

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, November 20, 2013, 2:00 pm

AttendanceEx Officio

Ada Ness, Office of the Registrar

FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean

J McClay, Assoc Dean

Department Representatives

S Harris, Art & Design
D Stuart, Biochemistry
J White, Business MBA
D Deephouse, Business PhD
T Simmen, Cell Biology
K Cadien, Chem & Mat'l Eng
T Lowary, Chemistry
J Sander, Computing Science
D Ryan, Economics
E Simmt, Educational Studies
D Sweeney, History & Classics
D Williamson, Human Ecology
S Penney, Law
A Shiri, LIS
D Beck, Linguistics
S Hughes, Medical Genetics
D Burshtyn, Med Micro & Immun

V Ruetalo, Mod Lang & Cult'l St
G Tardif, Music
P Paul, Nursing
A Shaw, Oncology
S Persad, Pediatrics
S Simpson, Pharm & Pharmaceut Sci
A Schmitter, Philosophy
D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Recreation
G Funk, Physiology
E Fujiwara, Psychiatry
G Armstrong, Renewable Res
J Rude, REES
G Jhangri, School of Public Health
G Thomas, Secondary Ed
S Dorow, Sociology
P Schneider, Speech Path & Aud

Associate Deans Graduate

W Dixon, ALES
H Ostergaard, Medicine & Dentistry

J McClay, Education

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

G Dowler, Mechanical Engineering
A Giles, Medical Microb & Immun

M Marvin, History & Classics

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

A Underhill, Oncology

A Dambrowitz, Engineering

1. Approval of the Agenda – Approved.
Moved by D Deephouse, Seconded by W Dixon.
2. Approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2013
Moved by D Burshtyn, Seconded by H Ostergaard.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

M Shirvani presented the Policy Review Committee's (PRC) pre-circulated amendments to the language of the Calendar that were approved at the September FGSR Council Meeting

4. Thesis Formatting Requirements

Motions 1-3: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research Council approve the following rules on formatting a thesis on: Mandatory inclusion of a preface for collaborative work; the inclusion of a comprehensive bibliography, and the exclusive use of electronic submission of theses starting with the Spring, 2014, convocation.

Moved by J McClay, Seconded by D Deephouse.

J Harrington presented the pre-circulated material. Discussion ensued.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes - 53 No - 1, Abstention - 1

5. Shared Credential Proposal – Erasmus Mundus CLE

Motion: Be it resolved that that the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research Council approve the Shared Credential Erasmus Mundus CLE Proposal.

Moved by P Paul, Seconded by D Beck.

D Ippercil, V Ruetalo and M Verdicio presented the pre-circulated proposal. Discussion ensued. An editorial correction changing a GPA of 3.07 to 3.70 on page 35 of the proposal was accepted as a friendly amendment.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes – 52 No – 2, Abstention - 1

6. Report of the Graduate Student's Association

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 of the Dean

Online Admissions System

L Rose informed Council that the new Online Admissions System has been purchased from Community Force and is in the the process of being installed and configured. The goal is to have the system ready for use in January, 2014.

Tri-Council Master's Scholarships

L Rose and M Shirvani presented information on the Tri-Council Master's Scholarships. The deadline for online application by students is December 1, 2013. The same application form is used to apply for CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC and students can apply to up to five universities. We would only be able to see those applications which have the University of Alberta as the location of tenure of the scholarship. The first round of awards must be made on April 1, 2014.

Last year we received a total of 206 master's scholarship applications as follows:

- 37 CIHR
- 96 NSERC
- 73 SSHRC

The number of available scholarships is:

- 22 CHIR
- 45 NSERC
- 41 SSHRC

Awards can also be made in September, 2013 and January, 2014.

Scholarship applicants who are not from the University of Alberta must also apply for admission to a University of Alberta graduate program.

The exact adjudication process depends on the number of applications received. The final step is the University-level adjudication by the Graduate Scholarship Committee (GSC) in March.

Additional details will be sent out in an FGSR e-Bulletin.

Services for Students on Approved Leave

The FGSR, the GSA, and the RO have been working on the creation of a mechanism by which graduate students on approved leave (parental, medical, or compassionate) can have access to various University of Alberta and GSA services if they wish. On behalf of the GSA, B Epperson thanked the Dean, FGSR, and the Registrar's Office for all of their hard work towards a registration status for graduate students on FGSR

approved leave. B Epperson pointed out that this change would help many graduate students continue to access essential campus services when they face difficult circumstances.

Professional Development

A Professional Development Advisory Board has been struck to provide high-level advice to the FGSR and the University on matters of professional development for graduate students. The Board's membership includes members of the GSA Executive, alumni, faculty members, representatives from the business and non-profit communities, and UA HR and External Relations. The first meeting of the Board is on Friday, November 29.

Discussion ensued.

B Epperson also thanked the FGSR for leadership on professional development and commented on the emphasis on professional development at CAGS and the Conference Board, affirming that the U of A had the potential to become a leader in this area.

ADJOURNMENT

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