

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, September 17, 2014, 1:15 pm

AttendanceEx Officio

Director of Centre for Teaching &  
 Learning

Associate Deans Graduate

T Spalding, Arts  
 D J Larsen, Education  
 S Dew, Engineering

H Ostergaard, Medicine & Dentistry  
 A Sanchez-Azofeifa, Science

FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean, FGSR

P Melaçon, Assoc Dean, FGSR

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

G Dowler, Mechanical Engineering

A Giles, MMI

Department Representatives

R Jacobs, AFNS  
 A Palmer, Anthropology  
 L McTavish, Art & Design  
 H McDermid, Bio Sci  
 J White, Business MBA  
 D Deephouse, Business PhD  
 K Cadien, Chem & Mat'l Eng  
 M McDermott, Chemistry  
 A Weiler, Chemistry  
 D Chan, Civil & Env Engg  
 J Volden, Comm Sci & Disorders  
 D Blair, Computing Sci  
 P Defraeye, Drama  
 D Fried, East Asian Studies  
 T Smith, Economics  
 J Kachur, Educational Policy Studies  
 V Smith, Educational Psychology  
 I Martyniak, Educational Studies  
 I Fair, Electrical & Comp Eng  
 J Rak, English & Film Studies  
 T Barker, Extension (MACT)  
 J Samson, History & Classics  
 A Oak, Human Ecology  
 S Penney, Law  
 P Paton, Law  
 A Shiri, LIS

D Beck, Linguistics  
 J Kuttler, Math & Stats Sci  
 J Doucette, Mechanical Eng  
 S Hughes, Med Sci – Medical Gen.  
 D Hemmings, Med Sci – Obs & Gyn  
 V Ruetalo, MLCS & Comp Lit  
 G Tardif, Music  
 S Robertson, Native Studies  
 P Paul, Nursing  
 L Liu, Occupational Therapy  
 A Holt, Pharmacology  
 S Simpson, Pharm and Pharm Sci  
 A Schmitter, Philosophy  
 D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Recreation  
 R Marchand, Physics  
 G Funk, Physiology  
 A Greenshaw, Psychiatry  
 C Sturdy, Psychology  
 T Hopper, Rehab Med (PhD/MSc)  
 F Lifshitz, Religious Studies  
 G Armstrong, Renewable Res.  
 S Jeffrey, REES  
 G Jhangri, School of Public Health  
 D Conrad, Secondary Ed  
 S Dorow, Sociology

Graduate Student Representatives

N Andrews, GSA President  
 C More GSA VP Academic  
 A Al-Dabbagh, ECE  
 P Appadu, AFNS  
 M Challborn, Poli Sci  
 L Chen, Chem & Mat'l Engg  
 R Dutt, Rahab Sci  
 S Gumfekar, Chem & Mat'l Engg

R Gustas, Anthropology  
 S Khan, Poli Sci  
 J Lee, Medical Genetics  
 Y Wei Lin, Neuroscience  
 P Schultz, Ed Policy Studies  
 E Siemann Santos Pereira, Civil & Env Engg  
 A Radil, Ed Psych  
 S Tamana, Ed Psych

Guests/Observers

J Hurlburt - FGSR  
 B O'Neil - FGSR

M Samarasinghe - FGSR

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 by M. Shirvani (Chair).

1. Approval of the Agenda – Approved.  
 Moved by A Greenshaw, Seconded by D Deephouse.

2. Succession Planning – Dean FGSR

Vice-President Academic and Provost, C Amrhein discussed the plans for the search/appointment of the next dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

M Shirvani will be finishing his term as the Dean of FGSR on June 30, 2015. As there are 7 cycles to review for 2014/15, it is not possible for the Provost to review them all. It has been decided that Professor Heather Zwicker (English and Film Studies) will be appointed as interim Dean of the FGSR for a 2-year term.

Discussion Ensued.

3. Approval of the Minutes of May 21, 2014

Moved by H Ostergaard, Seconded by T Spalding.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Embedded Certificate: Statistical Scientist in Data Analysis

Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council approve the establishment of the embedded certificate: Statistical Scientist in Data Analysis.

Moved by J Kuttler, Seconded by D Deephouse.

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

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.

Yes – 58, No – 5, Absention – 5

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

C More offered to answer any questions about the report of the GSA, which had been pre-circulated with the Council Package for this meeting.

7. Student Cases for 2013-2014

J Harrington presented the pre-circulated information. Discussion Ensued.

8. Professional Master's Framework

It is proposed that the University develop a policy, and accompanying procedure, for the purpose of officially designating certain master's programs as Professional Master's Programs. Having a formal designation process in place may, in turn, strengthen a possible University argument to obtain, either outright exemption from the provincial tuition regulations, or approval of market modifiers, for them.

Discussion ensued. Council members are asked to send their comments to M Shirvani, J Harrington, or P Melançon. This item will be reintroduced at Council at a later date.

9. Report of the Dean – Current FGSR Projects

Professional Development Strategic Plan

Where do graduate students end up after they've completed their degree? We're hearing from both employers and the students, and our work is part of a national conversation.

New FGSR Website

The launch date of the new FGSR website is December 1, 2014.

EDRMS

We're working on creating electronic files and workflows of grad student records. They will be available all online. Through this system it will be possible to do much of the work related to graduate student records in a paperless fashion.

Interim Admission System

This is a paperless admission system. The expectation is that it will be up and running on October 1. The reason for using an interim admission system is our

existing system is antiquated and there is a significant risk that we will be without an online admissions system if the system crashes. More than an emergency stopgap, having a paperless system for a year will pave the way for the final system. GSMS can build rules and decisions into each department's portal. To ease the transition, FGSR will be hiring a dedicated individual for 2-3 months to answer departmental questions and provide training.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.