

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE STUDIES

## Minutes of the January 7, 2010 Meeting

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

Regrets: C. Skorobohacz.

### 1. Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting

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

**CARRIED**

### Dean of Graduate Studies Report

#### **OCGS Appraisals Update:**

- Physics consultants will be on campus Feb. 18/19 re: PhD in Physics proposal, Child and Youth studies consultants will be on campus March 8/9 re: periodic review, Biological Sciences and Psychology consultants have been named and the consultants visits are being scheduled re: periodic reviews, English consultants are yet to be named re: periodic review.
- The Applied Disability Studies abbreviated brief received OCGS approval on November 20, 2009. The MA and MADS programs were classified “as of good quality” with a report due on October 12, 2012 and the Graduate Diploma was also approved to continue.
- The Philosophy report due to OCGS on January 15, 2009 will be submitted to meet this deadline.
- Any new program proposals that wish to commence intake in Fall 2010 or Winter 2011 must be received by OCGS by February 15, 2010 to ensure review.

#### **Graduate Growth:**

- Dean Rose reported that we have been invited by MTCU to request a meeting of MTCU and the university to discuss our need for additional graduate expansion spaces. The university’s Government Relations Officer, Provost, and Dean of Graduate Studies will be preparing a MTCU submission with assistance from G. Pepper and Institutional Analysis and will be visiting MTCU in February.

#### **Direct PhD Admission:**

- Chemistry has asked that we look into the feasibility of implementing direct admission to the PhD from an honours bachelor’s degree for exceptional students as recommended by their OCGS reviewers. Dean Rose sought the committee’s approval to send this item to the Policy Sub-Committee for discussion/consideration.

- The committee briefly discussed some of the issues/concerns and agreed that the Policy Sub-Committee should investigate this issue and propose policy.

**Reading Week:**

- Dean Rose explained to the committee that we had a request to include Reading Week in the graduate schedule of dates. Dean Rose explained that Reading Week was not included in the graduate schedule of dates (published in the Graduate Calendar) as previous SGSC review and discussion had determined that Reading Week was not applicable to graduate study. If graduate programs do observe Reading Week they can note this on their program websites. The committee reconfirmed this course of action.

**2. New Program Proposal – PhD in Humanities**

- The committee reviewed and discussed the revised PhD in Humanities proposal.
- It was **MOVED** (Daigle/Sivell) that the PhD in Humanities proposal (with all completed changes requested/noted by the SGSC) be forwarded to Senate for consideration.
- Dean Rose will work with Associate Dean Koustas to ensure that all SGSC suggested changes are incorporated in the final copy sent to Senate.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned.