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, April 29, 2015, 2:00 pm

Attendance

*Ex Officio*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| A Ness, Office of the Registrar |  |

FGSR

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| J Harrington, Assoc Dean, FGSR | N Kav, Associate Dean, FGSR |
| M Shirvani, Dean & Vice-Provost, FGSR |  |

Department Representatives

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| R Jacobs, AFNS | J Kuttler, Math & Stats Sci |
| A Palmer, Anthropology | E Foley, Med Micro & Imm |
| D Stuart, Biochemistry | D Hemmings, Med Sci-Obst & Gyn |
| H McDermid, Biological Sciences | V Ruetalo, Mod Lang & Cult’l St |
| D Deephouse, Business PhD | S Robertson, Native Studies |
| T Simmen, Cell Biology | P Paul, Nursing |
| V Prasad, Chem and Mat’l Engg | L Liu, Occupational Therapy |
| M McDermott, Chemistry | A Shaw, Oncology |
| D Chan, Civil &Env Engg | A Underhill, Oncology |
| J Volden, Comm Sci & Disorders | A Holt, Pharmacology |
| J You, Computing Science | S Simpson, Pharmacy & Pharm Sci |
| P Flood, Dentistry | D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Rec |
| D Fried, East Asian Studies | R Marchand, Physics |
| J Kelly, Ed Policy Studies | G Funk, Physiology |
| G Buck, Ed Psych | C Heyes, Political Science |  |
| E Simmt, Educational Studies | C Sturdy, Psychology |
| L Laidlaw, Elementary Ed | G Armstrong, Renewable Res |
| A Kemezis, History & Classics | G Jhangri, School of Public Health |
| A Oak, Human Ecology | D Conrad, Secondary Ed |
| B Billingsley, Law |  |
| D Beck, Linguistics |  |

Associate Deans Graduate

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  T Spalding, Arts | D Larsen, Education |
| H Ostergaard, Medicine & Dentistry | T Hopper, Rehab Medicine |

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| D Blair, Computing Science | H Cook, Anthropology |
| G Dowler, Mechanical Engineering |  |

Graduate Student Representatives

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| N Andrews, GSA President | H Maden, LIS & Business |
| M Bal, GSA VP Labour | J Pederson, Medicine |
| C More GSA VP Academic  | E Siemann Santos Pereira, Civil |
| N Barriga, Computing Sci | A Radil, Ed Psych |
| M Challborn, Poli Sci | S Tamana, Ed Psych |
| J Gardiner, Plant Biology | Harsh Thaker, Medicine |
| S Gumfekar, Chem & Mat’l Engg | M Juhas, alternate |
| R Gustas, Anthropology |  |

Guests/Presenters

|  |
| --- |
| D Johnson, Special Advisor, Office of the Provost |

Guests/Observers

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| S Ficko, GSA VP Labour, Incoming | M Hill, Medicine |
| E Glancy, MLCS |  |
|  |  |

 Regrets

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| A Al-Dabbagh, GSA | S Banisoltan, GSA |
| J Rak, English & Film Studies |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

 Approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2015

 Moved by G Armstrong, Seconded by R Jacobs.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

 The expected completion date of the comprehensive report on Graduate Education being prepared by FGSR is June 5, 2015. The report, will be for internal consumption.

 M Shirvani introduced the FGSR’s new Assistant Dean/Administration—Mary Sturgeon, who has also provided essential strategic thinking and direction in the creation of the comprehensive report on Graduate Education.

4. Research and Scholarship Integrity Policy – D Johnson

 David Johnson, Special Advisor in the Provost’s Office, delivered a presentation drawing attention to the responsibilities of all researchers, including professors, under the University’s Research and Scholarship Integrity Policy.

The policy and its enforcement procedures are found online here: <https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/PoliciesProcedures/Pages/DispPol.aspx?PID=70>

 Dr Johnson also offered to answer any questions that Associate Chairs may have. He can be reached at 780 248 1246.

For matters of research and scholarship misconduct concerning graduate students, please contact an FGSR Associate Dean.

5. Professional Development Policy

 Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council supports efforts to have amendments made to the Calendar to bring into being a new professional development requirement for graduate students, with the changes to come into effect no earlier than 2016. (The full text of the proposed Calendar language can be found in the precirculated FGSR Council package for April 29, 2015, and includes an exemption for the Faculties of Education and Law).

 Moved by N Andrews, Seconded by D Larsen.

J Harrington presented the proposal on behalf of the FGSR Council Policy Review Committee. Discussion ensued.

An amendment was proposed to require the proposed changes to come into effect for graduate students admitted on or after September 2016.

The amendment was moved and seconded. Discussion ensued, with some suggesting that the implementation date should be September 1, 2015.

 A vote was held on the amendment and the amendment CARRIED

Yes – 33, No – 23, Abstention 4

 The amended motion was PUT and CARRIED.
Yes – 40, No – 16, Abstention – 1

6. MSc in Urban and Regional Planning

 Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council approve a new MSc in Urban and Regional Planning.

 Moved by T Chacko, Seconded by S Gumfekar.

 S Agrawal presented the precirculated material as distributed.

 Discussion ensued.

 The motion was PUT and CARRIED.
Yes – 48, No – 2, Absention – 1

7. Unicamp Shared Credential Agreement

 Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council approve the Unicamp Shared Credential Agreement between the U of A Faculty of Science and The Campinas Institute of Computing.

 Moved by T Spalding, Seconded by P Defraeye.

N Amaral presented the material which had been pre-circulated with the Council package for this meeting.

 Discussion ensued.

 The motion was PUT and CARRIED.
Yes – 57, No – 2, Absention – 1

8. Calendar Change : Pass with Revisions – Notice of Motion

On behalf of the FGSR Council Policy Review Committee, J Harrington presented a proposal to clarify the examination outcome of “Pass with revisions”. The text of the proposed change had been pre-circulated with the Council package for this meeting. As this will be a Calendar change, notice of the motion is being provided, with the vote to be held in May.

 Discussion ensued. Council members were asked to direct comments to Associate Dean Harrington in advance of the next Council meeting.

9. Calendar Change : First Supervisor-Student Meeting – Notice of Motion

On behalf of the FGSR Council Policy Review Committee, J Harrington presented a proposal to require departments to set out a list of topics to be discussed during the first meeting between a supervisor and a student. The complete text of the proposed change was pre-circulated with the Council package for this meeting.

Discussion ensued. Council members were asked to direct comments to Associate Dean Harrington in advance of the next Council meeting.

10. Report of the Graduate Students’ Association(GSA)

 N Andrews offered to answer questions about the report that had been pre-circulated with the Council package for this meeting.

 M Shirvani thanked N Andrews and the outgoing GSA representatives for their service.

11. Report from the FGSR Associate Deans

 J Harrington will be finishing her five year term as an Associate Dean with the FGSR at the end of June, with this meeting being her last.

A Palmer rose to record a note of thanks on behalf of FGSR Council. M Shirvani thanked Dr Harrington for the care and attention she gave to Council, its members, and all graduate students over the course of the years. She is at present the longest-serving Associate Dean in the FGSR and her contribution to policy making and the resolution of student issues has been tremendous.

 Discussion ensued.

12. Report of the Dean

 No report this meeting.

 ADJOURNMENT

 The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.