

Summary of a Meeting of the  
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH  
Held in the Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science  
Room 1-140  
Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 2:00 pm

AttendanceEx Officio

Ada Ness, Office of the Registrar

FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean

J McClay, Assoc Dean

P Melançon, Assoc Dean

Department Representatives

R Jacobs, AFNS

A Palmer, Anthropology

S Harris, Art & Design

D Stuart, Biochemistry

H McDermid, Biological Sciences

D Deephouse, Business PhD

K Cadien, Chem & Mat'I Eng

T Lowary, Chemistry

J Sander, Computing Science

P Flood, Dentistry

P Defraeye, Drama

A Commons, East Asian Studies

D Ryan, Economics

A Kirova, Elementary Education

S Varnhagen, Extension (MACT)

D Sweeney, History & Classics

J Holovati, Lab Med & Pathology

A Shiri, LIS

D Beck, Linguistics

T Hillen, Math & Stats

S Hughes, Medical Genetics

V Ruetalo, Mod Lang & Cult'I St

G Tardif, Music

P Paul, Nursing

C Brown, OT

J Hammond, Pharmacology

S Simpson, Pharm & Pharmaceut Sci

I Brigandt, Philosophy

D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Recreation

M Hall, Physical Therapy

R Marchand, Physics

G Funk, Physiology

E Taylor, Rehab Sci

F Lifshitz, Religious Studies

J Rude, REES

G Jhangri, School of Public Health

S Dorow Sociology

H Ostergaard, Medicine & Dentistry

Associate Deans Graduate

W Dixon, ALES

J McClay, Education

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

A Giles, Medical Microb & Immun

Graduate Student Representatives

B Epperson, GSA President

C More GSA VP Academic

T Abraham, Chem & Mat'I Eng

S Bezan, English & Film Studies

M Borowitz, Anthropology

J Gardiner, Bio Sci

M George, AFNS

N Iyer, Chem & Mat'I Eng

S Khan, Political Science

J Lee, Medical Genetics

A Lesueur, Faculte Saint Jean

N Mumtaz, Secondary Ed

W Saleh, Economics

A Schlacht, Cell Biology

T Schoepp, Elec & Comp Eng

J Strautman, Neuroscience

H Thaker, Medicine

S Tamana

Guests/Observers

none

1. Approval of the Agenda – Item 5 Deferred to later in the Agenda to allow the presenter to arrive. Moved by D Deephouse, Seconded by J Hammond.
2. Approval of the Minutes of May 15, 2013  
Moved by J McClay, Seconded by D Stuart.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes – None
4. Membership of the Policy Review Committee (PRC)

Motion: Be it resolved that E Simmt, Secondary Education, be added as one of the four Graduate Coordinators of the PRC and C More, GSA VP Academic and W Saleh, Economics be added as the two Graduate Student members elected by the GSA for the PRC. Moved by P Paul and Seconded by P Melançon.

Amendment – That G Tardif, Music, be added as the other Graduate Coordinator member of the PRC.

The motion that E Simmt and G Tardif be added as the Graduate Coordinators for the PRC and C More and W Saleh be added as the two Graduate Student members for the PRC was PUT AND Carried.  
Yes - 61 No – 0, no Abstentions.

5. Notice of Motion: Proposed Changes to Sections 203.1, 203.2 and 204 of the University Calendar

M Shirvani introduced the pre-circulated, revised version of the University Calendar reflecting the proposed changes in delegations of authority as of May 15, 2013. He commented that the Calendar is a contract with students and the final version will consist of policy rather than procedure. Council members were asked to send editorial comments to M Shirvani and told that the final version would be available two weeks prior to the October meeting (October 2?) Discussion Ensued.

6. Presentation on Student Cases 2012-13

J Harrington presented the pre-circulated information. Discussion Ensued.

7. Report of the Dean

Tri-Council Scholarships – Master's

M Shirvani reported that there will be no national adjudication of these scholarships-- students apply online and the deadline is December 1, 2013. Applicants can choose up to five institutions as the location of tenure. We will gain access to, adjudicate, and select winners from those applicants who have picked the U of A as one of their five. The Tri-Council Harmonization Project team will need to work out some details, but offers will be made April 1, 2014.

Tri-Council Scholarships – Doctoral

For CIHR, students apply directly to CIHR and the deadline is October 15, 2013.

For NSERC, the nomination quota for the U of A is 79. The deadline for documents to be received by the FGSR is October 15, 2013.

For SSHRC, the nomination quota for the U of A is 75. The deadline for documents to be received by the FGSR is October 28, 2013.

Discussion ensued.

8. Report of the Graduate Student's Association

B Epperson summarized the report of the GSA which had been pre-circulated with the Council Package for this meeting.

Discussion ensued.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.