

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Meeting

In Attendance: N. Klentrou (Chair), C. Daigle, C. Mitchell, C. Lackner, T. O'Connell, J. Mandigo, N. McCartney, I. Makus, D. Cyr, N. Klentrou, M. Plyley, R. Kuchapski, G. Pepper.

Regrets: M. Grove.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting

- It was **MOVED** (Daigle/Kuchapski) that the minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

- N. Klentrou reported that the SGSC's FHB addition motion re: Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies was discussed at the last meeting of Senate but not passed (minus 3 votes). The various comments/concerns expressed at the meeting were reviewed and discussed.
- The Chair suggested that the SGSC move forward by engaging in a longer and wider process of consultation with Faculties/faculty prior to revising the FHB entry for re-submission to Senate.
- This item is therefore referred to the Senate Policy Sub-Committee for action.
- New members were encouraged to review the SGSC Annual Report as it provides a good summary of the work the committee will undertake.

3. Dean of Graduate Studies Report

- The Dean expressed thanks from all graduate students and faculty to Dr. Marilyn Rose for her 7 year tenure as Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Rose oversaw tremendous growth during her terms as Dean.
- The Dean's September update has been circulated to SGSC members for information.

Appraisals

- OCGS completed its review of graduate programs as of June 30, 2011.
- The Master of Accountancy and International Master of Accountancy programs were approved as of good quality by OCGS on June 30/11.
- The proposed joint MA program in Canadian-American Studies was approved by OCGS on June 30/11. The program still requires approval from the American approval body. Some logistic issues re: number of courses required has arisen and needs to be resolved.
- The MA in Classics is the first graduate program to be reviewed by the new internal process, ARC, and is on its next meeting agenda.

MTCU approval

- Both the PhD in Physics and the PhD in Interdisciplinary Humanities have been recently approved for funding by MTCU.

Graduate Enrolments

- Dean Plyley reported that we currently expect our PhD enrolment to be up over 2010 and our master's enrolment to be lower than in 2010. In particular we expect the master's domestic enrolment (those eligible for graduate grant) to be lower than our number of allocated master's spaces (approximately minus 30-35) and our PhD domestic enrolment to be higher (approximately plus 36) than our number of allocated doctoral spaces.
- This translates into decreased revenue from grant for the University, the possible loss of funded master's spaces, and an expected disadvantage in the upcoming bid for additional graduate spaces (6,000 available).
- The Dean and SGSC members discussed a number of possible reasons/explanations for the current 11/12 enrolment results. Possible solutions to increase enrolment, particularly the enrolment of highly desirable graduate students, was also discussed.
- Dean Plyley reported that he will be meeting with the committee reviewing the current Academic Integrity Policy to provide feedback re: graduate issues.
- Dean Plyley also reported that he received an inquiry from CUPE re: will Graduate Teaching Assistants who are required to complete the mandated AODA Tutorial be paid for this work. This issue has been referred by Dean Plyley to Human Resources.

4. 2011-12 Graduate Calendar Changes

- G. Pepper reported, for the information of SGSC, that POLI 5V23 and ENGL 5V74 have been added to the graduate course bank and ENGL 5V62 has been removed.

5. SGSC Sub-Committee Membership

- Members volunteered to serve on the SGSC sub-committees.
- The 11/12 SGSC Sub-Committees will be:

Awards Sub-Committee: Chair – I. Makus, T. O'Connell, J. Menzies, Dean Plyley, G. Pepper.

Policy Sub-Committee: Chair – C. Daigle, R. Kuchapski, I. Makus, Daniel Antwi-Amaobeng, G. Pepper.

Calendar Review Sub-Committee: Chair – G. Pepper, N. Klentrou, C. Lackner.

Library Resource Sub-Committee: Chair – M. Grove, N. McCartney, D. Cyr,
Dean Plyley, G. Pepper.

6. Mandate/Membership of Senate Graduate Studies Committee

- N. Klentrou asked all of the Sub-Committees to create written mandates. These will be brought to the full SGSC for approval.
- N. Klentrou will be sending a message to the Chair of Governance which requests that Governance accept her resignation as Chair of the SGSC due to her appointment as Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences. She will continue on the SGSC as a member and an alternate Chair will be appointed.
- Members were asked to review the current mandate of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee and to bring any suggestions for additions/changes to the mandate to the next SGSC meeting.

7. Other Business

- Dean Plyley asked members to pay particular attention to two items contained in his recently circulated Dean's Report, the Mapping the New Knowledges Events and the Professional Development Workshops.

The meeting was adjourned.