

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, October 16, 2013, 2:00 pm

Attendance

Ex Officio

Ada Ness, Associate Registrar

FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean

J McClay, Assoc Dean

Department Representatives

R Jacobs, AFNS

S Harris, Art & Design

H McDermid, Biological Sciences

J White, Business MBA

D Deephouse, Business PhD

K Cadien, Chem & Mat'l Engg

T Lowary, Chemistry

D Zhu, Civil and Env Engg

J Sander, Computing Science

A Commons, East Asian Studies

D Ryan, Economics

J Kelly, Ed Policy Studies

G Jamieson, Elementary Ed

A Curry, Extension (MACT)

M Cavanagh, Faculte Saint-Jean

D Sweeney, History & Classics

D Williamson, Human Ecology

M Keelan, Lab Med & Path

A Shiri, LIS

J Kuttler, Math & Stats

S Hughes, Medical Genetics

D Burshtyn, Med Micro & Immun

V Ruetalo, Mod Lang & Cult'l St

G Tardif, Music

P Paul, Nursing

J Profetto-McGrath, Nursing

A Shaw, Oncology

S Persad, Pediatrics

S Simpson, Pharm & Pharmaceut Sci

A Schmitter, Philosophy

D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Recreation

R Marchand, Physics

G Funk, Physiology

E Fujiwara, Psychiatry

T Spalding, Psychology

E Taylor, Religious Studies

F Lifshitz, Religious Studies

J Rude, REES

S Dorow, Sociology

P Schneider, Speech Path & Aud

Associate Deans Graduate

W Dixon, ALES

S Dew, Engineering

J McClay, Education

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

A Giles, Medical Microb & Immun

Graduate Student Representatives

B Epperson, GSA President

M Bal, GSA Vice President Labour

C More GSA VP Academic

A Aderigigbe, Biochemistry

S Bezan, English & Film Studies

M Borowitz, Anthropology

J Gardiner, Bio Sci

S Khan, Political Science

O Kusi-Ampofo, Political Science

J Lee, Medical Genetics

A Lesueur, Faculte Saint Jean

W Saleh, Economics

A Schlacht, Cell Biology

T Schoepp, Elec & Comp Eng

A Shchepetkina, Earth and Atmos Sci

J Strautman, Neuroscience

H Thaker, Medicine

Guests/Observers

G Dowler, GPAC

V Brencic

1. Approval of the Agenda – Approved.
Moved by J Harrington, Seconded by J McClay.
2. Approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2013
Moved by D Burshtyn, Seconded by J Harrington.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes – None
4. Proposed changes to Sections 203.1, 203.2 and 204 of the University Calendar

Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research Council approve the proposed changes to 203.1, 203.2 and 204 of the University Calendar

Moved by M Keelan, Seconded by D Deephouse.

Lengthy discussion ensued. Several friendly amendments were agreed to prior to formal approval.

The motion that the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research Council approve the proposed changes to 203.1, 203.2 and 204 of the University Calendar as amended was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes - 58 No – 2, no Abstentions.

5. Report of the Graduate Student's Association

B Epperson (GSA President) presented the pre-circulated report and added two additional points:

- He will be meeting with Minister Lukaszuk and Ministry of Enterprise and Advanced Education (EAE) officials in the second quarterly meeting of provincial student leaders on Post-Secondary Education reform on October 21, then again with EAE officials on October 22. The GSA President will report on both of these meetings at FGSR Council on November 20.
- The GSA wants to hear from any graduate students who have been "orphaned" through the Voluntary Severance Program process. Two graduate students responded to their request in the GSA newsletter, but they would also like to hear of any cases from Graduate Coordinators.

6. Report of the Dean

J Harrington reported that the Policy Review Committee (PRC) had met and reviewed a proposal to update and revise the current rules on formatting a thesis. There will be three motions brought before FGSR Council at the November 20 meeting. These concern the use of a preface, the inclusion of a bibliography and the use of electronic submission.

M Shirvani asked that departments not tell students that they have won a particular scholarship until the FGSR has notified them. Occasionally we find a student who has been nominated for a small award who is not eligible under the terms of reference.

M Shirvani also provided information regarding possible correlation between Admission GPAs (AGPA) and subsequent term GPAs:

- Of the students who had the AGPA minimum of 3.0, less than 5% had a term GPA of less than 2.7.
- Of the students who had an AGPA between 2.5 and 3.0, about a third had at least one subsequent Term GPA less than 2.7.
- Of the students who had an AGPA of less than 2.5, over 90% had at least one Term GPA of less than 2.7.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.