

Tuesday December 6th at 9:30 am in GH-111 and via Zoom

Present: S. Hanna (Chair), M. Thompson, M. Heath, M. Horn, T. Chamberlain, N. Kuhathasan, S. Raha, C. Ching, J. Kish, V. Kuperman, T. McDonald, M. Parlar, P. Guo, M. Young, H. Abdulhussain, R. Wu, Z. Samaan, A. Shi, S. Han, S. Baschiera (Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary), C. Bryce, (Assistant Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: B. Gupta, E. Grodek, P. Nyers, B. Trigatti, V. Lewis

I. Minutes of the meeting of November 15th, 2022

It was duly moved and seconded **'that Graduate Council approve the minutes of the meeting of November 15th 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. Hanna provided reported on the following items on behalf of Dr. Hranilovic:

- Not in a position to give an update regarding bargaining for the TA strike;
- The status of the graduate residence building, noting there had been a lot of discussion about allocating spaces and that rents have not been set yet.

IV. Report from the Graduate Associate Deans

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

- Workshops being developed with Science related to EDI questions arising from tri-council documents.

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

- The status of the DeGroot strategic planning exercise, noting consultations have occurred;
- Ph.D. award night, celebrating academic and extracurricular engagements.

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

- Attendance at her first OCGS meeting on supervisory policies where they are examining best practices.

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

- The UBC book publishing workshop was cancelled, noting they hope to reschedule in the winter term once the CUPE strike has been settled.

V. Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary

Ms. Baschiera reported on the following items:

- Supervisory committee meetings and grades are all now past due, any meetings that are outstanding will go to the graduate advisor/chair and associate dean this week;
- Work with Laura on UTS system improvements related to graduate payments, records processes and systems use.

VI. Faculty of Engineering Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee report

Dr. Thompson presented two items for approval:

- Chemical Engineering proposed adding a part-time option to their Masters. He noted the need largely arose from some local companies who wanted to send employees to McMaster to earn their degrees and the change will increase domestic enrollment;
- Electrical and Computer Engineering proposed taking advantage of the new scheduled break option for their M.Eng. program which was added to the graduate calendar last year.

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

The motion was **carried**.

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**.