

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

### Minutes of the March 7, 2011 Meeting

In Attendance: C. Daigle (Vice-Chair), N. DeCourville, M. Rose, A. Reynolds, R. Kuchapski, C. Mitchell, D. Antwi-Amoabeng, D. Zinni, G. Pepper.

Regrets: C. Mitchell, M. Knuttila, M. Grove.

#### 1. Approval of the Minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting

- N. DeCourville asked that the minutes be amended to show her attendance.
- It was **MOVED** (DeCourville/Antwi-Amoabeng) that the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

- G. Pepper noted that the FHB Evaluation changes approved last year for implementation in 11/12 will be implemented on schedule for Spring 2011. The Registrar asked G. Pepper to inform the SGSC that the transcript code for Credit/No-Credit will appear as CR/NC not CR/NCR as approved. (A three letter code cannot be used.)

#### 3. Dean's Report

- The Dean's March update has been circulated to SGSC members by email prior to the meeting.
- Two Graduate Council Working groups have been struck and have commenced meeting. One is looking at Exit Requirements and the other is discussing Internationalization.
- The Dean's office is still attempting to set up the site visit for the Joint Canadian-American Studies degree. It has become very complicated.
- Two new awards have been recently established. The first is a Faculty of Graduate Studies Distinguished Alumni Award. The recipient will be selected and honoured at the Fall 2011 Alumni Black and White Dinner. The second is a Faculty of Graduate Studies Mentorship Award. Nominations will be solicited from Brock graduate students and the award will be presented at the annual Mapping the New Knowledges Conference (April 14<sup>th</sup> in 2011).
- Dean Rose noted that the recent Mapping the New Knowledges Research Café (Internationalization) was excellent but poorly attended.
- The admission process in the FGS is going well.
- A Graduate Diploma research project is underway and a report will be available very soon. The Dean hopes that this document will assist faculty and Faculties to begin conversations re: future graduate diploma development at Brock.

#### 4. External Review of the Brock University Academic Timetabling and Scheduling Process

- S. Sydor had asked the SGSC to review the report and to identify any outstanding graduate studies issues.
- S. Sydor suggested that recommendation 17 be amended to also refer to Graduate Studies as an area in which non-traditional scheduling is sometimes needed.

**5. Discussion Paper on Interdisciplinarity and its Challenges at Brock University**

- C. Daigle noted that she will augment the current draft of the discussion paper to include a summary of the history of the paper and interdisciplinary issues of concern at Brock. This information was provided verbally to the SGSC.
- The document is the result of requested consultation with the undergraduate sector. The SGSC was asked for its comment and criticism of the discussion paper prior to it being forwarded to the Provost. Comments and feedback were provided.
- It was **MOVED** (DeCourville/Antwi-Amoabeng) that the SGSC accept the *Discussion Paper on Interdisciplinarity and its Challenges at Brock University* prepared by the SGSC Sub-Committee on Interdisciplinary Issues, and support the forwarding of this paper to the Provost along with the Committee's endorsement of potential solution #2: Creation of an Interdisciplinary Committee, as outlined on pages 9-11.

**CARRIED**

**6. Proposed Addition to Faculty Handbook**

- It was **MOVED** (Antwi-Amoabeng/Zinni) that the SGSC send a request to Governance to amend FHB Section 8: Deans to include information regarding the Duties of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

**CARRIED**

Motion to adjourn.