SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

Minutes of the November 30, 2009 Meeting

In Attendance: N. Klentrou (Chair), C. Daigle, M. Rose, T. Dunk, A. Reynolds, D. Zinni, J. Sivell, P. Beard, R. Kuchapski, C. Mitchell, N. DeCourville, T. Akseer.

Regrets: C. Skorobohacz.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting

- It was **MOVED** (Daigle/Dunk) that the minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

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

- N. Klentrou reported that the SGSC graduate student members produced a
 comprehensive report regarding the proposed TREMP policy which has been
 forwarded to G. Finn for consideration. D. Zinni will review the report as
 requested and pass on any additional comments directly to G. Finn. The TREMP
 revised information will be sent to all Senate committees for review and
 comment.
- N. Klentrou reported that the committee's re-request to the BRAM sub-committee to attend a SGSC meeting has been declined. The BRAM sub-committee is currently working on a report and they wish to issue this report prior to speaking with Senate committees about BRAM. The SGSC asked the Chair to express at the upcoming Senate Budget Advisory Committee meeting SGSC's desire for discussion/consultation with the BRAM committee.

3. Dean of Graduate Studies Report

- Dean Rose provided members with a document that lists the Acronyms used in relation to Graduate Studies and Reviews and a quick summary of changes to the review system in Ontario and Brock's new review system planning committee.
- Dean Rose noted that the SGSC has not been asked to comment on the province's Graduate Degree Level Expectations document and the potential for Brock to "interpret" them in institutionally-specific ways. This item will be placed on the next SGSC meeting for review and discussion.
- Dean Rose has prepared a summary of the outcomes of the OCGS program reviews completed in 2008-09. This document will be circulated to members for information.

- Our domestic eligible MTCU graduate expansion targets have been exceeded as of the November 1 report. This will provide the President with proof of Brock's need for additional graduate expansion spaces.

4. Quality Assurance Framework – Information Update: Governance Issues

- The committee reviewed and discussed the various governance options. The committee noted that it may be useful to consider the creation of two separate review committees, one for undergraduate and one for graduate programs. The graduate review committee could be connected to the SGSC. Any additional comments should be forwarded directly to G. Finn.

5. Proposed Change to FHB 14.5.7 – English Language Proficiency

- It was **MOVED** (Daigle/Reynolds) that the proposed changes to FHB 14.5.7 be approved and forwarded to Senate.

CARRIED

6. Graduate Enrolment Planning and Funding for 2010-11

- Graduate Studies has prepared its 10/11 Funding and Fellowships budget for the University and is seeking approval for an increased budget to ensure no further student funding package cuts for 10/11. New international student funding targeted at financially challenged students from developing countries has been included in the submitted proposal. A request for a freeze on international tuition for one year has also been proposed.

The meeting was adjourned.