

**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 7, 2021**  
**Zoom meeting**  
**2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Chair: R. Yates  
 Recording Secretary: H. Waqar  
 Attendance:

**Members Present**

Achari, G. (SSE)  
 Anderson, D. (CSM)  
 Alim, U. (CPSC)  
 Azaiez, J. (FGS)  
 Beattie, T. (CSM)  
 Bertram, J. (BMEN)  
 Bonni, S. (MDSC)  
 Boyd, J. (CPSC)  
 Braun, A. (MDCV)  
 Braun, J. (MDBT)  
 Baral, K. (GSA)  
 Campbell, L. (LAW)  
 Clarke, M. (ENCH)  
 Cao, C. (GSA)  
 Cobb, J. (MBBC)  
 Colicos, M. (MDNS)  
 Colpitts, G. (ARTS)  
 Culos-Reed, N. (KNES)  
 Cunningham C. (FGS)  
 De Koning, J. (MBBC)  
 Dimitropoulos, G. (SOWK)  
 Ducey, A. (SOCL)  
 Dunn, J. (MDNS)  
 Fapojuwo, A. (ENEC)  
 Field, J. (EDER)

Halek, M. (MGMT)  
 Hamel, C. (SAPL)  
 Hedges, P. (DBA)  
 Hughes, L. (GRST/RELS)  
 Iaria, G. (PSYC)  
 Keller, J. (CMMS)  
 King-Shier, K. (NURS)  
 Konnert, C. (CPSY)  
 Leblanc, J. (ART)  
 Levey, A. (PHIL)  
 Moody, C. (MGMT)  
 Morton, C. (ENME)  
 Moorman, B. (GEO)  
 Marshall, D. (HIST)  
 Martini, C. (DRAMA)  
 Mayr, S. (ENGL)  
 McCafferty, D-M. (FGS)  
 McLaughlin, A-M (SOWK)  
 Moorman, B. (GEOG)  
 O'Brien, M. (FGS)  
 Oddone P., (MDCH)

**Members Absent**

Plume, R. (PHAS)  
 Perić, S. (ANTH/ARKY)  
 Protzner, A. (PSYC)  
 Radford, L. (MUSI)  
 Ritter, E. (LING)  
 Ryan, C. (SCIENCE)  
 Savchenko, A. (MDGI/MDIM, MDMI)  
 Sawezcko, A. (REGISTRAR)  
 Sideris, M. (ENGO)  
 Simmons, M. (EDC)  
 Sherer, P. (MGMT)  
 Shandro, T. (GSA)  
 Snider, B. (MGMT-EMBA)  
 Spencer, B. (EDER)  
 Strous, M. (GEOS)  
 Thangadurai, V.T. (CHEM)  
 Thundathil, J. (VMS)  
 Thomas, M. (POLI)  
 Tombe, T. (ECON)  
 Torres, L. (LLAC)  
 Tyler, M. (SAPL)  
 Wu, J. (MATHS)  
 Wylant, B. (EVDS)  
 Vamosi, J. (BISI)  
 Wright, J. (MPATH)  
 Yates, R. (FGS)  
 Zhang, M. (GSA)

**Faculty of Graduate Studies Officers Present**

McLeod, C.  
 Stiven, C.  
 Waqar, H.

**Faculty of Graduate Studies Officers Absent**

Wasmuth, J. (GRAD COLLEGE)  
 Zimmerly, S. (BISI)

**Guests**  
 Dueck, C. (FoA)

**1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Chair called the meeting to order with a Territorial Acknowledgement and asked for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION: Moved /Seconded**

That FGS Council approve the agenda for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting of January 7, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2.0 Approval of FGS Council Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION: Moved/Seconded**

That FGS Council approve the minutes for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting of November 12, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters raised at this time.

**4.0 Report from the Chair**

The Chair provided a presentation, highlighting current topics of interest. The following points were noted:

- The Chair welcomed new members to the FGS Council.
- Enrolment planning process for the year 2021-22 has been completed. All faculties have submitted projected graduate student numbers with weighted heads being 7,200 graduate students starting Fall 2021. This would be a 6.2% increase than Fall 2020. Of these 30% will be graduate international students. Due to the unprecedented global pandemic the enrolment targets for 2020-21 were not met.
- Enrolment planning is one of the preliminary metrics of the provincial government regarding performance-based budget. We are still awaiting confirmation and further information from the Provincial government regarding this.
- Board of Governors approved the Tuition Schedule for 2021-22 on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. 2021-22 Thesis based programs will not receive an increase in their tuitions. Please ensure that the tuition inserts for the International Graduate students are accurate.
- COVID 19 regulations are constantly changing and FGS strives to respond to these changes in a timely manner. COVID 19 information that pertains to graduate students is maintained and regularly updated on our website. Please direct students and supervisors to the website.
- International arriving students, as of this morning are to have a PCR COVID negative test prior to boarding an airplane. This will present further challenges to our arriving international students. Therefore, please direct all incoming international students to International Student Services as they have all update and accurate information. We continue to monitor all incoming graduate students for 14-day mandatory quarantine. Students must register for the initial questionnaire. Students are also paired up with a 'buddy' to assist with needs such as grocery shopping.
- The labs and creative spaces on campus may be open in accordance to the regulations held by the VPR's office.
- Program innovation – we have approved transfer of approximately ½ million dollars as seed money for program development. Program Innovation Hub has three proposal writers/liasons that programs can now obtain assistance from.
- The virtual FGS Grad Orientation Winter 2021 was attended by approximately 280 students.
- FGS will start its search for a new Associate Dean FGS as Jalel Azaiez, Senior Associate Dean takes his administrative leave mid of 2021. This new AD will be embedded in the Student Team and will also work on Policy Matters. Please send your suggestions for the AD-Student Team hire to the Chair at his official email address.

