

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes of the September 22, 2010 Meeting

In Attendance: N. Klentrou (Chair), N. DeCourville, A. Reynolds, M. Rose, D. Zinni, R. Kuchapski, C. Mitchell, M. Grove, R. Cheel, E. Nkyi, S. Sydor, G. Pepper.

Regrets: C. Daigle.

Guest: K. Samokhin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting

- It was **MOVED** (DeCourville/Cheel) that the minutes of the May 17, 2010 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes/Chair's Report

- N. Klentrou reported that C. Daigle on behalf of the Interdisciplinary Sub-Committee had forwarded the sub-committee's final report to the Provost and met with him in July to discuss the report and its recommendations. The Provost asked the sub-committee to forward its report to UPC so that it could be reviewed and amended to include the various undergraduate issues/concerns re: interdisciplinary programs. C. Daigle will follow-up with the new 10/11 Chair of UPC re: next steps. The Provost wants to see a compilation of all undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary concerns prior to determining how the issues/concerns will be addressed.
- N. Klentrou reported on the recent gathering of Senate Committee Chairs/Vice-Chairs at the Senate Governance meeting. Governance passed a motion asking the Provost to share as soon as possible his draft Strategic Plan with all Senate Committees so that the committees could offer input prior to the plan being finalized and sent to the Board of Trustees.

3. Dean of Graduate Studies Report

Dean's Update September 2010

- The Dean's September update has been circulated to SGSC members for information.

Appraisals

- The MSc and PhD in Biological Sciences report was approved and the program noted as being of Good Quality at the June 18th meeting of OCGS.
- The MA in Child and Youth Studies report was also approved and the program noted as being of Good Quality at the June 18th meeting of OCGS.
- The PhD in Interdisciplinary Humanities was approved to commence at the July 23rd meeting of OCGS. The program plans its first intake of students in Fall 11.

- The MA in Philosophy report was approved and the program noted as Good Quality with a Report due September 1, 2012 at the September 17th meeting of OCGS.
- The MA in Political Science report was accepted and the program now appraised as being of Good Quality at the September 17th meeting of OCGS.
- We currently have two pending Appraisals Committee decisions at OCGS, Psychology and English. OCGS will continue to function until July 2011.
- Dean Rose will provide to the SGSC at its next meeting a summary of the institutional reports that have gone through OCGS in the time period since the previous summary report was provided to SGSC.
- One Report is due to OCGS this year from the Master of Accountancy program.

Graduate Enrolments

- Dean Rose reported that our overall graduate enrolment will be up over Fall 10. We do expect however to be under target on master's domestic eligible FTE re: the MTCU November 1 report. Dean Rose will provide a full report at our next SGSC meeting as enrolments are still being processed.
- C. Mitchell noted that she had received as a member of the Provost's Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies a copy of a report which summarized the number of new graduate programs launched by Ontario universities since 2002 and commented that given the large number of new programs across Ontario is it realistic to expect Brock to continue to increase its graduate enrolment year over year? She inquired if the university should be exploring a more sustainable strategy?
- Dean Rose noted that the Deans will be discussing at their upcoming retreat with the Provost the size of the University moving forward and that the plan for graduate programs must be considered within that context.

4. Change/Clarification of 10/11 Physics PhD Degree Requirements

- It was **MOVED** (Zinni/Cheel) that the changes/clarifications to the PhD in Physics degree requirements outlined in the 10/11 Graduate Calendar be approved and forwarded to Senate.

CARRIED

5. Addition of Fields – MA in Classics

- Dean Rose briefly explained the Statement of Intent and the path of approval.
- It was **MOVED** (Cheel/Zinni) that the SGSC recommend to the Senate Academic Reviews committee the approval of the addition of two fields (Art and Archaeology, Text and Culture) to the MA in Classics as proposed by the Classics program.

CARRIED

6. SGSC Sub-Committees

- Members volunteered to serve on the SGSC sub-committees.
- The 10/11 SGSC Sub-Committees are:

Awards Sub-Committee: Chair – C. Daigle, A. Reynolds, R. Kupachski, Dean Rose, G. Pepper.

Policy Sub-Committee: Chair – N. Klentrou, R. Cheel, Daniel Antwi-Amaobeng, G. Pepper.

Calendar Review Sub-Committee: Chair – G. Pepper, N. DeCourville, N. Klentrou, E. Nkyi.

Library Resource Sub-Committee: Chair – M. Grove, D. Zinni, S. Sydor, Dean Rose, G. Pepper.

Interdisciplinary Sub-Committee: Chair – D. Daigle, 2 SGSC members or Graduate Council members required, Dean Rose, G. Pepper.

7. Memo from Aboriginal Education Council

- N. Klentrou reviewed the content of the memo received August 10, 2010.
- SGSC asked N. Klentrou to write to the Chair of Governance to ask him to clarify the mandate of the Aboriginal Education Council and the implications of the mandate for the SGSC and the request made to the SGSC.

The meeting was adjourned.