

Tuesday October 18th at 9:30 am in GH-111 and via Zoom

Present: S. Hranilovic (Chair), M. Thompson, S. Hanna, M. Heath, M. Horn, T. Chamberlain, N. Kuhathasan, S. Raha, L. Side, S. Han, C. Ching, E. Grodek, L. Romane, J. Kish, R. Wu, B. Trigatti, A. Shi, D. Emslie, V. Kuperman, T. McDonald, Z. Samaan, M. Ragny, H. Abdulhussain, N. Malik, S. Baschiera (Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary), C. Bryce, (Assistant Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: D. Gillespie, M. Verma, B. Gupta, M. Young,

I. Minutes of the meeting of September 20th, 2022

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that Graduate Council approve the minutes of the meeting of September 20th, 2022 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. Hranilovic reported on the following items:

- The impact of international student delays;
- Policy renewal work;
- The status of the graduate student residence, noting partial occupancy expected for September 2023 and that the allocation model is almost confirmed;
- The status of the review of the School of Graduate Studies, noting a list of reviewers had been provided to the Provost;
- Upcoming Graduate Student Events.

IV. Report from the Graduate Associate Deans

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

- Work with the Faculty of Humanities to develop a graduate seminar related to the Wilson College of Leadership and Civic Engagement;
- The development of an Indigenous studies graduate program.

Members discussed whether or not there would be any graduate programs coming from Wilson College and the status of the development of the Indigenous Studies graduate program, including stakeholders to be consulted.

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

- The Canadian Graduate Engineering Consortium Fair;
- The Engineering co-op option, noting numbers have been growing steadily since it's implementation in 2018 and that they'd just breached the 1000 student mark for the numbers of students who are taking a course on job skills;
- Work on policy renewal, noting that they have reached out to a number of leaders around the university ahead of the associate dean discussion;
- Upcoming graduate student activity, including the Engineering Graduate Student Society Metric Conference.

In response to a question about the percentage of students taking up the co-op option, Dr. Thompson said it was about 20%. 10% had been the projected number. They're expecting to level off at 300 or 400 students. Most students do a year long placement.

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

- Award application season, highlighting that the number of applications for different awards had declined significantly;
- An upcoming event to be held in late November where the UBC press editors will be offering a free talk on book publishing.

Members discussed the award application numbers issue, noting the context for different award competitions in different faculties, the mix of domestics versus international students and the context of this year given the success of last year.

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

- The adjudication of an award for PDF research;
- An upcoming meet and greet night for graduate program ambassadors on November 24th;
- A new program in development (Master of Biomedical Innovation) focused on devices and technology, is making its way through the governance processes;
- Approval at Quality Council for the Graduate Diploma in Community and Public Health;
- The Office of Professionalism in the Faculty is undergoing a review at the moment to see how needs have changed and review how it's resourced;
- CAGS November 1st – 3rd
- Work has begun to overhaul the outdated Faculty of Health Sciences graduate studies website.

In response to a question, Dr. Hanna clarified that the Office of Professionalism was established some time ago to serve the unique needs with clinical training and faculty and as it evolved it

became an intake for all kinds of concerns. Part of the work of the review will be to help determine how best to focus its efforts.

V. Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary

There was no report.

VI. Fall 2022 Graduands (to be distributed)

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

The motion was **carried**.

In response to a question about Spring Convocation dates Dr. Hranilovic noted there’d been discussions but nothing finalized.

VII. New Awards

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

The motion was **carried**.