**Report from the Associate Deans**

Main points of each of the AD reports are as follows:

Jalel Azeiz, Sr. Associate Dean reported on behalf of Donna Marie, Associate Dean Scholarships:

- The scholarship team is working on finalizing the IGA competition and the CGS Masters scholarship competition.
- All members are requested to ensure that their program scholarships are submitted by given deadlines.

Mary O' Brien, AD Policy

- If your program will not be accepting an English Language Proficiency exam (e.g. The Duolingo) please let Mary know.
- FGS is currently in the process of creating a definition for 'full-time graduate student'.
- Concurrent registration – currently students are not allowed to be enrolled in more than one place. However, with certificates and diplomas that will need to change and FGS is working on this.

Clifton Cunningham, AD Students

- Student teams saw 40 meetings w. students and faculty since previous meeting.
- Graduate Programs Officers will be in touch with programs regarding Pass/Fail grades prior to the fee deadline on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Graduate Orientation was a great success.

## **6.0 Report from the Graduate College Head**

The College Head sent regrets.

## **7.0 Report from the Graduate Students' Association**

- Tanille talked about the Graduate Orientation and other events at the GSA (e.g. Health and Dental Q and A). This plan has the mental health program "Empower Me" embedded into it as well. The Empower Me programs also launched an App. There is also a lot of reading material provided to help students.
- Peer Beyond, research symposium will be held on a new conference platform called Hoppin'. Students are encouraged to sign on. GSA has more than \$6000 in awards this year.
- Advocacy is being done with the government at the Ministry of Advanced Education. GSA will also be participating at the Alberta 2030 townhall.

## **8.0 Report from the General Faculties Council**

- Last GFC Meeting was held on December 10, 2020. It began with a discussion and consultation on Growth Through Focus. Further discussion with individual units will be held. Consolidated Report by Susan Barker was provided on student incidences. The information is located on their website. There was an update from the Hunter Hub mandate and how they will support Calgary community. It was aligned with UCalgary's goals. A brief report by the Organizational Research office was also provided. Also, Michael Hart provided highlights from the annual Indigenous Strategy Progress report. It was highlighted in the report that there is an increase in indigenous Graduate Student Awards.

## **9.0 Report from the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee Representative**

- Nursing program approvals were done. Different ELP standards were approved.

## **10.0 Report from the GFC Teaching and Learning Subcommittee Representative**

- GFC Teaching and Learning Subcommittee representative sent regrets.

## **11.0 Question Period**

No Questions were asked at this time.

## **12.0 Nominations for Replacement of FGSC Executive Member**

The Chair asked for nominations from the floor. The Chair asked all members to place their votes for the following two nominees:

- Ann Marie McLaughlin, Social Work
- Peter Sherer, Haskayne

## **13.0 Student Academic Misconduct Operating Standards (Coursework and Candidacy Exams, Proposals, Theses,**

## Scholarship Applications, and Student Publications) – (Clifton Cunningham and Robin Yates)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies requires two sets of operating standards: the first applies to coursework, and the second applies to candidacy exams, proposals, theses, scholarship applications, and student publications. Both sets of operating standards lay out the series of steps that programs and FGS take when they suspect a student has engaged in academic misconduct. The committee met to approve the following motions regarding Student Academic Misconduct Operating Standards (Coursework and Candidacy Exams, Proposals, Theses, Scholarship Applications, and Student Publications). Both motions were carried with friendly amendments to the documents.

**MOTION: Moved /Seconded**

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council recommend the *Student Academic Misconduct Operating Standards: Coursework*.

**CARRIED**

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council recommend the *Student Academic Misconduct Operating Standards: Candidacy Exams, Proposals, Theses, Scholarship Applications, and Student*.

**CARRIED**

### 14.0 Discussion: Joint PhD Degree Agreement and Changes to A.3 Admission Categories in the Graduate Chapter of the University Calendar - (Cheryl Dueck and Jalel Azaiez)

- There have been issues with the cotutelle that have sometimes resulted in cancelled agreements, unexpected last moment accommodations and changes of regulations as well as extended times of degree completion that negatively affected the students' experience.
- The Joint PhD is being brought forward to address some of the concerns with the cotutelle including differences in PhD requirements across systems and institutions (e.g., course requirements, candidacy requirements, program duration).
- The joint PhD degree offers more flexibility to support the internationalization of the research, develop candidates' intercultural capacity and scholarly networks, and increase the impact of research results while minimizing bureaucratic hurdles. It has been designed to strengthen existing research partnerships and encourage future research collaboration between institutions.

### 15.0 Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

### 16.0 Adjournment

The FGS Council adjourned the meeting at 4:27 pm