

Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

2:00 to 4:00 pm

University of Alberta Council Chamber, 2-100 University Hall

Attendance at FGSR Council – November 25, 2015**Department Council Rep**

Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science, Rene Jacobs
Biological Sciences, Tracy Raivio
Business MBA, Michael Maier
Business PhD, David Deephouse
Chemical & Materials Engineering, Vinay Prasad
Chemistry, Mark McDermott
*Communications & Technology (MACT), Gordon Gow
Computing Science, Jia You
Drama, Piet Defraeye
*Educational Policy Studies, Heather Kanuka
Educational Studies, Elaine Simmt
Electrical & Computer Engineering, Marek Reformat
Elementary Education, Doug Gleddie
*Faculté Saint-Jean, Samira El Atia
History & Classics, Adam Kemezis
Human Ecology, Rachel McQueen
Library & Information Studies, Ali Shiri
Linguistics, David Beck
Mathematical & Statistical Sciences, Jochen Kuttler
Mechanical Engineering, John Doucette
Med Sci-Dentistry, Patrick Flood
Med Sci-Medical Genetics, Rachel Wevrick
Med Sci-Obstetrics & Gynecology, Denise Hemmings
Med Sci-Pediatrics, Sujata Persad
Modern Lang & Cult'l Studies and Comp Lit, Victoria Ruetalo
Native Studies, Sean Robertson
Nursing, Pauline Paul
*Oncology, Mary Hitt
*Philosophy, Ingo Brigandt
Physical Education & Recreation, Donna Goodwin
*Physical Therapy, Mark Hall
Physics, Richard Marchand
*Psychiatry, Satya Kar
*Psychology, Anthony Singhal
Renewable Resources, Glen Armstrong
Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology, James Rude
School of Public Health, Linda Carroll
Secondary Education, Catherine Adams
Surgery, Thomas Churchill

Associate Deans Graduate

ALES, Anne Naeth
Arts, Tom Spalding
*Education, Jill McClay
Medicine & Dentistry, Hanne Ostergaard
*Science, Chris Sturdy

Graduate Program Administrators (GPAC)

Heather Cook, Anthropology
Daneel Blair, Computing Science
Maggie Hill, Medicine

GSA Representatives

Colin More, GSA President
*Sarah Ficko, GSA VP Labour
Harsh Thaker, GSA VP Academic
Ahmad Al Dabbagh, ECE
*Surash Chandra Bairwa, Medicine
*Alicia Cappello, Humanities Comp/MLIS
Joshua Lee, Medical Genetics
Chelsea McNaughton, Business
*Estacio Pereira, Civil and Env Engineering
*Leticia Pereira, AFNS

Ex officio

Gerald Beasley, Director of Libraries
Lisa Collins, Office of the Registrar

Alumni Council

*Christopher Michell-Viret

FGSR

Heather Zwicker, Vice-Provost and Dean
Debby Burshtyn, Assoc Dean
Bryan Hogeveen, Assoc Dean
Suzanne Kresta, Assoc Dean
Mary Sturgeon, Assistant Dean (Administration)
Janice Hurlburt, Governance and Policy Coordinator
Medha Samarasinghe, Executive and Operations Assistant
Susan Slenders, Administrative Assistant

Guests/Observers:

Joyce Anderson, FGSR
Kris McManus, FGSR
Ekaterina Joshi, FGSR
Gail Mathew
Meg Brolley
Nancy Evans, Sociology
Joan White, EPS

* New to Council as of July 2015

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1. **Meeting was called to order** at 2:04 pm (Heather Zwicker)

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved/seconded: Debby Burshtyn/Hanne Ostergaard

Vote (Yes/No/Abstain): 52/1/1

Approved.

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Council members suggested that the October 2015 Minutes provided too much detail and should be more general. Specifically, names should be removed unless the speaker requests to go on record.

There was a clarification request made about Item 9, Rehab Med Certificate Bridging to Canadian Physical Therapy. Credentialing process doesn't allow them to take exam but sets them up for success.

Moved/seconded: Pauline Paul/Mark Hall

Vote (Yes/No/Abstain): 54/1/4

Approved.

