

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, January 21, 2015, 2:00 pm

Attendance

Ex Officio

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FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean, FGSR
N Kav, Assoc Dean, FGSR

P Melançon, Assoc Dean, FGSR

Department Representatives

R Jacobs, AFNS
A Palmer, Anthropology
L McTavish, Art & Design
D Stuart, Biochemistry
T Ravio, Biological Sciences
T Simmen, Cell Biology
V Prasad, Chem and Mat'l Engg
M McDermott, Chemistry
D Chan, Civil & Env Engg
J You, Computing Science
D Fried, East Asian Studies
J Kelly, Educational Policy Studies
G Buck, Ed Psych
E Simmt, Educational Studies
L Laidlaw, Elementary Education
R Langevin, Faculté Saint-Jean
A Shiri, SLIS
D Beck, Linguistics
J Kuttler, Math & Stats Sci

E Foley, MMI
J Holovati, Med Sci-Lab Med & Path
S Hughes, Med Sci-Medical Gen
V Ruetalo, MLCS & Comp Lit
S Robertson, Native Studies
P Paul, Nursing
A Shaw, Oncology
A Schmitter, Philosophy
D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Recreation
R Marchand, Physics
C Heyes, Political Science
C Germain, Political Science
C Sturdy, Psychology
T Hopper, Rehab Med (PhD/MSc)
F Lifshitz, Religious Studies
G Armstrong, Renewable Resources
G Jhangri, School of Public Health
D Conrad, Secondary Education
S Dorow, Sociology

Associate Deans Graduate

T Spalding, Arts
H Ostergaard, Medicine & Dentistry

D Larsen, Education

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

D Blair, Computing Science
H Cook, Anthropology

Graduate Student Representatives

M Bal, GSA VP Labour
C More GSA VP Academic
A Al-Dabbagh, ECE
P Appadu, AFNS
S Banisoltan, Civil & Env Engg
M Challborn, Poli Sci
L Chen, Chem & Mat'l Engg
S Gumfekar, Chem & Mat'l Engg
R Gustas, Anthropology
C Jian, Mech Engg
J Pederson, Medicine
H Madsen, SLIS & Business
A Radil, Ed Psych
S Tamana, Ed Psych
H Thaker, Medicine
M Juhas, Psychiatry - alternate

Guests/Observers

A Bentley, REES
K Fowler, Safe Disclose & Human Rights
E Glancy, MLCS
A Green, Nursing
M Hill, Medicine
T Kryzanowski, Med Sci-Pediatrics
L Moran, Human Ecology
J White, Ed Policy Studies

Regrets

Julie Rak, English and Film Studies
Estacio Pereira, GSA
Jane Samson, History and Classics

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 by M Shirvani (Chair).

1. Approval of the Agenda – Addition 5.5 Update on Interim Graduate Admission System
Moved by C Sturdy, Seconded by J Harrington.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 26, 2014

Moved by P Paul, Seconded by G Armstrong.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Helping Individuals at Risk

K Fowler, the Helping Individuals at Risk Coordinator, gave the presentation and indicated that the program has been active for 5 years. It is meant to be a resource for the campus community by providing a confidential centralized location for reports of concerns about those at risk of harming themselves or others. The intention is to help individuals who may be at risk.

If an imminent safety concern arises, the expectation is that one would call 911 or Protective Services at 780 492-5050

There are two ways to report—either to Kris Fowler directly at 780 492-4372 or kris.fowler@ualberta.ca or to a Senior Manager who will advise her. She will check the Protective Services, her own, and social media databases to see if an individual has had any issues in the past.

Services would include the assessment of reported behaviors, coaching of reporters on how to manage those displaying worrisome behaviors, or she will follow up herself.

5. IRTG Dual Degree Proposal (for discussion and feedback only)

J Casey presented the international linkage proposal, which was pre-circulated with the Council package. The formal agreement will be finalized at a later date.

Discussion Ensued, and Council feedback was provided.

5.5 Update on Interim Graduate Admission System (ApplyGrad)

M Shirvani presented an update and asked for feedback from Council. Improvements to the system continue. The need for regular communication and updates was emphasized.

6. Report from the FGSR Associate Deans

J Harrington answered questions about the report on Final Doctoral Examinations that had been pre-circulated with the Council package for this meeting.

Discussion Ensued.

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

C More discussed the the report of the GSA that was pre-circulated with the Council Package for this meeting. He mentioned that the date the GSA will be hosting their professional development event is February 15.

8. Report of the Dean – UAlberta Professional Development Strategic Plan

M Shirvani mentioned that the report that had been pre-circulated is version 1 and asked that Council members send their feedback to him directly.

Ashlyn Bernier, GSA President 2012-13, Roy Coulthard, GSA President 2010-12 and Brent Epperson, GSA President 2013-14, expressed their views on the enormous value of the Plan for graduate students.

Discussion Ensued. The item will be brought back to the February Council meeting for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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