

MINUTES
January 11, 2024
Zoom Meeting
2:30-4:30pm

Chair: T. Beattie

Recording Secretary: I. Hernandez

Members Present Akbari, Masume (GSA) Anderson, Dave (FGS) Bonni, Shirin (MDSC) Boyd, Jeff (CMD) Bratishenko, Elena (LLAC) Braun, Andrew (MDCV) Cameron, AC (GSA) Campbell, Lyndsay (LAW) Chastko, Paul (HIST) Clarke, Matthew (ENCH) Cunningham, Clifton (FGS) Dalton, Colin (ENEL/ENEC) de Barros, Alexandre (ENCI) de Koning, Jason (MBBC) Forlini, Stefania (FGS) Gao, Yang (ENGO, TB) Hall, David (AD, VMS) Hill, Alexander (CMSS) Hughes, Lisa (AD, ART)	Huq, Jo-Louise (PHP) Jamniczky, Heather (AD GSE, CSM) Keyhani, Mohammad (DBA) Knudsen, David (PHAS) Lashewicz, Bonnie (MDCH) MacCallum, Justin (Science) MacDonald, Justin (MBBC) Madigan, Sheri (CPSY) Martin, Yvonne (MGIS) McGrath, Dan (FGS) Ogilvie, Travis (MDPA) Osiyevskyy, Oleksiy (FGS) Pandes, Ari (Director, MBA and EMBA) Patterson, Matt (SOCl) Priest, Jeffrey (AD, SSE) Radford, Laurie (SCPA) Savchenko, Alexei (CSM) Schroeder, Meadow (EDC)	Shanahan, Marie-Claire (EDER) Shepherd, Tamara (CMF) Simmons, Marlon (AD, EDC) Skordos, Dimitrios (LING) Toohey, Peter (Classics and Religion) Tretter, Eliot (GEOG) Vanek, Morgan (ENGL) Welling, Joelle (ARTS) Woelfel, Philipp (CPSC) Wong, Joanna (MME) Wu, Jingjing (MATHS) Yessenova, Saulesh (ANTH/ARKY) Zach, Richard (PHIL) Zaremborg, Vanina (BISl)	Faculty of Graduate Studies Officers Present Stiven, Cathie Hernandez, Ingrid Guests Smith, Malinda Dixit, Jaya
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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.

Land acknowledgment: Beattie

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 January 11, 2024, with the proposed amendments.

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 November 23, 2023.

CARRIED

4 abstentions

3.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

N/A

4.0 Report from the Chair

- Leadership at FGS
 - Dr. Oleks Osiyevskyy, Associate Dean, Policy, and Program Development
 - Oleks will be reaching out to many of you to touch base on potential program development.
 - Dr. Stefania Forlini, Associate Dean, Student Experience
- New Graduate Program Directors
 - Morgan Vanek
 - Alexandre de Barros
 - Andrea Proztner
- Ongoing
 - Enrolment Planning Meetings
 - Final numbers for targeted enrolment planning are due to FGS on February 15.
 - Finalizing the Academic and Research Plans
 - Drafts are being finalized.
 - Drafts will go through final approval process at General Faculties Council.
 - Renewal of Supervisory Privileges
 - Finalizing process.
 - GPD or AD's needing help with this - reach out to FGS.
 - Visiting Student Researchers
 - <https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/iss-old/immigration/visiting-student-researchers>
- New Academic Calendar
 - New platform for the academic calendar.
 - Undergraduate and Graduate will be more integrated.
 - <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca>
 - The old version will remain the original until March, and transition in March to the new calendar.
- Academic Regulations
 - Section G. Academic Assessments and Examinations
 - <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/uofcregs/university-regulations/academic-assessments>
 - Section E.1 Course Outlines
 - <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/a89ecfbf758841b5983c4b67746e7846>

5.0 Reports from Associate Deans

5.1 Dan McGrath

- CGSM – adjudication starts this week. Adjudicators will have two weeks to review and rank all the applications. 457 applications were submitted, and 58 were removed (not eligible).

Job aid has been posted in GRADnet. Review GRADvisor for any updates on competitions.

Official award offers are on April 1st, ongoing as students accept.

We ask that programs advise on applicants who will not be admitted.

- GAC – each program sets its deadlines. We ask that you get back to us by February 1st. A reminder that this is thesis-based students only. FGS will be reaching out to faculties for their reviewers. We ask that each reviewer adjudicate 40 applications. This number is lower than in previous years. We ask that there is only one reviewer for the 40 applications.
- Dr. McCafferty has agreed to stay on until March to help with the transition for our new Associate Dean, Scholarships.

5.2 Dave Anderson

- Proposals, two sets of programs TB Masters and PhD.
- Have met with all the specialization leads. Some are looking at having students enrolled as early as September 2024.
- Thesis-based side, more prep work to be done. Kenna Kelly-Turner was hired to work on developing program handbooks.
- Oversight Committee (thesis-based) Programs is scheduled to meet later this month. The committee will gather feedback on the draft handbook.
- Those interesting in providing feedback or have questions, reach out to Dave Anderson.
- Working with communications team for website and other materials.
- Over the next months working on strategy for funding.
- Looking at adding specializations (requires approval from university governance).
 - Water sustainability specialization

6.0 Report from the Interim Graduate College Head (Cunningham)

N/A

7.0 Report from the Graduate Student's Association (Cameron)

- NSERC – AC working on advocacy with the Canadian Alliance Student Association Increase the value to track inflation and double the tri-council awards for graduate students.
Encourage academics and non academics to write to their MP's and/or treasury board to increase the tri-council scholarships.

8.0 Report from the Registrar (Dambrowitz)

Included in chair's report.

9.0 Urgent Business from GFC, GAPS, TLC, RSC

N/A

10.0 Nomination – Awards Oversight Committee

MOTION: Moved/Seconded

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Committee approve the nominations of Dr. Zack Marshall to the Awards Oversight Committee effective immediately.

CARRIED

1 abstention

11.0 Questions**12.0 Presidential EDIA Taskforce Presentation (Smith/Dixit)**

- The mandate and structure for the task force has gone through university governance. Information can be found on the webpage.
- [Presidential Task Force on EDIA | Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion | University of Calgary \(ucalgary.ca\)](#)
- It is a large task force with representation from across campus.
- The principle – nothing about us without us.
- Attentive to the needs of students, staff, faculty, and sessionals. What is needed to create equitable pathways? How do we operationalize that? Feedback will help us get further.
- We have a campus of experts on how we analyze policy and casework.
- SOAR (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results) Analysis is being used for strategy development.
- Have engaged Higher Education Strategy Associates to conduct internal scans.
- PESA is helping to produce documents based on internal and external scans. What are other U15s doing?
- Working groups will be doing deep dives into various areas.
- EDIA Data approach, we dashboards, datahub, and infographics. Our data is publicly accessible. We need qualitative data, including more EDI literacy. How do we build trust, so that people participate?
- What are the practical supports needed to make an impact, long-term and make them sustainable?
- Dec-March – campaign of listening. There will be a campus-wide survey from January to March. Will have interviews with senior and EDI leaders, focus groups, and workshops with equity-deserving groups. There will be two days of town halls for MaPS, AUPE, Graduate and Undergraduate Students, Faculty, and Postdocs.
- PTF-EDIA@ucalgary.ca

Other Business

Adjournment at 4:02pm