

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, February 26, 2014, 2:00 pm

AttendanceEx Officio

Ada Ness, Office of the Registrar

FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean

P Melançon, Assoc Dean

Department Representatives

R Jacobs, AFNS

S Harris, Art & Design

A Palmer, Anthropology

D Stuart, Biochemistry

J White, Business MBA

A Ingolfsson

K Cadien, Chem & Mat'l Eng

T Lowary, Chemistry

A Weiler, Chemistry

J Volden, Comm Sci & Disorders

D Ryan, Economics

G Buck, Educational Psychology

Y Tsui, Electrical & Comp Eng

A Kirova, Elementary Education

D Sweeney, History & Classics

D Williamson, Human Ecology

S Penney, Law

A Shiri, LIS

D Beck, Linguistics

S Hughes, Medical Genetics

E Foley, Med Microbio & Immun

V Ruetalo, MLCS & Comp Lit

G Tardif, Music

C Andersen, Native Studies

A Underhill, Oncology

S Persad, Pediatrics

A Holt, Pharmacology

S Simpson, Pharm & Pharmaceut Sci

A Schmitter, Philosophy

R Marchand, Physics

G Funk, Physiology

M Smith, Political Science

T Spalding, Psychology

F Lifshitz, Religious Studies

G Armstrong, Renewable Res

S Jeffrey, REES

Associate Deans Graduate

M O'Driscoll, Arts

H Ostergaard, Medicine & Dentistry

A Dambrowitz, Engineering

A Sanchez-Azofeifa

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

G Dowler, Mechanical Eng

A Giles, Medical Microb & Immun

Graduate Student Representatives

M Bai, GSA Vice President Labour

C More GSA VP Academic

S Bezan, English & Film Studies

M Borowitz, Anthropology

J Gardiner, Bio Sci

M George, AFNS

S Khan, Political Science

J Lee, Medical Genetics

A Lesueur, Faculte Saint-Jean

T Schoepp, Elec & Comp Eng

J Strautman, Neuroscience

H Thaker, Medicine

S Tamana, Ed Psych

Guests/Observers

E Glancy, MLCS

1. Approval of the Agenda – Approved.
Moved by J Harrington, Seconded by P Melançon.
2. Approval of the Minutes of January 22, 2014
Moved by H Ostergaard, Seconded by M O'Driscoll.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
None.
4. Graduate Funding Model

The focus is on distribution of funds to ensure that graduate students are properly funded. Historically there has been five years of funding to faculties with a mixture of teaching and research assistantships. As the budget increased percentage-wise, so did the money, with no measure of quality or growth. It was difficult to get comparative data.

The objective is to look at whether the level of funding is adequate and is it given based on quality measures.

M Ferguson-Pell said that he would provide his presentation for circulation in the days following the meeting.

Discussion ensued.

5. Update on Scholarships: QEII, CGSM, AITF

The Provincial budget will be tabled March 6, 2014. We will find out 3-4 weeks later in early April what our QEII allocation will be. Currently, there is one QEII scholarship for every 10 full-time domestic students, but this could revert to one for every twenty.

A number of CGSM scholarship applications have been submitted by applicants with incorrect or incomplete transcripts. Those applications were forwarded to departments along with all complete applications. The adjudicators will see the applications as submitted—no changes were made. They will make their decisions on what has been submitted.

CGS-M Scholarship applicants must be admitted by the March 1 deadline in order to have their scholarship applications considered by the Graduate Scholarship Committee for final adjudication in the CGSM competition.

We are awaiting confirmation of the budget allocation for 2014/15 for the AITF scholarship. Details of the adjudication process depend upon the amount of funds available. Details on this year's adjudication process will be sent to departments as soon as the allocation amount is known, as that will determine the number of awards available. The deadline for AITF to receive winners' names is May 31.

Discussion ensued.

6. Report of the GSA

B Epperson offered to answer any questions about the report of the GSA, which had been pre-circulated with the Council Package for this meeting.

7. Report from the FGSR Associate Deans

J Harrington and P Melaçon were available to answer any questions about the report, which had been pre-circulated with the Council Package for this meeting. P Melaçon reminded Council that the FGSR Associate Deans are available for discussion/consultation if necessary.

8. Professional Master's Programs

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was carried forward to the March 19 Council meeting.

9. Report of the Dean

No time was available for this agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.