SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes of the February 28, 2012

In attendance: N. Klentrou (Chair), M. Grove, R. Kuchapski, C. Mitchell, J. Mandigo, I. Makus, C. Daigle, M. Plyley, G. Pepper Regrets: N. McCartney, T. O'Connell

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting

It was MOVED (Mandigo/Makus) that the minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

N. Klentrou reported that all of the material forwarded to Senate's last meeting was approved as submitted.

3. Dean of Graduate Studies Report

- The FGS and many of our graduate programs have begun to receive and process applications for our busiest Fall entry point. We will continue to update you about admissions as we progress and have statistics to report.
- A number of graduate program reviews are proceeding through ARC (Classics, SCLA, BTech, SJES, Ling, PhD Educ).
- The FGS has completed the busy external scholarship period now that all applications for SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR have been sent to Ottawa.
- Discussions regarding admission targets resulting from our 12/13 enrolment planning meetings with graduate programs is occurring with the 13th Floor and the ACID committee as these numbers are rolled into the Graduate Enrolment Model.
- C. Daigle inquired if the Provost has reported back to the Dean regarding the SGSC Interdisciplinary Committee's report submitted last year. (No). She further requested that this item be included in an upcoming SGSC agenda.
- The Senate budget committee is meeting with the Faculty Deans to discuss 12/13 budget cuts and the potental impact. The Dean of Graduate Studies has not been invited to meet with the committee. The Dean and SGSC members expressed concern that the Senate Budget Committee would not have information regarding the collateral damage Graduate Studies and graduate programs face when budget cuts at department/program and Faculties are made.

4. 2012-32 Graduate Calendar

• It was MOVED (I. Makus/C. Daigle) that the 2012-13 Business Economics Graduate Calendar submission be approved.

CARRIED

• It was MOVED (I. Makus/C. Daigle) that the 2012-13 Accounting Graduate Calendar submission be approved.

CARRIED

- It was MOVED (I. Makus/R. Kuchapski) that the 2012-13 Applied Disability Studies Graduate Calendar submission be approved.

 CARRIED
- It was MOVED (I. Makus/C. Daigle) that the 2012-13 Education Graduate Calendar submission be approved.

CARRIED

5. Proposed FHB entry – Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies

- C. Daigle explained the process the Policy Sub-Committee undertook to develop a revised FHB draft entry and reviewed the accompanying supplemental material (i.e., rationale, and summary of FGS format/regulations at other Ontario Universities).
- Following discussion, the SGSC asked that the proposed FHB entry be circulated for consultation. Dean Plyley will forward it to the Deans, C. Mitchell will forward it to the BUFA Executive and G. Pepper will forward it to Graduate Program Directors who will be asked to forward it on to all participating graduate faculty members.

6. Copyright Issues

- C. Colebatch (Copyright Coordinator) introduced herself to the SGSC and provided a brief introduction to her role and the activities she is currently undertaking.
- A number of graduate specific issues were discussed, including the possibility of workshops for graduate students.

7. Other Business

• Dean Plyley explained to the SGSC that a number of different units/offices on campus are interested in proposing possible credit and non-credit graduate courses of a general nature, e.g., Research Ethics, Animal Care, etc. Dean Plyley is not sure at this time if the SGSC will be asked to evaluate a request for additions to the graduate course bank or if such courses will be offered as Professional Skills Development courses. Once discussions have occurred further information will be available.