

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, May 15, 2013, 2:00 pm

AttendanceEx Officio

I Johnston, Office of the VP (Research)

FGSR

J McClay, Assoc Dean  
P Melançon, Assoc Dean

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

Department Representatives

S Harris, Art & Design  
D Stuart, Biochemistry  
H McDermid, Biological Sci  
H White, Business MBA  
D Deephouse, Business PhD  
T Simmen, Cell Biology  
K Cadien, Chem & Mat'l Eng  
A Weiler, Chemistry  
J You, Computing Science  
R Shannon, Drama  
A Commons, East Asian Studies  
A Eckert, Economics  
B Spencer, Education Policy Studies  
Y Tsui, Electrical and Comp Eng  
A Kirova, Elementary Education  
C Harol, English and Film Studies  
Y d'Entremont, Faculte Saint-Jean  
D Sweeney, History & Classics  
D Williamson, Human Ecology  
M Keelan, Lab Medicine & Path  
S Penney, Law  
M Mackey, LIS

D Beck, Linguistics  
S Hughes, Medical Genetics  
D Burshtyn, Medical Micro & Imm  
A Nahachewsky, Mod Lang and CS  
H Bashaw, Music  
P Paul, Nursing  
S McEwan, Oncology  
A Shaw, Oncology  
S Persad, Pediatrics  
E Posse de Chaves, Pharmacology  
A El-Kadi, Pharm & Pharmaceut Sci  
A Schmitter, Philosophy  
S Petersen, Phys Ed & Recreation  
G Funk, Physiology  
M Smith, Political Science  
T Spalding, Psychology  
G Jhangri, Public Health Sci  
E Taylor, Rehab Sci  
F Lifshitz, Religious Studies  
G Armstrong, Renewable Res.  
G Thomas, Secondary Education  
P Schneider, Speech Path & Audio

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

J Forslund, AFNS

A Giles, Medical Microb & Immun

Graduate Student Representatives

B Epperson, GSA President  
C More GSA VP Academic  
C Cortes - ECE  
A Schlacht, Cell Biology  
J Strautman, Neuroscience

M Bal, VP Labour  
A Abdelmoneim, Pharm Sci  
J Lee, Medical Genetics  
J Stolar, Renewable Resources  
M Zeng, English & Film Studies

Guests/Observers

H Ostergaard, Med Microbio & Imm  
E Simmt, Eudcation

S Kwona See  
Lois Harder

1. Approval of the Agenda – Approved

2. Approval of the Minutes of April 17, 2013  
Moved by A Shaw, Seconded by R Poliquin.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes – None

4. Report of the Graduate Student's Association  
Circulated with the meeting material for information.

5. Report of the Working Group on Quality Measures

Motion: That the FGSR Council receive the Report of the Working Group on Quality Measures.  
Moved by D Burshtyn, Seconded by D Deephouse,

6. Delegation of Decision-Making

Agenda Item 6.1

Motion: Be it resolved that the FGSR Council delegates the authority for making the final decisions in the following situations to the departments, with no secondary approval being required. The departments, therefore, become the office of accountability for the decisions made.

- a) Admissions (except for the admission of a student from a doctoral program at another institution).
- b) Readmissions.
- c) Transfer of a graduate student from one University department to another.
- d) Approval of the membership of a supervisory committee.
- e) Approval of the membership of a doctoral candidacy examination committee.

- f) Restricting access to a thesis.
- g) First extension of the time limit for program completion.
- h) First extension of the time limit for completion of program requirements.
- i) Approval of leaves of absence on medical or parental grounds (negative decisions can be appealed to the FGSR).

The Dean, FGSR, will bring a revised version of the University Calendar reflecting the above changes to the FGSR Council for approval in September, 2013.

Moved by P Melançon, seconded by S Petersen

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes – 46, No – 0, Abstain - 0

#### Agenda Item 6.2

Motion: Be it resolved that the FGSR Council delegates the authority for approving changes to the graduate program requirements to the Dean of the Faculty to whom the department reports, so long as those changes do not result in a program requirement falling below the minimum University standards.

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Moved by D Burshtyn, seconded by E Posse de Chaves

Discussion ensued.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes – 43, No – 2, Abstain - 1

#### Agenda Item 6.3

Motion: Be it resolved that the FGSR Council delegates the authority for making the final decisions in the following cases to the Dean of the Faculty to whom the department reports. The Dean (or delegate), therefore, is the secondary approver on the following decisions. The Dean of the Faculty to whom the department reports is the office of accountability for these decisions.

- a) Approval of the appointment of a final examining committee (master's or doctoral).
- b) Approval of the appointment of an external examiner/reader for a doctoral final examination.

The Dean, FGSR, will bring a revised version of the University Calendar reflecting the above changes to the FGSR Council for approval in September, 2013.

Moved by D Burshtyn, seconded by J McClay

Discussion ensued.

Amendment. Be it resolved that the FGSR Council delegates the authority for making the final decision in the following cases to the departments, with no secondary approval being required. The departments, therefore, become the office of accountability for the decisions made.

Amendment moved by G Armstrong, seconded by J Stolar

The amendment was PUT and DEFEATED

Yes – 4, No – 42, Abstain – 0

The original motion was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes – 46, No – 0, Abstain - 0

#### Agenda Item 6.4

Motion: Be it resolved that the FGSR Council delegates the authority for approving the appointment of the supervisor(s) of a graduate student to the Dean of the Faculty to whom the student's department reports. The Dean (or delegate) is, therefore, the secondary approver, and the office of accountability for these decisions.

The Dean, FGSR, will bring a revised version of the University Calendar reflecting the above changes to the FGSR Council for approval in September, 2013.

Moved by D Deephouse, seconded by D Burshtyn

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes – 45, No – 1, Abstain - 0

#### 7. FGSR Summer Workshop for Graduate Coordinators

Presented as circulated.

#### 8. Report of the Dean

Occurred under item 6.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.