

## **SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES**

### **Minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting**

**In attendance:** N. Klentrou, A. Skandalis (Vice-Chair) , C. Skorobohacz, J. Sivell, M. Rose, C. Daigle, D. Cho, M. Bletz, K. Jaipal-Jamani, M. Barnard, T. Dunk, A. Reynolds, G. Pepper.

**Regrets:** T. Boak, M. Grove.

#### **1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting**

- It was **MOVED** (Daigle/Barnard) that the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

- N. Klentrou reported that the motions recently sent from to Senate from SGSC were approved at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The Faculty of Education during the Senate discussion did express concern that its PhD students will no longer be able to instruct graduate courses. The Faculty has been informed that they can outline their case to the Dean of Graduate Studies and request an exception from this new FHB regulation.
- The majority of the new FHB regulations will be in effect as of Fall 09 and G. Pepper will inform GPDs, update the Graduate Calendar, define processes, etc.

#### **3. 2008/2009 OCGS Activity Report**

- Dean Rose explained the procedure and approach she followed in preparing this report and provided background information re: current OCGS program review and approval process, the discussions/negotiations that are currently occurring re: revising the process, and what she expects will happen commencing July 2010 re: future reviews and approvals. All Universities will be required to create a transparent internal review process which will be submitted for approval by the new OUCQA (Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance) prior to activation.
- Committee members noted the importance of discussions of program quality occurring within the University. Where and how this is done will need to be outlined and clarified by the University.
- Dean Rose will be forwarding copies of the institutional responses to the graduate programs following the SGSC meeting.
- Dean Rose expects that the 09/10 SGSC will be presented in the Fall with two new PhD program proposals for review and approval. These will be for a PhD in

- Physics and a PhD in Humanities. Dean Rose is not currently aware of any new MA program proposals.
- Following the review of the OCGS report the SGSC focused on outlining some of the issues that the SGSC and its sub-committees should investigate and discuss in 09/10. One such item is direct entry to a PhD program from an honors bachelor's degree. A. Skandalis will forward to G. Pepper a list of any additional items he suggests be investigated.

#### 4. **Thank you**

- The SGSC Chair, Nota Klentrou, thanked all members of SGSC for their work in 08/09. She noted that chairing the committee had been a pleasure and that all discussions had been respectful and productive.
- Chair Klentrou was thanked by the committee for her work and leadership.

The meeting was adjourned.