



The following Motions and Document were considered by the GFC Executive Committee at its August 26, 2013 meeting:

Agenda Title: **Draft Agenda for the September 16, 2013 Meeting of General Faculties Council (GFC)**

APPROVED MOTION: THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, the Agenda for the September 16, 2013 meeting of General Faculties Council (GFC).

Agenda Title: **Changes to the Membership of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) Council**

APPROVED MOTION: THAT the GFC Executive Committee approve, under delegated authority from the General Faculties Council, the proposed changes to the membership of the Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) as submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect upon approval.

Final Item: 6

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OUTLINE OF ISSUE

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Item

Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Advice <input type="checkbox"/> Information
Proposed by	Mazi Shirvani, Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR)
Presenter	Mazi Shirvani, Vice-Provost and Dean, FGSR
Subject	To modify the composition of the Council of FGSR as set forth in the GFC-approved policy concerning this Faculty Council's composition (Section 55.5.8.)

Details

Responsibility	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	To add new members to the Council of FGSR and to update some of the language defining the membership of FGSR Council.
The Impact of the Proposal is	The implementation of the new membership rules as approved by the FGSR Council and to reduce the confusion caused by some of the existing descriptions.
Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions)	The proposal revises Section 55.5.8 of GFC-approved policy setting out the current membership of FGSR Council.
Timeline/Implementation Date	Upon final approval.
Estimated Cost	N/A
Sources of Funding	N/A
Notes	N/A

Alignment/Compliance

Alignment with Guiding Documents	<i>Dare to Discover</i> Values: To provide an intellectually superior educational environment; integrity, fairness, and principles of ethical conduct built on the foundation of academic freedom, open inquiry, and the pursuit of truth.
Compliance with Legislation, Policy and/or Procedure Relevant to the Proposal (please quote legislation and include identifying section numbers)	<p>1. Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA): The <i>Post-Secondary Learning Act</i> (PSLA) gives GFC the authority to appoint persons to the council of a faculty of graduate studies (Section 28(3)(c)).</p> <p>2. GFC Executive Committee Terms of Reference/3. Mandate of the Committee:</p> <p>“8. Faculty Councils a. Appointments to Faculty Councils The Executive Committee of General Faculties Council shall be authorized to make appointments to Faculty Councils on their recommendations. (GFC 25 NOV 1968)</p> <p>With respect to appointments of external members to Faculty</p>

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	Councils, approval of the positions by the Executive Committee, on behalf of GFC, shall suffice. (GFC 28 JUN 1976)”
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Routing (Include meeting dates)

Consultative Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)	Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council Policy Review Committee; Graduate Students’ Association; Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)	Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (September 19, 2012 and February 13, 2013) – for recommendation; GFC Executive Committee (August 26, 2013) – for final approval
Final Approver	GFC Executive Committee

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 (page 1) – Revised Membership for the Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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Proposed Changes to GFC Policy Section 55.5.8

Current	Proposed (2014-2015)
<p>55.5.8 Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research</p> <p><u>Ex officio</u> Vice-Provost and Dean (Chair) (EXEC 15 JUN 2009) President Vice-President (Research) Associate Deans <u>Graduate Registrar</u> Administrative Officer (Secretary) Registrar <u>Director of Libraries</u> <u>Chair, PhD in Medical Sciences Committee</u> Chair, FGSR Academic Appeals Committee (non-voting)</p> <p><u>Additional members</u> One full-time faculty member (Category A1.1)* and one alternate from each of the Departments offering a graduate program. Twenty graduate students and twenty alternates with not more than one member from a given graduate program.**</p> <p>Three members and three alternates from the Graduate Students' Association.** ** Acting under delegated authority from GFC, the Council of the Graduate Students' Association shall appoint the graduate student members.</p> <p>(GFC 25 JUN 1973) (EXEC 04 FEB 1991) (GFC 16 DEC 1974) (EXEC 08 APR 1991) (EXEC 18 JAN 1982) (EXEC 09 DEC 1991) (GFC 25 SEP 1989) (EXEC 14 JAN 2002) (EXEC 05 MAY 2008) (EXEC 15 JUN 2009)</p>	<p>55.5.8 Council of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research</p> <p><u>Ex officio</u> Vice-Provost and Dean (Chair) (EXEC 15 JUN 2009) President Vice-President (Research) or designate Associate Deans (graduate) of all the Faculties</p> <p>Senior Administrative Officer, FGSR (Secretary) Vice-Provost and University Registrar Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian</p> <p>Chair, FGSR Academic Appeals Committee (non-voting) Director, Centre for Teaching and Learning (non-voting)</p> <p><u>Additional members</u> One full-time faculty member (Category A1.1)* and one alternate from each of the Departments offering a graduate program. Twenty graduate students and five alternates with not more than one member from a given graduate program.**</p> <p>Three members and three alternates from the Graduate Students' Association.** ** Acting under delegated authority from GFC, the Council of the Graduate Students' Association shall appoint the graduate student members.</p> <p>(GFC 25 JUN 1973) (EXEC 04 FEB 1991) (GFC 16 DEC 1974) (EXEC 08 APR 1991) (EXEC 18 JAN 1982) (EXEC 09 DEC 1991) (GFC 25 SEP 1989) (EXEC 14 JAN 2002) (EXEC 05 MAY 2008) (EXEC 15 JUN 2009)</p>