

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, October 22, 2014, 2:00 pm

Attendance

Ex Officio

Ada Ness, Associate Registrar

FGSR

J Harrington, Assoc Dean, FGSR

N Kav, Assoc Dean, FGSR

Department Representatives

R Jacobs, AFNS
A Palmer, Anthropology
L McTavish, Art & Design
H McDermid, Bio Sci
D Deephouse, Business PhD
M McDermott, Chemistry
D Chan, Civil & Env Engg
J You, Computing Science
P Flood, Dentistry
P Defraeye, Drama
J Kachur, Educational Policy Studies
I Martyniak, Educational Studies
L Laidlaw, Elementary Education
J Samson, History & Classics
A Oak, Human Ecology
S Penney, Law
P Paton, Law
D Beck, Linguistics
J Kuttler, Math & Stats Sci

J Doucette, Mechanical Eng
E Foley, Med. Micro. & Immun.
S Hughes, Med Sci – Medical Gen.
D Hemmings, Med Sci – Obs & Gyn
S Persad, Med Sci – Pediatrics
V Ruetalo, MLCS & Comp Lit
S Robertson, Native Studies
P Paul, Nursing
S Esmail, Occupational Therapy
A Shaw, Oncology
D Goodwin, Phys Ed & Recreation
R Marchand, Physics
M Smith, Political Science
C Germain, Political Science
C Sturdy, Psychology
T Hopper, Rehab Med (PhD/MSc)
F Lifshitz, Religious Studies
G Armstrong, Renewable Res.
G Jhangri, School of Public Health
D Conrad, Secondary Ed

Associate Deans Graduate

T Spalding, Arts

D J Larsen, Education

Graduate Program Administrator Representatives

D Blair, Computing Science

G Dowler, Mechanical Engineering

H Cook, Anthropology

Graduate Student Representatives

N Andrews, GSA President

L Chen, Chem & Mat'l Engg

M Bal, GSA VP Labour

J Gardiner, Plant Biology

C More GSA VP Academic

S Gumfekar, Chem & Mat'l Engg

A Al-Dabbagh, ECE

J Pederson, Medicine

S Banisoltan, Civil & Env Engg

E Siemann Santos Pereira, Civil & Env Engg

N Barriga, Computing Sci

A Radil, Ed Psych

M Challborn, Poli Sci

H Thaker, Medicine

Guests/Observers

J Hurlburt - FGSR

A Lim, University Relations

S Gibson, Education

K Pollock, Comm. Sci. & Disorders

M MacGregor, VPIT

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

1. Approval of the Agenda – Approved.
Moved by D Deephouse, Seconded by G Armstrong.
2. Approval of the Minutes of October 22, 2014
Moved by M Smith, Seconded by D Larson.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
None.

4. United Way Presentation

Presented by S Gibson, Faculty of Education, Co-Chair of the United Way Campaign.

"This year, there will be 1000 seniors requiring assistance, 15,000 food hampers distributed, 12,000 calls to the distress line, 11,000 coats collected for distribution through the "Coats for Kids and Families" program, 12,000 knapsacks of schools supplies collected, and more. This is all made possible through donations to the United Way.

As well, social issues are examined and solutions identified, which results in a positive change in our community. Programs have been made available to support the first 3 years of childrens' lives and to move toward eliminating poverty.

In its 30-year history, the UofA has collected \$10 million in donations. Donations can be used to support programs on campus—you have a choice.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support!"

5. Medical Science-Oral Medicine Specialization Name Change

Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council approve the 2015-2016 University of Alberta Calendar Graduate Program Changes: Medical Sciences-Oral Medicine.

Moved by P Flood, Seconded by J Harrington.

P Flood proposed the expansion of the existing program and offered to answer any questions about the pre-circulated information. Discussion ensued.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.
Yes – 38, No – 1, Absention – 4

6. CSD/Rehab Med Combined MSc-SLP PhD Program

Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council approve the 2015-2016 University of Alberta Calendar Graduate Program Changes: proposed MSc-SLP/PhD combined program in Communication Sciences and Disorders and the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Moved by T Hopper, Seconded by S Ismail.

K Pollock presented and noted that friendly amendments were required to correct minor errors the pre-circulated information. Discussion ensued.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.
Yes – 54, No – 1, Absention – 3

The friendly amendments to the pre-circulated package are as follows:

Page 32, under "Fall (Sept – Dec)" REHAB 899: In-lieu-of-thesis should read "REHAB 899: Directed Research". The same change applies under "Winter (Jan-Apr)"

Page 32, down at the bottom of the page under "Principles for developing plan of study:" the third point should read "Students begin working with supervisor to develop and complete a directed research project during the first year."

Pages 33 and 34 "The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology" should be The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Page 34 under "Program Requirements", the sentence following 205.68.3 should read "The PhD thesis will fulfill the research requirement for the MScSLP."

7. Calendar Change – Department of History and Classics

Motion: Be it resolved that the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council approve the 2015-2016 University of Alberta Calendar Graduate Program Changes: Department of History and Classics.

Moved by J Samson, Seconded by T Spalding.

J Samson presented the pre-circulated information. Discussion ensued.

The motion to endorse the proposed changes to the Calendar entry for the graduate programs in History and Classics was approved, as revised by the mover, following discussion, concerning reference to full-time status. An amendment to remove the word "General" from the heading for "Academic Standing Requirements" was also accepted as friendly before the vote was taken.

The motion was PUT and CARRIED.
Yes –46, No – 3, Absention – 8

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

N Andrews offered to answer questions about the report of the GSA, which had been pre-circulated with the Council Package for this meeting. Discussion Ensued.

9. Report from the FGSR Associate Deans (J Harrington, N Kav, P Melançon)

Thesis Formatting

J Harrington presented the pre-circulated information. Discussion Ensued.

J Anderson reminded Council that a Thesis must be submitted within 6 months of a student's final oral exam date.

10. Report of the Dean – Current FGSR Projects Updates

Thursday, October 30 will be the final meeting of the subgroup of Deans Council to discuss the graduate education recommendations. At this point, the group is in favor of making tracking the progress of students through their graduate program the next phase of the GSMS project, following graduate admissions.

Community Force

The group is working on consistency and the intention was to go live on November 4. The company had to program the payment of application fees and the creation of communication between the system and Peoplesoft. Once the programming has been completed, IST will do three final rounds of security testing before Departments will be trained. The security assessment could take up to 10 working days. It will not be open to applicants before security testing has been completed.

M McGregor joined the meeting at 3:00, and mentioned that due to the contract not having been signed yet, they could not commit to a specific launch date, but that the rollout and training to Departments will be discussed further at a future Steering Committee meeting well before spring 2015.

One suggestion was that maybe some Graduate Student Admission Advisors could join the team for a 4-6 month secondment.

Discussion Ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.