SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES
Minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting

In attendance: B. Roy (Acting Chair), M. Rose, T. Boak, B. Jeynes, N. Worth, J. Carre, M. Grove, V. Woloshyn, A. Reynolds, K. Klassen, J. Corlett, K. Jaipal-Jamani, F. Razavi, G. Pepper.

Regrets: A. Shome, B. Wright, B. Dimand.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2007 Meeting**

- It was **MOVED** (Jaipal-Jamani/Rose) that the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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

- It was **MOVED** (Corlett/Reynolds) that all approvals agreed to at the December 17, 2007 meeting, without quorum, be approved by the SGSC as a whole.

CARRIED

3. **Dean of Graduate Studies Report**

Program Reviews and Approvals

- The Child & Youth Studies report required by OCGS, subsequent to the program's last appraisal, was accepted and the program deemed to be "of good quality".
- The proposal for a PhD in Applied Health Sciences has been received by OCGS.
- The MSc program in Mathematics and Statistics has proposed a Master of Applied Statistics stream and that submission has also been received by OCGS.
- The Faculty of Mathematics & Science has recently decided to suspend admissions to its International Student Program MSc in Biotechnology. It will be considering a reconfiguration of this program.

VanLoon Report

- Dean Rose explained a series of further developments regarding the VanLoon Report and its recommendations.
- J. Corlett inquired what Brock's institutional position was regarding the VanLoon recommendations.
- T. Boak and Dean Rose indicated that there has not been a clear statement of Brock's position subsequent to the release of the VanLoon report. Early in the consultation process, in response to Dr. VanLoon's request to all Ontario Universities for input, Brock University had filed a document indicating that in its opinion major changes to OCGS were not needed. The report itself, however, when it was released, had endorsed major

changes to the Ontario appraisal process on both the undergraduate and graduate side. It now appears that both OCAV and the Executive Heads are tending towards accepting the idea of major changes to the appraisals process on the graduate side. However, there is still considerable uncertainty around this issue.

- The committee requested that Dean Rose submit a summarized report of the VanLoon report to Senate on behalf of the SGSC and that this report be put on the Senate agenda for discussion. President Lightstone, as well as T. Boak and M. Rose will be asked to comment on the report and its status in the context of that discussion.

4. **Proposed FHB Entry 14.7 Supervision, Exit Requirements and Thesis Defences**
   - Committee members reviewed and considered all comments/feedback gathered regarding the proposed FHB entry.
   - Committee members reviewed the additional proposed revisions to the draft policy.
   - It was **MOVED** (Corlett/Woloshyn) that the proposed FHB entry 14.7 Supervision, Exit Requirements and Thesis Defences be approved and submitted to Senate for its approval.

CARRIED

5. **2008-09 Graduate Calendar Entries**

- It was **MOVED** (Woloshyn/Rose) that the Popular Culture 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was **MOVED** (Klassen/Jeynes) that the Social Justice & Equity Studies 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was **MOVED** (Corlett/Jeynes) that the Applied Health Sciences 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was **MOVED** (Jaipal-Jamani/Boak) that the Earth Sciences 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was **MOVED** (Jeynes/Woloshyn) that the Biological Sciences 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was **MOVED** (Klassen/Boak) that the Political Science 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (Klassen/Jaipal-Jamini) that the Computer Science 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (Reynolds/Carre) that the English 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (Reynolds/Boak) that the Mathematics & Statistics 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (Woloshyn/Worth) that the Philosophy 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (Woloshyn/Jeynes) that the History 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (Jeynes/Reynolds) that the Child & Youth Studies 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (Jaipal-Jamani/Jeynes) that the Studies in Comparative Literatures & Arts 08/09 Calendar entry be approved.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned.