

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting

In attendance: N. Klentrou (Chair), C. Skorobohacz, J. Sivell, M. Rose, T. Dunk, A. Reynolds, M. Grove, M. Knuttila, P. Beard, D. Zinni, R. Kuchapski, C. Mitchell, G. Pepper.

Regrets: C. Daigle.

Guests: E. Sternin, K. Samokhin.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting

- It was **MOVED** (Reynolds/Dunk) that the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

- N. Klentrou reported that the committee had received a request (via Governance) from Psychology to re-consider the recently revised and approved Faculty Handbook regulation 14.9 Evaluation. The particulars of this request will be reviewed and discussed at the next SGSC meeting.
- N. Klentrou noted that Dean Rose had received and granted a request from the PhD in Educational Studies for an exception to the recently revised and approved Faculty Handbook regulation 14.3.7 Course Instructors for the 09/10 year and that the SGSC re-consider this FHB regulation in light of Education's request. FHB 14.3.7 will be discussed at a future SGSC meeting.

3. Dean of Graduate Studies Report

- Dean Rose reported that she will continue as the COU Academic Colleague for 09/10. She will also continue as a member of OCGS but has completed her term on the OCGS Executive. Dean Rose also continues as a member of the Quality Assurance Task Force.
- SGSC members are reminded that all responses/comments regarding the proposed Quality Assurance Framework – Consultation Document must be forwarded to Greg Finn by September 15th. The new quality assurance system is to be in place by September 2010.
- Dean Rose reported that our graduate programs worked very hard over the winter, spring and summer to secure as many offers and admissions as possible for Spring and Fall 09 entry points. Many of our programs have met and/or exceeded their admission targets for Spring and Fall 09. We are currently in the process of

tabulating our success in terms of new and continuing student registrations for Fall 09 in preparation for the November 1 MTCU count. We will provide further information regarding Fall 09 graduate enrolment at our next meeting.

4. SGSC Sub-Committees

- G. Pepper reviewed the SGSC 09/10 Sub-Committees descriptions and members were asked to review the sub-committee options and to inform G. Pepper of their sub-committee selection.

5. New Program Proposal – PhD in Physics

- Dean Rose introduced the new program proposal and Professor Sternin presented the details of PhD in Physics proposal.
- Committee members asked a number of questions regarding the proposal which were addressed by Professor Sternin.
- M. Grove noted that the library resourcing required for this initiative will be costly.
- It was MOVED (Reynolds/Zinni) that the proposal for a PhD in Physics be approved and forwarded to Senate for approval.

CARRIED

6. New Program Proposal – PhD in Humanities

- Associate Dean of Humanities, Jane Koustas, was not present to introduce or explain the proposal due to an error in meeting notification. Dean Rose therefore introduced and explained the proposal.
- The committee discussed a number of issues of concern.
- The committee requested that the identified concerns be forwarded to the Associate Dean for consideration.

7. Quality Assurance Framework – Consultation Document

- Owing to a lack of time, the item was not discussed at length. However, the committee has been generally apprised of the ongoing Framework discussions over the past year, and committee members were urged to forward any comments on the consultation draft document, which had been circulated to them, that had been circulated to the, to Greg Finn by September 15th.

The meeting was adjourned.