

**Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am via Zoom**

Present: D. Welch (Chair), M. Thompson, S. Hanna, B. Gupta, G. Mulvale, M. Stroinska, M. Abouei, T. Chamberlain, N. Kuhathasan, D. Gillespie, G. Krishna, Z. Samaan, S. Raha, P. McNicholas, S. Brophy, T. MacDonald, S. Baschiera (Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary), C. Bryce, (Assistant Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: K. White, J. Kish, L. Side, W. Farmer, J. Gillett

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**I. Minutes of the meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that Graduate Council approve the minutes of the meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.'**

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:

- His last grad council;
- Updates on the new Dean of Graduate Studies and new Graduate Associate Deans;
- Mask and vaccine mandate paused but not gone, noting an item later in the agenda;
- Improvement on pandemic numbers;
- A package of offerings now available for scholars/students at risk, noting a webpage with more information;
- Progress on the Graduate Student Residence.

**IV. Report from the Graduate Associate Deans**

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

- Ideathon in May run by the Engineering Graduate Student Society.

Dr. Gillian (Faculty of Business) reported on the following item:

- DeGroot Doctoral Research Day.

Drs. Gupta, Horn and Hanna had no reported.

**V. Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary**

Ms. Baschiera reported on the following item:

- Statistics on the success of the online chat tool, noting about 96% satisfaction from those who responded and an 8 second wait time.

#### **VI. Updated Graduate Expectations for McMaster Vaccination Policy**

Dr. Welch introduced the item, noting it is a parallel version of what was approved at the undergraduate level. It essentially states that there is currently a pause but is also a reminder that it's still in force and that if it needs to be reimplemented in some way, the university will do that.

In response to a question about whether this would also apply to sessional instructors Dr. Welch noted that policies have been institution wide generally and he presumed that will be the case going forward

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that Graduate Council approve the updated Graduate Expectations for the McMaster Vaccination Policy as set out in the document.'**

The motion was **carried**.

#### **VII. Faculty of Health Sciences Associate Member Policy**

Dr. Hanna presented the policy, noting the context for supervisory membership categories and approvals in the Faculty of Health Sciences. The proposal to remedy current challenges is to introduce a new level of membership that would have virtually all the rights and responsibilities except they would not be formally involved in grading/evaluating the student. The idea here is to allow the voices of folks who have been traditionally excluded to now be a part of the conversation.

Members discussed the benchmark for success of the new position and the approval process.

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that Graduate Council approve the Faculty of Health Sciences Associate Member Policy as set out in the document.'**

The motion was **carried**.

#### **VIII. Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee Report**

Dr. Hanna noted the report contained for-information items only.