1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council approve the agenda for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting of September 29, 2022.

CARRIED

2.0 APPROVAL OF FGS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council approve the minutes for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting of May 26, 2022.
3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes
   • N/A

4.0 Achievement Award Recipients (McCafferty)
   • Introduction of Award Recipients; 2021 J.B. Hyne Research Innovation Award & 2021 Michael Lazar Community Service Award

5.0 Report from the Chair

5.1 Welcome
   • Territorial acknowledgment
   • Welcome and Thanks FGSC Members
     Council members important part of FGS business
   • Fall 2022 Enrolment Data
     o 8,000.5 students. The course-based students slightly outnumber thesis-based students. We have increased our international to just under 40%.
     o We are over 3% for indigenous students – 250 students.
     o Professional programs increase and international enrolment
     o Note: We met just shy of 94% of the domestic target. We do need to place greater attention on domestic recruitment and a more accurate way of planning our enrolment.
     o We need to ensure we are balanced in our international portfolio.
   • PaSO & Graduate Student Transformation Project Updates
     o Regular updates will be provided for information at Council meetings.
     o PaSO expanded through the Provost office.
     o These initiatives will improve efficiencies and remove redundant work in the system.
     o Questions can be directed to Catherine McLeod.
   • President’s Recruitment Scholarship
     o FGS has received 3.75 million over the next 4 years to create and manage a President’s recruitment scholarship.
     o This is intended to be a recruitment initiative. Recruit top students, in the area of transdisciplinary research within the academy. This will encourage diversity in our student population. This will be awarded before accepting letter of offer. Faculties will have a certain number of these awards. We hope to have the information to all faculties in the next month.
     o What is considered transdisciplinary in your faculty? We are relying on faculties to give the appropriate consideration for EDIA.
     o This will begin in Fall 2023/24.
   • FGS Appeals Committee
     o Call for volunteers for FGS Appeals Committee. We need a full slate of people to volunteer.
     o This is not a heavy-lifting committee. There is training provided. Stand by for any appeals that may come in. Reach out to Robin directly.
6.0  Reports from Associate Deans

4.1  Mary O’Brien

- Thank you for completing the GPD survey. There are a few outcomes. These will help with the PaSO initiative.
- GPD resources are available through D2L in the content section.
- We are planning a series of workshops. Offering one in late November – Roundtable on admissions.
- Making some minor revisions to English Language proficiency test scores. Duolingo has set some new equivalencies.
- On track to enable concurrent program enrolment, to start in spring 2023
- Term-based registration moving along for spring 2023. Please contact Mary if you want to make any revisions to your program candidacy regulations, funding, or policy. Please reach out to me about scope and guidelines.
- We are developing new transdisciplinary credentials. If you are interested in this work and be involved please reach out to me.

4.2  Michelle Drefs

- Academic review season – any outstanding academic standing, please submit.
- Student team offers Let’s Talk Supervisor.
- More recent workshops have not had low attendance. So as a student team, we are happy to work with you to ensure they are well attended and good use of your time.
- Upcoming GPD workshop that the student team will be offering. November 8th 12-1pm. This session is on student issues. We are encouraging new members to come.

4.3  Donna-Marie McCafferty

- The Vanier competition is under review. CGSD applications are due on Monday.
- The Indigenous Graduate Awards Competition is live. Those that self-identify as indigenous will be sent an email to submit applications.
- Oct 6th – hosting a lunch and learn on scholarships

7.0  Report from the Graduate College Head (Wasmuth)

N/A

8.0  Report from the Graduate Student’s Association President (Saaka)

- Congratulated the awardees on behalf of the GSA.
- Housing – emergency housing created by VPSE. Thanks to VPSE and Ancillary Services for the hard work through the last few weeks. Many students are still looking for housing. We are still looking at options to advocate for affordable housing.
- We have seen a record number of applications for financial assistance. We are concerned about the impact on graduate students.

9.0  Urgent Business from GFC, GAPS, TLS, RLS

N/A
10.0 Termination of the Nurse Practitioner Post-Master’s Diploma and the Combined Master of Nursing/Nurse Practitioner Post-Master’s Diploma

Comments:
  o Why low enrolment? Challenges with the program, do not have the capacity to take on more students. NP doesn’t make very much money. There is status but not compensation.

MOVED/SECONDED
That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council recommend that the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee review and recommend the proposed termination of the Nurse Practitioner Post-Master’s Diploma and the Combined Master of Nursing/Nurse Practitioner Post-Master’s Diploma, effective December 30, 2022, as set out in the proposal provided to the Council.

CARRIED
4 abstentions

11.0 Scholarship ToR – for information on D2L

12.0 Committee Reports – No reports

13.0 Monthly Update Package – FGS Process and Systems Optimization (PaSO) & Graduate Student Journey Transformation - for information on D2L

Other Business
N/A

Adjournment at 3:57pm