussion, the motion was PUT and CARRIED, 43-0, 5 abstentions.

### 3.4 FastTrack MBA

Councillors had before them the following motion:  
That the FastTrack MBA for Business Graduates be approved.

MOTION It was moved by M Allen and seconded by J White that the motion be approved.

VOTE After a brief discussion, the motion was PUT and CARRIED, 40-2, 6 abstentions.

### 3.5 Graduate Certificate in Community-Based Research & Evaluation

Councillors had before them the following motion:  
That the graduate certificate in community-based research and evaluation be approved.

MOTION It was moved by M Allen and seconded by L McGann that the motion be approved.

VOTE After a brief presentation by D Bisanz, the motion was PUT and CARRIED, 42-2, 4 abstentions.

### 3.6 Safe Disclosure and Human Rights

W King joined Council to give an overview of the Safe Disclosure and Human Rights Office, which reports to the University Auditor. The office provides staff and students with a safe, neutral and confidential space to express concerns regarding issues such as treatment or ethics. They help the client to identify the issue and refer them to the correct area, or help them explore the area of concern without formal intervention.

The office is currently advising GFC on the update of GFC Policy 44, the Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Procedures and the University of Alberta Reasonable Accommodation Policy; and undertaking the development of the Helping Individuals At Risk (HIAR) program, which has the intent to prevent campus shootings and suicides.

Graduate students tend to be a vulnerable group, as there are a small number of people with power over their academic success, and that power has long-term implications. Also, the overall structure of student/department/FGSR can sometimes make it difficult to determine where responsibility falls. W King noted that the FGSR and graduate community has been very proactive in their approaches and their willingness to call his office when there is a question of how to deal with sensitive situations.

### 3.7 External Relations issues

S Price joined Council to give an overview of Alumni Affairs and their strategic plan. They are attempting to engage alumni beyond just funding donations to helping in student recruitment and mentorship. As alumni involvement begins with student involvement, Alumni Affairs is helping to build a sense of belonging for students by aiding in events such as the recent 'World's Largest Dodgeball Game'.

Alumni Affairs would like build a program to link alumni with graduate students as mentors for help in career guidance, job placement and overall experience. If councillors have any advice or information on current initiatives, please contact S Price at [sean.price@ualberta.ca](mailto:sean.price@ualberta.ca)

## 4. INFORMAL BUSINESS

### a) Question Period

None.

### b) Announcements and Reports by the Chair and Councillors

The Chair advised that the tables previously circulated, containing comparable tuition fees from other Canadian institutions did not note that tuitions varied among programs. Graduate program fees vary with each program and with each institution. And updated table will be circulated with links to the original documents.

The GSA report from GSA President R Coulthard was distributed to Council.

FGSR will distribute the minutes from the Recruitment Workshop held February 25, 2010.

### c) Other Business

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.