

Summary of a Meeting of the
 COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
 Held in the Edmonton Clinical Health Academy, Room L1 490
 Wednesday, November 21, 2012, 2:00 pm

AttendanceEx Officio

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| M Shirvani, Dean & Chair | R Poliquin, Vice-Dean |
| J Harrington, Assoc Dean | L Rose, Manager, HR and Finance |
| P Melançon, Assoc Dean | |

Department Representatives

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| A Palmer, Anthropology | S Smallwood, Humanities Computing |
| D Stuart, Biochemistry | R Brown, Law |
| Heather McDermid, Biological Sci | S Hughes, Medical Genetics |
| D Deephouse, Business PhD | D Burshtyn, Med Microbiol & Immun |
| T Simmen, Cell Biology | H Bashaw, Music |
| M McDermott, Chemistry | Y Labiuk, Nursing |
| A Weiler, Chemistry | A Shaw, Oncology |
| D Chan, Civil & Environ Engineering | S Persad, Pediatrics |
| I Sywenky, Comparative Literature | A El-Kadi, Pharm & Pharmaceut Sci |
| J Sander, Computing Science | A Schmitter, Philosophy |
| A Commons, East Asian Studies | E Fujiwara, Psychiatry |
| B Spencer, Ed Policy Studies | T Spalding, Psychology |
| A Kirova, Elementary Ed | G Jhangri, Pubic Health Science |
| C Harol, English and Film Studies | G Thomas, Secondary Education |
| A Curry, Extension (MACT) | K Haggerty, Sociology |
| D Williamson, Human Ecology | P Schneider, Speech Path & Audio |

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

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| J Forslund, Agriculture, Food & Nutri Sci | A Giles, Medical Microbiology & Immunology |
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Graduate Student Representatives

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| A Bernier, GSA President | J Meston, Educ Policy Studies |
| N Andrews, GSA VP Academic | P Alexander Reid, Phys Ed & Recreation |
| B Epperson, GSA VP Labour Relations | J Stolar, Renewable Resources |
| S Gawad Gad, Physiology | J Strautman, Neuroscience |
| J Lee, Medical Genetics | S Varga, Human Ecology |
| F Mani, Chem and Mat Engineering | M Zeng, English and Film Studies |

Guests/Observers

none

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 17, 2012
 Moved by R Poliquin and seconded by D Burstyn

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

a. Memo to the Deans – Discussion:

- A concern was raised that during the consultation process there was no opportunity for discussion in the Faculty of Medicine. Mazi responded that the consultation process was comprehensive and Catherine Swindlehurst can still contact departments in Medicine.
- The process is expected to conclude and a resulting report should be available before Christmas. The timeline was proposed because.... When President Samarasekera had a team review the portfolio of the Provost, it included the recommendation that FGSR be abolished.
- The GSA says they continue to have questions about what will happen next. No commitment has been made and the consultation has been informal and not well defined.
- A formal review of the FGSR is set for 2014-15.
- President Samarasekera stated in the town hall meeting on November 16, 2012 that the FGSR is not being dismantled.
- Students of the GSA are also interested in having input in the consultation process.

b. Time to Candidacy Rules – Amendment – send to Policy Review Committee for consideration

Motion: to add ADRs as a specific category to the WGQM
 M – (was Tom S then he backed out), 2nd Dark curly hair guy!, Opposed, 1

Motion to add ADRs as a specific category to the WGQM was PUT but NOT CARRIED.

Yes – 7, No – 44, Abstain – 4.

4. Motion 1: The Establishment of the Working Group on Quality Measures for Graduate Programs (WGQM). M – J Harrington, 2nd L Thorlakson

There was a suggestion that there was a need for more volunteer group members.

Motion to Approve the Establishment of the WGQM was PUT and CARRIED.
Yes – 47, No – 1, Abstain – 1.

5. Motion 2: Approval of the membership of the WGQM. M – Rene P, 2nd - A Bernier
Amendment – Fine Arts be added to the membership.

Fine Arts felt they weren't represented on the group. The methods they use to measure grad students are different from other faculties, i.e. auditions, performances.

The response was that the working group looks at how quality measures are done, reviews, and forwards suggestions to FGSR Council, so the size of the group has to be manageable.

Motion that Fine Arts be added to the membership of the WGQM was PUT and Carried.
Yes – 46, No – 6, no Abstentions

6. Motion 3: "Recognition and Relief of Elected GSA Officials" – was changed to a "Notice of Motion" and will be brought back at a future date.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Report of the Graduate Students' Association
The pre-circulated report of the GSA was not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.