

Tuesday May 17th at 9:30 am via Zoom

Present: D. Welch (Chair), M. Thompson, M. Horn, S. Hanna, B. Gupta, J. Gillett, G. Mulvale, M. Stroinska, M. Abouei, T. Chamberlain, W. Farmer, N. Kuhathasan, A. Roddick, D. Gillespie, L. Romane, R. Wu, D. Genuth-Olkon, S. Raha, P. McNicholas, J. Kish, A. Shi, T. McDonald, M. Dion, L. Side, C. Bryce, (Assistant Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: K. White, S. Brophy, G. Krishna

I. Minutes of the meeting of April 19th, 2022

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that the minutes of the meeting of April 19th were approved as set out in the document.'**

The motion was **carried**.

II. Business arising

There was no business arising.

III. Report from the Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Dr. Welch reported on the following items:

- Admissions season, noting that everything seems to be going well;
- Spring Convocation season, with the related activities to clear students to graduate;
- An announcement from the President and Provost noting that the mask mandate will be paused effective June 1st, health professional programs may still be affected by other mandates;
- The outcome of a judicial review of McMaster's vaccine mandate, noting that the justices found the implementation had been fair, just and reasonable;
- Now that the mandate is paused, students who were withdrawn in good standing can be reinstated;
- Covid modelling suggests a relatively quiet period ahead;
- The new graduate residence which is anticipated to be available for partial occupancy for September 2023, noting they are currently working on integrating residence tracking software into current systems.

Members discussed the location for the new residence.

IV. Report from the Graduate Associate Deans

Dr. Mulvale (Faculty of Business) reported on the following items:

- The Business PhD IQAP review had occurred;
- The upcoming Master of Finance review;
- Work on the MBA program redesign;
- Lots of admission activity;
- The DeGroot Doctoral Research Day.

Dr. Hanna (Faculty of Health Sciences) reported on the following items:

- The Research Plenary had begun;
- Upcoming in-person convocation events;
- Strategic alignment funding projects.

Dr. Horn (Faculty of Humanities) reported on the following items:

- Winding up admissions for September 2022;
- Finishing off IQAP reviews in History and the Master of Communication Management.

Dr. Gillett (Faculty of Social Sciences) reported on the following items:

- Work on the expansion of the MPP program;
- Development of a community research platform;
- Finishing up recruitment for the cycle.

Dr. Gupta (Faculty of Science) reported on the following item:

- Continuing to ramp up activities on graduate student mentorship;
- A new graduate program manager position.

Dr. Thompson (Faculty of Engineering) reported on the following item:

- Faculty interviews;
- Ideathon, where students across Canada worked on the issue of sustainable supply chain management;
- Microcredentials, noting that the revised Certificates and Diplomas policy will be coming here in the fall, including recommendations from the ad hoc committee.

V. Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary

Ms. Bryce reported on behalf of Ms. Baschiera, noting the following:

- Admissions continue to process offers for the upcoming academic year;
- The Records team is focused on clearing students to graduate ahead of the upcoming convocation season.

VI. Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee Report

Dr. Hanna noted the only item for approval is the calendar copy for the new M.Sc. program in Midwifery. The program is launching this summer and is admitting students for July.

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that Graduate Council approve the changes proposed by the Faculty of Health Sciences as described in the document.’**

The motion was **carried**.

VII. Course Management Policy

Dr. Welch presented the proposed policy, noting that the new policy displaced the previous Graduate Course Outline policy and provided direction on what is needed and required for a graduate course. It has also been completed in anticipation of course outlines being assembled electronically going forward.

A member proposed a friendly amendment to one of the sections to ensure consistency in style.

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that Graduate Council approve the Course Management Policy as set out in the document.’**

The motion was **carried**.

VIII. Rescind Course Outline Policy

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that Graduate Council approve rescinding the Course Outline Policy.’**

The motion was **carried**.

IX. Spring 2022 Graduands (to be distributed)

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that Graduate Council approve the list of the 2022 Spring Graduands, with amendments/corrections to be made as necessary by the Associate Graduate Registrar.’**

The motion was **carried**.

X. New Award

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that Graduate Council approve the new award as set out in the document.’**

The motion was **carried**.

Ms. Romane provided the following updates from the library:

- A system change for the library, to be completed in the spring/summer term;
- Hiring associate librarians;
- Summer hours at the libraries, noting that the room for graduate students is open when Mills Library is open;
- Collaborative programming being developed with the associate deans;
- Work on the creation of graduate level microcredential around systematic reviews and different library processes.