

MINUTES
Thursday, November 21, 2019
ST 147 Main Campus 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Chair: **R. Yates**
Recording Secretary: S. Larsen
Attendance:

Members Present

Abdelsamie, M.
Bertram, J.
Boyd, J.
Braun, A.
Braun, J.
Cobb, J.
Colpitts, G.
Curtin, S.
Dann, M.
Field, J.
Franceschet, S.
Halawa, B.
Halek, M.
Hansen, P.
Iskander, M.
Konnert, C.
Kraay, H.
Leblanc, J.
Lenters, K.
Levey, A.

Lopes, M.
Mains, P.
Mansouri, M.
Mayr, S.
McCafferty, D.
McCoy, L.
McDermid, G.
Oddone Paolucci, E.
Radford, L.
Ritter, E.
Ryan, C.
Saweczko, A.
Simon, C. (*D. Knudsen*)
Thangadurai, V.
Thundathil, J.
Tombe, T.
Vamosi, J.
Vanderspoel, J.
Wilcox, G.
Wylant, B.

Members Absent

Achari, G.
Azaiez, J.
Bakardjieva, M.
Beattie, T.
Campbell, L.
Clarke, M.
Colicos, M.
Culos-Reed, N.
Cunningham, C.
Dunn, J.
Falkenberg, L.
Fapojuwo, A.
Finn, P.
Gibbs Van Brunshot, E.
Groen, J.
Hewson, J.
Iaria, G.
Ingelson, A.
Johnson, J.
King-Shier, K.

Kreitzer, L.
McCauley, E.
Morton, C.
O'Brien, M.
Protzner, A.
Perić, S.
Svachenko, S.
Sherer, P.
Sideris, M.
Snider, B.
Spencer, B.
Strous, M.
Tyler, M.
Wasmuth, J.
Woiceshyn, J.
Wright, Jim
Wright, John
Young, L.
Zimmerly, S.

**Faculty of Graduate Studies
Officers Present**

Nathoo, S.
Stiven, C.

**Faculty of Graduate Studies
Officers Absent**

Robinson, G.

Guests

Greg Hagen
Erin Kaipainen
Leslie Reid

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the agenda.

MOTION: Moved /Seconded

That FGS Council approve the agenda for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee Meeting of November 21, 2019 as amended.

CARRIED

The Chair requested the agenda be amended to include an additional business item: 11.5 Tuition Update.

2.0 APPROVAL OF FGS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2019 MINUTES**MOTION: Moved/Seconded**

That FGS Council approve the minutes for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee Meeting of October 3, 2019.

CARRIED

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters raised at this time.

4.0 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair shared a slide presentation and the following points were noted:

- Great Supervisor Event immediately followed the FGS Council meeting. Everyone was thanked for submitting nominations and was invited to participate.
- Due to the present internet ban in Iran, programs were asked to consider extending submission deadlines for Iranian students.
- Software updates are underway, and supervisors will not be able to update their profiles on the Future Students site for the next month. An email will go out to supervisors and programs when the Drupal update is complete, explaining how to update profiles and reminding supervisors to do so.
- Recommendations from the International Strategy Review, which are relevant to FGS were discussed. included the following recommendations, which are pertinent to the Faculty of Graduate Studies:
 - An overview of the FGS budget was presented and discussed.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE FGS ASSOCIATE DEANS

5.1 Suzanne Curtin and Kim Lenters, Associate Deans (Students)

S. Curtin and K. Lenters:

- Provided an update on staffing changes in the FGS Student Team and encouraged FGS Council members to reach out to them for assistance.
- Thanked FGS Council members for assisting in the supervisory renewal process. Supervisors who have not completed the renewal process have been contacted. They will not be able to take on new students until they have complied.
- Reminded FGS Council members that signing off by all parties is still required with the new Change of Supervisor Form as it indicates awareness and agreement.

5.2 Donna-Marie McCafferty, Associate Dean (Scholarships)

D. McCafferty provided an update on scholarships competitions underway, highlighting the first time harmonization of the TriCouncil awards, the availability of workshops to assist in the application process, and the fact that 25% of AGES can be given to international students.

5.3 Jalel Azaiez, Associate Dean (Policy)

A report was not presented at this time.

6.0 REPORT FROM GRADUATE COLLEGE HEAD

A report was not presented at this time.

