Summary of a Meeting of the
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
Held in the Council Chamber, University Hall
Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 2:00 pm

Attendance
M Shirvani in the Chair
M Allen

Department Representatives
A Palmer, Anthropology
S Caulfield, Art & Design
J Chang, Biological Sciences
D Cooper, Business PhD
P Melançon, Cell Biology
T Lowary, Chemistry
I Sywenky, Comp Literature Program
R Greiner, Computing Science
P Debraeye, Drama
T Chacko, Earth & Atmospheric Science
G Buck, Educational Psychology
R McKay, Educational Studies
J McCay, Elementary Education
M Adria, Extension (MACT)
M Cavanagh, Faculté Saint-Jean
H Madill, Health Promotion Studies
F Swyryda, History & Classics
J Martin, Libr Medicine & Pathology
L Reif, Law
H Julien, Library & Information Studies
S Rice, Linguistics
T Hillen, Mathematical & Statistics

Graduate Program Administrators
S Campbell, Medicine

Graduate Student Representatives
M Rahman, GSA VP Academic
B Jensen, Earth & Atmospheric Science
Ex officio
G Pavlich, Office of the VP (Research)
A Schmude, Office of the Registrar

Guest
B Luth, Provost’s Fellow

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
The agenda was approved.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
a) Approval of the December 16, 2009 summary minutes
The minutes were approved.

b) Matters arising
• Departments are cutting back on students and numbers of assistantships, although they have pledged higher enrolment numbers. Some departments pay international students’ differential fees, which will create a greater impact.
• The latest proposal is an equal fee increase across graduate departments, with no difference based on post-convocation earning potential (as in the undergraduate plan).
• If the provincial government holds the U of A to its agreement to increase enrollment, the U of A will need to carry unfunded students.
• New Enrolment Planning Envelope (EPE) funding is no longer available. If using EPE funding, new programs will not be approved at the provincial ministry level.
• Councilors have requested that any studies regarding increasing tuition and international enrollment be shared.
• The Chair will circulate a spreadsheet of graduate student support that flows through the university, i.e., scholarships, teaching assistantships, operating- and trust-funded research assistantships. (Secretary’s note—Attached to Feb 17, 2010 Agenda as Item 2.b)
• Details on the outcome of the U of A’s tuition proposal to the provincial government should be available by the next Council meeting.

c) Announcements and Reports by the Chair and Councilors
   1. Teaching, Learning and Technology (TLAT) Council: Teaching Ethics
   M Allen is gathering information on teaching ethics across campus, particularly in relation to supervision guidelines. If Councilors could identify ethical questions/concerns/policies that have been raised, please contact her at marion.allen@ualberta.ca

d) Other Business
   None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.