4. **Matters Arising From the Minutes**

None.

5. **Report from the Dean** (Heather Zwicker)

- Veronica Smith from Educational Psychology is joining FGSR as Associate Dean as of January 1, 2016
- Bryan Hogeveen is extending term as Associate Dean for an additional 2 years
- FGSR has a new project manager for PD Grant – Andrea Graham
- Grad enrolments – seeing a decline in both Master's and PhDs. 5% decline in Masters'; 8% in PhDs. Most substantially from last year to this year. We will do more work to see what's happening with the entering class. We know research funding is down, budget cuts of 2013 hit graduate supports in some depts. Declining professoriate may also be a factor. Concern because we are held to enrolment targets by the GoA by faculty.

Council members asked how we fared on enrolment this year. We report on FLEs which overestimate the number of graduate students we have. We essentially have a bank error in our favour.

Question on how international students are impacted by changes in visa requirements from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

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Discussion on recent Globe and Mail article about Conference Board of Canada data on graduate education. Supports our commitment to graduate student professional development.

Board of Governors has asked us to look at the treatment of students by supervisors as it relates to their employment.

6. **Faculty of Native Studies - PhD in Indigenous Studies**

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Council for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research approves the proposal for a new PhD in Indigenous Studies from the Faculty of Native Studies.*

Note, this is a repeat vote from the October 2015 meeting, due to malfunction of voting system.

Vote (Yes/No/Abstain): 50/3/8.

Approved.

7. **Terms of Reference for Policy Review Committee of FGSR Council** (Debby Burshtyn)

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Council for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research approves the Terms of Reference for the Policy Review Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.*

Moved/Seconded: Debby Burshtyn/Jill McClay

Vote (Yes/No/Abstain): 61/0/2

Approved.

7.1 **Thesis formatting requirements put back into Graduate Program Manual** (Debby Burshtyn)

Council members asked about the timing for implementation. It is possible to make it into this Calendar.

Majority show of hands: Approved

8. **Academic Appeals Changes** (Debby Burshtyn)

Dr Debby Burshtyn introduced the topic.

Motion: *Be it resolved that FGSR Council supports the proposed amendment to the FGSR Academic Appeals Regulation*

Moved/seconded: Hanne Ostergaard/Bryan Hogeveen

Vote (Yes/No/Abstain): 61/1/1

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9. **UAlberta Institutional Strategic Plan** (Heather Zwicker)

FGSR Council broke into smaller groups and discussed five topics to feed back to the team developing the Institutional Strategic Plan:

- Teaching (facilitated by Suzanne Kresta)
- Supervision and mentoring (facilitated by Debby Burshtyn)
- Recruitment (facilitated by Bryan Hogeveen)
- Diversity and Equity (facilitated by Mary Sturgeon)
- Curriculum (facilitated by Heather Zwicker)

FGSR will consolidate the feedback received on each topic, and ensure it is shared with the Institutional Strategic Plan team.

10. **Public Health MPH in Food Safety** (Byeonghwa Jeon)

Dr Jeon presented a proposal on this new program for information to Council. Council members enquired about the need in the market, and demand from employers for this type of specialization and whether they consider the degree itself or just the courses.

11. **Medical Sciences MSc and PhD Periodontology** (Liran Levin)

Dr Levin gave a presentation for information to Council about this new program.

12. **Laddering Diplomas and Certificates into Course-based Master's** (Debby Burshtyn)

Issue was introduced by Dr Debby Burshtyn; discussion to be carried over to January meeting.

13. **Changes to Admissions of Aboriginal Students section**

Lisa Collins, Registrar, presented information about this issue. There were no questions from Council members.

14. **Report from the Associate Deans of FGSR**

Council members were encouraged to refer to the Graduate Coordinator page on FGSR website and provide feedback on the resources that have been developed or amended to assist GCs in their work.

Dr Zwicker and Council acknowledged the tremendous work Dr Paul Melançon has done with FGSR and thanked him for his efforts.

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15. Report from the GSA

GSA President Colin Moore presented his report to Council. He noted that Alberta Graduate Citizenship award numbers are much higher this year, likely due to the financial constraints students are facing.

16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm