

**Summary Minutes of a Meeting of the
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
Held in the Council Chamber, University Hall
Friday, May 12, 2006, 2:00 pm**

Attendance

MRT Dale in the Chair	M Shirvani
M Haughey	T Krukoff
	H Hogg, Secretary

Department Representatives

E Bork, Ag, Food & Nutri Sciences	L Guilbert, Med Micro & Immunology
O Beattie, Anthropology	G Tyrrell, Medical Sciences
P Scott, Biochemistry	R Thornberry, Mod Lang and Cultural St
A Nelson, Chem & Mat Eng	H Klumpenhower, Music
M McDermott, Chemistry	J Mill, Nursing
A Braz, Comparative Literature	Y Bhambhani, Occupational Therapy
N Amaral, Computing Science	R Godbout, Oncology
T Ono, East Asian Studies	Y Sauvé, Ophthalmology
H van Egteren, Economics	P Gervais, Physical Education & Recreation
F Peters, Educ Policy Studies	C Benishin, Physiology
J McClay, Elementary Education	L Harder, Political Science
D Read, English & Film Studies	A Joyce, Psychiatry
S Varnhagen, Extension	D Heth, Psychology
M Cavanagh, Faculté Saint-Jean	D Saunders, Public Health Sciences
H Madill, Health Promotion Studies	P Blenis, Renewable Resources
C Mackay, History & Classics	V Adamowicz, Rural Economy
B Skrypnek, Human Ecology	D Pimm, Secondary Education
L Given, Library and Inf Studies	W Johnston, Sociology
S Rice, Linguistics	P Schneider, Speech Path and Audiology
Y S Wong, Math & Stat Sciences	F Landy, Religious Studies

Graduate Student Representatives

R Hao, GSA Vice-President Acad	I Onyerkam, Law
K Cameron, Educational Psych	A Siemens, Renewable Resources
T Brisbois, Ag, Fd & Nutri Sciences	C Schreyer, Anthropology
C Stefanescu, Business	L Harris, Neuroscience
W Mathews, English & Film Studies	C Mettananda, Human Ecology
L Lunde, Anthropology	C Shaoul, Psychology

Ex officio

K Adams, Libraries	B McBlain, Office of VP Research
A Schmude, Office of the Registrar	C Hackett, Grad Ombudservice (Observer)

Regrets

B Lemire, R Overall, S O'Byrne, P Lacy, J Landry

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

a. Approval of the minutes of March 17, 2006

The minutes were approved.

b. Matters arising

Associate Dean M Haughey noted that FGSR will continue to review data regarding Agenda Item 3 – Doctoral Candidacy Examination timelines, ie time taken by doctoral students to complete their candidacy from the start of program.

3. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Report of the Graduate Scholarship Committee

Councillors had before them the Report of the Graduate Scholarship Committee. Associate Dean T Krukoff presented the Report. Some Councillors noted it would be helpful if students received feedback regarding scholarship applications submitted.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of the list of graduands for Spring Convocation 2006

Councillors had before them a list of graduands.

MOTION It was moved by M Haughey and seconded by T Krukoff that the list be approved.
VOTE The motion was PUT and CARRIED, 52 – 0, 1 abstention

4.2 Ratification of members to serve on the FGSR Academic Appeals Committee

Councillors had before them a list of members nominated to serve on the FGSR Academic Appeals Committee.

MOTION It was moved by M Shirvani and seconded by H Madill that the list be approved.
VOTE The motion was PUT and CARRIED, unanimous

5. INFORMAL BUSINESS

a. Question Period

F Peters expressed appreciation for the work of FGSR staff, eg, the preparation of the convocation list.

b. Announcements and Reports by the Chair and Councillors

1. Follow-up on grading of graduate courses

Associate Dean M Shirvani presented further information. Secretary's note: M Shirvani requested that the following information be shared with Councillors:

Average grade in all courses 500 – 999:
2002-03: 7.7 (out of 9)
2003-04: 3.4 (B+ = 3.3)
2004-05: 3.5 (A- = 3.7)

2. FGSR's contribution to the University's Academic Plan

The Chair reported that FGSR had submitted its Academic Plan, noting that in the Plan there was discussion that growth in graduate enrollment follows from growth in supervisory capacity, infrastructure, and student funding. The Plan also promotes different models of graduate programs, including the professional master of science degree; diversification of origin of international students; development of an

interdisciplinary model; more and better recruitment activities; improving quality of the graduate student experience.

3. Off-campus employment for international graduate students

The Chair reported that an off-campus work permit program was now available to international graduate students under certain conditions. There were some questions about the program with respect to any reporting that the University may have to do with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, which will be clarified at the September meeting of Council.

c. Other Business

FGSR Council thanked M Haughey and T Krukoff for their term of service as associate deans in the FGSR.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.