Summary of a Meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH Held in the Edmonton Clinical Health Academy, Room L1 490 Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 2:00 pm

<u>Attendance</u>

Ex Officio

R Poliquin, Vice-Dean L Rose, Manager, HR and Finance

<u>Department Representatives</u>

A Palmer, Anthropology M Engel, Humanities Comp Prog

S Harris, Art & Design R Brown, Law
D Stuart, Biochemistry M Mackey, LIS
J White, Business MBA D Beck, Linguistics

D Deephouse, Business PhD S Hughes, Medical Genetics

T Simmen, Cell Biology D Burshtyn, Med Microbiol & Immun K Cadien, Chem & Mat'ls Eng A Nahachewsky, Mod Lang & C Std

A Weiler, Chemistry H Bashaw, Music

D Chan, Civil & Environ Engineering C Andersen, Native Studies

I Sywenky, Comparative Literature
J Sander, Computing Science
B Humphreys, Economics
P Paul, Nursing
A Shaw, Oncology
E Posse de Chaves

B Spencer, Ed Policy Studies A El-Kadi, Pharm & Pharmaceut Sci

A Kirova, Elementary Ed

S Petersen, Physical Ed & Rec

C Haral Francisch and Film Studies

L Kling Physiology

C Harol, English and Film Studies L Kline, Physiology A Curry, Extenstion (MACT) T Spalding, Psychology

Y d'Entremont T Hopper, Rehab Sci (PhD, MSc) R McQueen G Thomas, Secondary Education

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

J Forslund, Agriculture, Food & Nutri Sci A Giles, Medical Microbiology & Immunology

Graduate Student Representatives

A Bernier, GSA President J Meston, Educ Policy Studies

N Andrews, GSA VP Academic P Alexander Reid, Phys Ed & Recreation

B Epperson, GSA VP Labour Relations
S Gawad Gad, Physiology
J Lee, Medical Genetics
F Mani, Chem and Mat Engineering
J Stolar, Renewable Resources
J Strautman, Neuroscience
S Varga, Human Ecology
M Zeng, English and Film Studies

Guests/Observers

Karen Pollock Tracy Quialey

- Approval of the Agenda Approved
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of November 21, 2012 Moved by Ashlyn Bernier Seconded by P Paul
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- Selection of the new Members of the Policy Review Committee
 Debby Burshtyn Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (Medical Microbiology and Immunology)

Pauline Paul – Faculty of Nursing

The new members were chosen by acclamation.

5. Proposed MLIS/MBA Program

The proposal was pre-circulated. J White presented a summary of the proposal and noted it was a 3-year combined program from which students graduate with 2 credentials. Currently there are several other combined programs at the University of Alberta (e.g. MEd/MBA, Pharm/MBA, MBA/Law)

Professional librarians have indicated a need for increased business knowledge and this combined program will meet that need. Both degrees are already approved. The proposal is to combine the 2 degrees into one program with course reductions that are within the FGSR limits and are similar to other combined programs.

Degree	Credits for Individual Degree	Credits for Combined Degree
MLIS	57	45
MBA	48	36

- Q. If there are fewer credits required, how is quality assured?
- A. The initial entrance requirements remain the same. Reduced credits would be from program electives. The program will provide a broad range of business essentials.
- Q. How does the combined degree program fit in with the University's strategic plan?
- A. The MBA admits diverse individuals into the program. It is a professional degree. The combined program allows for sufficient diversity and reasonable number of students.

The motion to approve the proposed MLIS/MBA Program was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes -42, No -0, Abstentions -0.

6. Proposed Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Sexual Health The proposal was pre-circulated. H McRae provided a summary of the proposal. She noted that the certificate was developed collaboratively by the Faculty of Extension and the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine. The certificate combines leadership theory and practice with knowledge on sexual health. She noted that there is a currently a gap in credentials for this area and that there is industry support for this certificate.

R Poliquin noted that this is a 12 credit Post Baccalaureate Certificate and the minimum number of credits required for a graduate certificate is 9.

Q. – Was the Department of Women's and Gender Studies consulted during the development process?

A. –No. The focus was narrow for the initial launch of the certificate. However greater involvement would be welcome.

A formal consultation with the Department of Women's and Gender Studies was encouraged.

The motion to approve the proposed Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Sexual Health was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes -41, No -2, Abstentions -2.

7. Motion: Public Availability of a Thesis The pre-circulated proposal was presented by R Poliquin. He explained that this was a proposal to amend a GFC policy regarding withholding of a thesis. He noted that it was impossible to adhere to the policy as currently written.

The proposed revision matches the policy used at the U of T, where theses are made available as soon as possible after students convocate.

The motion to endorse the proposed changes to the policy regarding public availability of a thesis was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes -44, No -1, 1 Abstention.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Report of the Graduate Students' Association

The pre-circulated report of the GSA was presented by A Bernier. She added that the GSA has a balanced budget. As well, 16 students have expressed interest in running for GSA executive positions for the coming year. Nominations are now open.

- Q. Will you [A. Bernier] be returning next year?
- A. No, I will be finished with my program this year.

- 8. Report from the Dean There was no report.
- Question Period
 No further questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.