1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

   a) Approval of the February 17, 2010 summary minutes

   The Chair revised “~10% of funding” to read “~5% of funding” under item 4a Informal Business. The minutes were approved.

   b) Matters arising

   None

3. **FORMAL BUSINESS**

   3.1 FGSR Council Agenda Revisions/Re-ordering

   Councillors had before them the following motion:

   That the proposed revisions/re-ordering of the agenda be approved.

   **MOTION** It was moved by L McGann and seconded that the motion be approved.

   **VOTE** The motion was PUT and CARRIED, 46-0, 2 abstentions.

   3.2 Calendar Statement on Student Ethical Conduct

   Councillors had before them the following motion:

   That the statement on student ethical conduct as outlined be approved for inclusion in the calendar.

   **MOTION** It was moved by A Mohamed and seconded by J McClay that the motion be approved.

   **VOTE** The motion was CARRIED, 45-0, 3 abstentions.

   Council suggested three amendments:

   1) “like all” be replaced by “as”
   2) “FGSR specific guidelines” be replaced by “FGSR’s specific guidelines”
   3) “Like all members of the University Community they should be aware that they will be held accountable…” be replaced by “Like all members of the University Community graduate students will be held accountable…”

   The three suggestions were accepted as friendly amendments.

   **MOTION** It was moved by P Blenis and seconded by A Palmer that the last sentence be removed.

   **VOTE** The amendment was defeated, 17-26, 5 abstentions.

   **VOTE** The motion was CARRIED, 45-0, 3 abstentions.
3.3 PhD in the Department of Art and Design
Councillors had before them the following motion:
That the PhD in the Department of Art and Design be approved.

MOTION  It was moved by M Allen and seconded by L McGann that the motion be approved.
VOTE  After a brief discussion, the motion was PUT and CARRIED, 43-0, 5 abstentions.

3.4 FastTrack MBA
Councillors had before them the following motion:
That the FastTrack MBA be approved.

MOTION  It was moved by M Allen and seconded by J White that the motion be approved.
VOTE  After a brief discussion, the motion was PUT and CARRIED, 40-2, 6 abstentions.

3.5 Graduate Certificate in Community-Based Research & Evaluation
Councillors had before them the following motion:
That the graduate certificate in community-based research and evaluation be approved.

MOTION  It was moved by M Allen and seconded by L McGann that the motion be approved.
VOTE  After a brief presentation by D Bisanz, the motion was PUT and CARRIED, 42-2, 4 abstentions.

3.6 Safe Disclosure and Human Rights
W King joined Council to give an overview of the Safe Disclosure and Human Rights Office, which reports to the University Auditor. The office provides staff and students with a safe, neutral and confidential space to express concerns regarding issues such as treatment or ethics. They help the client to identify the issue and refer them to the correct area, or help them explore the area of concern without formal intervention.

The office is currently advising GFC on the update of GFC Policy 44, the Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Procedures and the University of Alberta Reasonable Accommodation Policy; and undertaking the development of the Helping Individuals At Risk (HIAR) program, which has the intent to prevent campus shootings and suicides.

Graduate students tend to be a vulnerable group, as there are a small number of people with power over their academic success, and that power has long-term implications. Also, the overall structure of student/department/FGSR can sometimes make it difficult to determine where responsibility falls. W King noted that the FGSR and graduate community has been very proactive in their approaches and their willingness to call his office when there is a question of how to deal with sensitive situations.

3.7 External Relations issues
S Price joined Council to give an overview of Alumni Affairs and their strategic plan. They are attempting to engage alumni beyond just funding donations to helping in student recruitment and mentorship. As alumni involvement begins with student involvement, Alumni Affairs is helping to build a sense of belonging for students by aiding in events such as the recent ‘World’s Largest Dodgeball Game’.

Alumni Affairs would like build a program to link alumni with graduate students as mentors for help in career guidance, job placement and overall experience. If councillors have any advice or information on current initiatives, please contact S Price at sean.price@ualberta.ca

4. INFORMAL BUSINESS

a) Question Period
None.

b) Announcements and Reports by the Chair and Councillors
The Chair advised that the tables previously circulated, containing comparable tuition fees from other Canadian institutions did not note that tuition varies among programs. Graduate program fees vary with each program and with each institution. An updated table will be distributed with links to the original documents.

The GSA report from GSA President R Coulthard was distributed to Council.

FGSR will distribute the minutes from the Recruitment Workshop held February 25, 2010.

c) Other Business
None.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.