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

Attendance
Ex Officio
M Shirvani, Dean & Chair
J Harrington, Assoc Dean
P Melanson, Assoc Dean
R Poliquin, Vice-Dean
L Rose, Manager, HR and Finance

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

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives
J Forslund, Agriculture, Food & Nutri Sci
A Giles, Medical Microbiology & Immunology

Graduate Student Representatives
A Bernier, GSA President
N Andrews, GSA VP Academic
B Epperson, GSA VP Labour Relations
S Gawad Gad, Physiology
J Lee, Medical Genetics
F Mani, Chem and Mat Engineering
J Meston, Educ Policy Studies
P Alexander Reid, Phys Ed & Recreation
J Stolar, Renewable Resources
J Strautman, Neuroscience
S Varga, Human Ecology
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.
      - 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 curlly hair guy!, Opposed, 1

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