

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 25, 2015, 2:00 pm

AttendanceEx Officio

A Ness, Office of the Registrar

FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean, FGSR

P Melançon, Assoc Dean, FGSR

Department Representatives

R Jacobs, AFNS

A Palmer, Anthropology

L McTavish, Art & Design

T Ravio, Biological Sciences

J White, Business MBA

D Deephouse, Business PhD

V Prasad, Chem and Mat'I Engg

D Chan, Civil & Env Engg

J Volden, Comm Sci & Disorders

P Flood, Dentistry

K Weiss, Drama

T Smith, Economics

G Buck, Ed Psych

J Rak, English & Film Studies

A McDougall, History & Classics

P Dashora, Human Ecology

S Hughes, Med Sci-Medical Gen

D Gramit, Music

S Robertson, Native Studies

P Paul, Nursing

A Underhill, Oncology

A Holt, Pharmacology

D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Recreation

G Funk, Physiology

C Germain, Political Science

A Greenshaw, Psychiatry

S Kar, Psychiatry

G Armstrong, Renewable Resources

J Rude, REES

D Conrad, Secondary Education

Associate Deans Graduate

T Spalding, Arts

H Ostergaard, Medicine & Dentistry

D Larsen, Education

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

D Blair, Computing Science

G Dowler, Mechanical Engineering

H Cook, Anthropology

Graduate Student Representatives

N Andrews, GSA President

M Bal, GSA VP Labour

C More GSA VP Academic

A Al-Dabbagh, ECE

P Appadu, AFNS

J Gardiner, Plant Biology

S Gumfekar, Chem & Mat'I Engg

R Gustas, Anthropology

C Jian, Mech Engg

J Pederson, Medicine

E Siemann Santos Pereira, Civil

H Campbell, REES – alternate

M Juhas, Psychiatry - alternate

Guests/Observers

S Derr, Physics

M Hill, Medicine

T Kryzanowski, Med Sci-Pediatrics

Regrets

B Billingsley, Law

C Heyes, Political Science

S Khan, Political Science

A Radil, Ed Psych

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 by M Shirvani (Chair).

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by D Deephouse, Seconded by D Larsen.

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2015

Moved by P Paul, Seconded by P Appadu.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Dates of interest:

March 6 - FGSR Professional Development (PD) presented to the Senate

March 9 - Graduate Initiatives presented to the GFC

March 25 - Graduate Studies Management Solution (GSMS) Admissions will be presented to Council.

There has been no decline in applications and the offer letters are catching up. Some issues with loading application information into PeopleSoft have been occurring, though, so system information may not accurately indicate activity. M Shirvani will show multi-year statistics at the next Council meeting.

M Shirvani presented a review of the PD plan which included feedback from the January 21 FGSR Council meeting.

At least half of the respondents surveyed are interested in knowing about career options within and outside of academia and are not receiving the information.

Discussion ensued.

4. Professional Development Strategic Plan

The strategic plan proposes ways to provide career information so that graduate students are prepared for a wide range of careers. The intention is to start to bridge the gap between graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and the world of employment.

Approximately 6000 Doctoral degrees are awarded in Canada, and up to 30% of these individuals find employment in academic institutions (approximately 1800 new jobs). Of these, about 500 are tenured and tenure-track. Academic tenured and tenure track, post doctoral, adjunct and term-limited contracts along with other University employment brings the 500 up to 1800.

Discussion ensued.

5. Report of the Graduate Student's Association (GSA)

C More commented that the GSA held a professional mixer on February 12th. Twenty-five or thirty professionals at all stages of their careers and from all sectors -- business, non-profit, government -- attended, and spoke with close to 120 graduate students. The intent of the event was not so much networking as giving students the opportunity to speak with professionals, many of them recent graduates themselves, and find out what skills would be most useful in the future and what career paths are available. He said it was a successful event, and the food was delicious!

6. Report from the FGSR Associate Deans

Associate Dean Joanna Harrington reminded Council that Associate Chairs have no role in handling complaints under the Code of Student Behaviour. Complaints must go to a Dean. For graduate students, a complaint of plagiarism or cheating in a course goes to the Dean of the Faculty that delivers the course. For all other academic-related complaints under the Code, such as a plagiarism in a thesis, complaints go to the Dean of FGSR.

7. Report of the Dean

Information included in "Matters Arising from the Minutes" and the "PD Strategic Plan".

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.