7.0 REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

M. Mansouri reported on GSA matters including:

- An update on events underway, drawing particular attention to the Peer Beyond Graduate Research Symposium in which graduate students have the opportunity to share their research.
- Holding a Tuition Town Hall for students and communicating with the Alberta government to try to reduce the impact of the provincial budget.

M. Mansouri also gave an overview of the GSA's pilot project of a service called EmpowerMe. This service provides phone support 24/7 every day of the year. Although mainly focused on mental health, support for other issues affecting graduate students (e.g. finances, dietary planning, LGBTQ2S+ support) are also provided. The service is available in multiple languages and is confidential.

The Chair thanked the GSA Executive for their hard work in advocating for graduate students.

8.0 REPORT FROM THE GENERAL FACULTIES COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

On behalf of T. Beattie, S. Curtin reported graduate student related highlights from the recent General

Faculties Council meeting which included the following:

- UCalgary's Statement on Free Expression. The document needed to align with the basic tenets of the Chicago Principle and has been submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education.
- Review of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Protected Disclosure, which recommended changes includes a reorganization in the portfolio and the creation of a Vice-Provost for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Experiential Learning Plan.
- Revisions to the Graduate Student Supervision Policy.

9.0 REPORT FROM THE GRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

P. Mains reported that the following proposals were discussed at GAPS in either the October 16 or November 20 meeting:

- Creation of a general, course-based Master of Laws.
- Revisions to the English Language Proficiency Requirements for admission.
- Revisions to the Graduate Student Supervisory Policy.
- Master of Music Curriculum Changes.
- Name Change of KNES specialization in Sport History to Sociocultural Aspects of Sport and Physical Activity.
- Calendar Changes:
 - International Foundations Program
 - Faculty of Arts
 - Haskayne School of Business

10.0 QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were asked at this time.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Election of FGSC Executive - R. Yates

Documents were included in the meeting package.

Election ballots were handed out to FGS Council members, marked and collected again. Following the meeting the ballots will be counted and FGS Council will be notified of the person elected to the FGSC Executive Committee starting January 1, 2020.

11.2 LAW PhD Degree – G. Hagen

Documents were included in the meeting package.

G. Hagen provided an overview of the new PhD in Law proposal. In the related discussion, the following points were noted:

- A Masters degree, in a program other than Law, could be acceptable for admission in exceptional circumstances.
- Required courses taken at UCalgary would apply to the PhD, but courses taken by students coming from other universities would be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Giving consideration to the specific thesis requirements was suggested.
- Typos noted under P. 13 International Tuition/Fees - Year 3 and 4.

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council recommend the creation of a PhD in Law, pursuant to the proposal put forward by the Faculty of Law.

CARRIED

Secretary's Note: S. Curtin took the Chair at this time as R. Yates stepped down to present agenda 11.3, following which he again assumed the Chair.

11.3 Revisions to the Graduate Supervisory Policy - D. Book/R. Yates

Documents were included in the meeting package.

R. Yates explained the background and the proposed changes to the Supervisory Policy.

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That FGS Council recommend that the General Faculties Council approve the proposed revisions to the Graduate Student Supervision Policy.

CARRIED

11.4 FGS Scholarships Committee Terms of Reference Revisions – D. McCafferty

Documents were included in the meeting package.

D. McCafferty provided an overview of the changes proposed to the FGS Scholarships Committee Terms of Reference. Key changes were to:

- Define the period of time members serve on the committee as starting in September
- Change reporting structure so the committee reports to the FGS Awards Oversight Committee.

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council approve the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

11.5 Tuition Update – R. Yates

The Chair shared the slide presentation from the Nov. 19, 2019 Tuition Town Hall for Graduate Students and the proposed tuition increases for UCalgary graduate students were discussed.

The handling of the international differential was discussed FGS Council members were in favor of looking at different models for handling these funds.

11.6 Experiential Learning Plan – L. Reid/E. Kaipainen

Documents were included in the meeting package.

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled to an upcoming FGS Council meeting.

12.0 International Foundations Program Closure Changes to Graduate Calendar

Graduate calendar changes indicating the removal of the International Foundations Program were included for information in the meeting package (and referred to in the Chair's Report).

13.0 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Terms of Reference for new scholarships were included, for information, in the meeting package.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17p.m.

