

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

Chair: R. Yates

Recording Secretary: I. Hernandez

<b>Members Present</b> Akbari, M (GSA) Bakardjieva, M (CMMS) Bonni, S (MDCV) Braun, A (MDCV) Brown, J (PHAC) Campbell, L (LAW) Clarke, M (ENCH) Cunningham, C (FGS) Dambrowitz, A (Registrar) Dolata, P (HIST) Dolgos, M (CHEM) Doyle-Baker, P (KINES) Drefs, M (FGS) Ducey, A (SOCI) Fapojuwo, A (ENEL/ENEC) Forlini, S (ENGL) Hall, D (VM) Hiebert, M (CMSS) Kwok, S (SPP) Lashewicz, B (MDCH) MacCallum, J (Science) MacDonald, J (MBBC)	Martin, Y (MGIS) Martini, C (SCPA/Drama) McCafferty, DM (FGS) McGrath, D (PYSC) McLaughlin, A (SOWK) O'Brien, M (FGS) Oehlberg, L (CMD) Osiyevskyy, O (MBA) Pounder, A (LING) Priest, J (SSE) Saaka, S (GSA) Schroeder, M (EDC) Simmons, M (EDC) Spencer, B (EDER) Stark, T (ARTS) Staubli, S (ECON) Toohey, P (Classics and Religion) Wilson, W (ANTH/ARKY) Woelfel, P (CPSC) Wu, J (MATHS) Zach, R (PHIL) Zaremberg, V (BISI) Zhou, Q (ENCI)	<b>Faculty of Graduate Studies Officers Present</b> McLeod, C Stiven, C Hernandez, I  <b>Guests</b> Pandes, A Morris, J Nay, P Pando, E Høglund, E Well, 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 March 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 February 16, 2023.

**CARRIED**

### 3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

#### 4.0 Report from the Chair

- **Welcome** – Territorial Acknowledgement
- **Automated Supervisory Renewal Process:** pilot delayed until May 2023
- **Term-based registration:** goes live on May 1, 2023
- **Concurrent registration option:** available on May 1, 2-23
- **Funding allocations:** letters will be posted next week
- **FGS Leadership/Service Opportunities:** Associate Dean of Research and Scholarships (ADRS) and the Associate Dean of Transdisciplinary Scholarship (ADTS)
- **Questions:** FGS allocation, this is not a cut to the budget, it's an increase in student numbers. TB MA's are .8 of \$2,450.00.

#### 5.0 Reports from Associate Deans

##### 5.0 Mary O'Brien

- We are recruiting for members of the Policy Committee. Expressions of interest, reach out to Mary.
- GPD course-based program – the survey was due this past Tuesday. If this is not going to work for you, please contact Mary O'Brien.

##### 5.1 Clifton Cunningham

- Two workshops scheduled "Building better relationships" – April 11<sup>th</sup> FHC, April 13<sup>th</sup> CMD.
- FGS Graduate advisors are working with GPS medical sciences.
- Student advisors have observed quite a number of students having financial challenges.

##### 5.2 Donna-Marie McCafferty

- The programs have been informed of the successful CGSM applicants. The offers will be going out on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- GAC competition under adjudication.

#### 6.0 Report from the Graduate College Head (Wasmuth)

N/A

#### 7.0 Report from the Graduate Student's Association President (Saaka)

- Thank you to the following for their continued support of graduate support initiatives and graduate student needs. Dr. Yates, Verity Turpin, Dr. O'Brien, Dr. Aoife, Dr. Rice, and Dr. O'Yeung.
- GSA Internal updates: We have elected a new board for 23-24. James Steele (GSA President), AC, Cameron Armstrong, Masume Akbari, Hunter . they will begin their term on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- GSA Support and emergency bursaries: GSA Emergency fund we received 278 applications and approved 43. Support Bursary we had 1168 applications and 634 were approved. \$40,792.00 was given to graduate student who needed emergency support. We have less than \$15,000.00 but we can longer take any more applications for

support bursaries as we are out of funds. We are holding the \$15,000.00 for emergency cases.

- Advocacy: VP External will be in Halifax to discuss our federal advocacy strategy. We have held meetings with politicians, the Minister of Advanced Education and continue to push for additional meetings.
- Quality money record increase in applications. We have approved 55 projects this year. We are hoping to give more funding to student-led projects next week.

#### 8.0 Urgent Business from GFC, GAPS, TLC, RSC

#### 9.0 Nomination for FGSC Executive Committee

**MOTION:** Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee approve the membership of Dr. Siu Ming Kwok to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Executive effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

No nominations from the floor.

#### 10.0 Graduate Certificate in Transdisciplinary Studies I; Graduate Certificate in Transdisciplinary Studies II

**MOTION:** Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee recommend the creation of the Graduate Certificate in Transdisciplinary Studies I and the Graduate Certificate in Transdisciplinary Studies II as set out in the proposals provided to the Committee.

**CARRIED**

Comments:

Thanks to Kelly Hogle and Louise Wells.

- Suggested amendment – tuition numbers
- Clarify what courses will be offered and when. In all of the materials, this information will be clear and this will be provided well in advance.

#### 11.0 Master of Transdisciplinary Studies (Course-Based)

**MOTION:** Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee recommend the creation of the Master of Transdisciplinary Studies, as set out in the proposals provided to the Committee.

**CARRIED**

**12.0 Master of Finance****MOTION: Moved/Seconded**

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a Master of Finance degree program within the Haskayne School of Business, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee.

**CARRIED**

Comments:

- Special thanks to Elizabeth Pando.
- EDI and Indigenous strategy. Is it part of your plan to address those concerns before it starts?

We are addressing as much as we can before the start of the program.

We will use the best university policies to address these issues.

**13.0 Questions**

- Small request since the new fees & tuition rates go into effect in 1.5 months: can you put the actual numbers into the next GRADpost and GRADvisor emails?
  - Calendar will be updated with this.
- English language proficiency tests. There were some issues with at home test. Duolingo security is tight. From an equity perspective difficult to say where there are closures.
  - Programs can change entry requirements and it is possible for programs not to accept specific exams.
- Reminder: Draft of Strategic Plan – encourage everyone to provide feedback.

**14.0 Monthly Update Package – FGS Process and Systems Optimization (PaSO) & Graduate Student Journey Transformation - for information on D2L****Other Business****Adjournment at 3:46pm**