

MINUTES
February 16, 2023
Zoom Meeting
2:30-4:30pm

Chair: R. Yates

Recording Secretary: I. Hernandez

Members Present Achari, G (SSE) Akbari, M (GSA) Anderson, D (CSM) Bakardjieva, M (CMMS) Blue, G (GEOG) Bonni, S (MDSC) Bratishenko, E (LLAC) Brown, J (PHAC) Campbell, L (LAW) Cunningham, C (FGS) Clarke, M (ENCH) Dambrowitz, A (Registrar) Dolata, P (HIST) Devinney, R (CSM) Drefs, M (FGS) Du, K (MME) Ducey, A (SOCl) Fapojuwu, A (ENEL/ENEC) Forlini, S (ENGL) Gibbs Van Brunschot, E (ARTS) Hall, D (VM) Hastings-Simon, S (SPP) Hiebert, M (CMSS) Johnson, J (MArch)	Knight, A (ENEL/ENEC) Kwok, S (SPP) Lashewicz, B (MDCH) MacCallum, J (Science) Martin, Y (MGIS) Martini, C (SCPA/Drama) McCafferty, DM (FGS) Nguyen, M (MDNS) O'Brien, M (FGS) Oehlberg, L (CMD) Pounder, A (LING) Priest, J (SSE) Schroeder, M (EDC) Simmons, M (EDC) Spencer, B (EDER) Staubli, S (ECON) Stefanakis, E (ENGO) Wasmuth, J (Grad College) Wilson, W (ANTH/ARKY) Woelfel, P (CPSC) Wu, J (MATHS) Zach, R (PHIL) Zaremborg, V (BISI) Zhou, Q (ENCI)	Faculty of Graduate Studies Officers Present McLeod, C Stiven, C Hernandez, I Guests Hoglund, K Wells, L
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Secretary's note: No quorum. The Chair of the meeting refers the business of the meeting to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee approve the agenda for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting of February 16, 2023.

CARRIED

2.0 APPROVAL OF FGS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee approve the minutes for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting of January 19, 2023.

CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.0 Report from the Chair

- **Welcome** – Territorial Acknowledgment
- **Tuition 2024-25.** Provincial government - tuition is going to be capped at 2%.
- **3MT:** Invitation will be sent within the next two weeks. This is a networking opportunity and a great way to support students.
- **Supervisory Renewal Process:** Former process was very manual and difficult to control confidentiality. Piloting the process in early March with a select number of programs.
- **Leadership Opportunities FGS:** Associate Dean Scholarship & Interim Associate Dean, Transdisciplinary Studies. Announcement to follow. For expression of interest contact deangrad@ucalgary.ca.
- **2023-24 Funding Allocations:** The program allocations come from the FGS operating budget. We are going to be short keeping \$2500. We are looking at other options. Requesting feedback from programs.
- **Questions:** Will keep restrictions on funding, the intent of this funding is to go into the pockets of students. Any concerns reach out to Robin.

5.0 Reports from Associate Deans

5.0 Mary O'Brien

- Look out for an invitation for an opportunity to connect with fellow GPDs.
- Working with the library to ensure that thesis submission is as smooth as it can be. Starting relatively soon we are going to get rid of the convocation embargo for most student theses. If this might be a problem for your program please contact Mary.
- Seeking volunteers for supervisory renewal testing

5.1 Michelle Drefs

- Academic standing review season. Letters should be out shortly.
- March 13th next supervisor workshop
- Our advisors have presented at EDI Week, if you are interested our advisors are willing to come out to your events.

5.2 Donna-Marie McCafferty

- Received 1,742 applications for the GAC competition this year. We will be reaching out for reviewers to help with this competition.
- CGSM competition has been adjudicated. Communication to programs will be coming out to faculties in the next two weeks.
- Reminder: Recruitment awards are live.
- We have received 2023 Endowment Allocations, the return on investment was 3.5%.

6.0 Report from the Graduate College Head (Wasmuth)

- Kick off Global Citizen Dinner.
- Partnership with the Drop-in Centre has been very successful. Feel free to distribute this information within your programs.
- Preparing for the next leadership forum, we will be partnering with ULeithbridge for a three-day weekend event to help prepare our graduates for the next step in their careers.

7.0 Report from the Graduate Student's Association President (delegate Akbari)

- GSA Strategic Plan 2023-2026. We have consulted with graduate students, and have held focus group discussions. We have a full draft of the strategic plan.
- Peer Beyond Graduate Symposium. We had 100 students presenting and over 200 attending. Joshua Whitehead was the keynote speaker.
- Emergency bursaries, 278 applications, 43 were approved. GSA Support Bursary, 1,168 applications, 634 were approved. Quality money, 43 applications, 28 approved.
- Advocacy – heavily involved with the federal policy committee. Drafting a policy manual for the GSA.
- Submission of proposal to the federal government on interest-free student loans was accepted and passed last month.

8.0 Urgent Business from GFC, GAPS, TLC, RSC

- NA

Secretary's note: move to item 10.0.

9.0 Creation of the PhD in Transdisciplinary Research and the Master of Transdisciplinary Research (thesis-based) degrees**MOTION: Moved/Seconded**

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee recommend the creation of the PhD in Transdisciplinary Research and the Master of Transdisciplinary Research (thesis-based) degrees, as set out in the proposals provide to the Committee.

CARRIED**Comments:**

- Can students be GATs if they have the knowledge to do so? Will there be a process for existing programs with undergraduate courses to guarantee a GAT to transdisciplinary students?
 - Yes, if students have the appropriate disciplinary backgrounds, they can be assigned GATs.
- Is the assumption that if students are going to be funded through scholarship and research stipends, does that bias this endeavor towards disciplines that have available research funding?
 - A lot of this is coming out of strategic planning – there will be other funding available to support transdisciplinarity on campus. This is not a program for everyone. There are limitations to the types of students that can come in.
- What if there is a student who approaches a program and wants to do an individualized pathway and there is no representation from one of the faculties?
 - Expect there will be careful oversight of who will be accepted into the program and the extent of what they are proposing. A committee can be composed of the appropriate expertise from across campus.
- Neutral chairs, finding people who are willing to do service?
 - This part of PaSO, this new program can establish expectations in the program. We can establish what the process will be for being a supervisor in the program. This will be implemented from the outset.

- Who teaches the courses? From the faculty perspective – how do you intend to fill spots?
 - We started to identify people on campus. Send out a broad net, a wide invitation, we want this to be as inclusive as possible.
 - This is an opportunity to try out a concept. Create a specialization and see how the market responds.
- Is the GPA/GPD paid out of the base budget?
 - GPD/GPA funded through the programming, not FGS-based funding.
- Given the requirement for community partners, this sounds like a good opportunity to engage funding from Mitacs and other organizations. How many funding opportunities can be obtained through these organizations to attract students and supervisors?
 - We will look into this.
- Reached out to Tri Agencies – available funding for these programs
- Need to work out full details on funding and GATs. There are many details that have to be populated.

10.0 Nomination for FGSC Executive Committee Vacancies

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee approve the membership of Justin MacCallum to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Executive effective immediately.

CARRIED

- Call for nominations from the floor. No nominations.

11.0 Questions

12.0 Scholarship ToR – for information on D2L

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

Other Business

Adjournment at 3:48pm