

To : Members of Graduate Council

From : Christina Bryce
Assistant Graduate Secretary

The next meeting of Graduate Council will be held on **Tuesday September 19th at 9:00 am in Council Chambers (GH 111)**

Listed below are the agenda items for discussion.

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A G E N D A

- I. **Opening Remarks and Reception**
- II. **Graduate Council Overview**
- III. **Minutes of the meeting of June 28th, 2023**
Approval
- IV. **Business arising**
- V. **Report from the Associate Deans, Graduate Studies**
- VI. **Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary**
- VII. **Deferral of Graduate Thesis Plagiarism Checking requirement**
Approval
- VIII. **New Awards**
Approval
- IX. **Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee Report**
Information

Wednesday June 28th at 1:00 pm via Zoom

Present: S. Hranilovic (Chair), M. Horn, B. Gupta, M. Verma, P. Guo, A. Shi, Dr. Emslie, J. Kish, V. Kuperman, K. Bhatta, M. Ragany, S. Han, S. Raha, T. McDonald, Z. Samaan, X. Li, M. Young, L. Side, N. Malik, P. Nyers, S. Pushkar, M. Parlar, L. RomaneS. Baschiera (Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary), C. Bryce, (Assistant Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: D. Gillespie, H. Siddiqui, C. Ching, M. Heath, T. Chamberlain, Z. Lea, S. Hanna, V. Lewis, B. Trigatti, M. Thompson

I. Opening Remarks

Dr. Hranilovic reported on the following items:

- A trip to Ottawa to give testimony on graduate student funding to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Science and Research.
- The graduate student residence, noting a recent visit and the status of spots filled for the fall term.

II. Minutes of the meeting of May 16th, 2023

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that the Graduate Council approve the minutes of the May 16th, 2023 meeting, as circulated.'**

The motion was **carried**.

III. Business arising

There was no business arising.

IV. Report from the Associate Deans, Graduate Studies

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

- Admission numbers are looking strong, despite the anticipation of some visa issues.

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

- The development of a best practices document for equity, diversity and inclusion in admissions.

V. Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary

Ms. Baschiera reported on the following items:

- Successful convocation ceremonies;
- end of academic year and starting academic year. Preparations for registration next week

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

Dr. Horn presented the item, noting that there was a request to add a co-op stream for the Master of Public Policy program.

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that the Graduate Council approve, for recommendation to Senate as appropriate, the change proposed by the Faculty of Social Sciences, as described in the documents.'**

The motion was **carried**.

VII. Faculty of Science Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee Report

Dr. Gupta introduced the change, noting that the Research and Clinical Training stream is a PhD level stream but the calendar was unclear in this respect and so they are cleaning up the language accordingly.

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that the Graduate Council approve, for recommendation to Senate as appropriate, the change proposed by the Faculty of Science, as described in the documents.’**

The motion was **carried**.

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

This item was for information.

IX. Cotutelle

Dr. Gupta presented the item. He noted that the policy and the changes in the procedures were presented at a previous meeting with good discussion. The changes involve creating a flowchart that makes things clearer. The letter of intent has also been modified and some relatively minor changes were made to the policy, including taking on board some feedback noted at the previous meeting about time spent at another institution.

It was duly moved and seconded, **that the Graduate Council approve, for recommendation to Senate as appropriate, the report from the Cotutelle Working Group and the changes to the Cotutelle Policy as set out in the documents.**

The motion was **carried**.

X. Policy on Postdoctoral Fellows

Dr. Hranilovic noted that this item had come forward for information previously. A member asked for a point of clarification, noting that it appears from the wording in section 5 that the policy envisages part-time post doc is possible and asked if that was correct. Dr. Hranilovic responded that that was a new point to him as well and said given the fundamental nature of the question that the discussion be tabled until the fall.

This item was deferred

XI. SGS 202

Dr. Hranilovic presented the item, noting that additional context had been provided by the Equity and Inclusion Office. In response to a question he noted that the hope is to have grad-specific content in the future and that in this pilot year students can drop the course without issue.

In response to a question Dr. Hranilovic noted that he's not aware of the formal plan to assess and revise the module but confirmed that that was part of the pilot.

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that Graduate Council approve the new course as described in the document.'**

The motion was **carried**.

XII. New Award

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that Graduate Council approve the new award as described in the document.'**

The motion was **carried**.

XIII. Award Term Changes

This item was for information.

Agenda Item: Deferral of Graduate Thesis Plagiarism Checking requirement

The School of Graduate Studies and Office of Academic Integrity are working through the implementation of the new software related to the Research Plagiarism Checking Policy. There have been some unanticipated delays.

In light of this, and with the fast-approaching deadline of October 1, 2023 to check all graduate theses for originality before public disclosure the School of Graduate Studies is seeking to amend the graduate calendar requirement until December 1, 2023.

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New Award Terms for Approval

Name of Fund: The John Yip Family Bursary

Terms of Reference for Fund:

Established in 2022 by John Yip, M.B.A. (Class of '97). To be awarded to an incoming full-time or co-op MBA student with an interest in Health Management Services who demonstrates financial need.

Name of Fund: The John Yip Family MBA Scholarship

Terms of Reference for Fund:

Established in 2022 by John Yip, M.B.A. (Class of '97). To be awarded to an incoming full-time or co-op MBA student with an interest in Health Management Services who demonstrates both outstanding academic achievement and significant extra-curricular and/or professional achievements.

Name of Fund: The Jacob (Jack) Franklin Leon Memorial Scholarship

Terms of Reference for Fund:

Established in 2023 by the Estate of Jacob (Jack) Franklin Leon, who was a practicing psychologist at Mohawk College. To be awarded by the School of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences to a graduate student enrolled in the Psychotherapy program who demonstrates academic excellence and excellence in clinical practice and compassion for working with individuals with mental illness.

Name of Fund: The Wilhelm Eisenbichler Scholarship

Terms of Reference for Fund:

Established in 2023 by Konrad Eisenbichler, HBA (Class of '73), MA (Class of '74) to honour his brother, Wilhelm Eisenbichler, HBA (Class of '75), MA (Class of '76) and to recognize their shared passion for the study and enjoyment of Italian culture, and to encourage others in this field. To be awarded by the School of Graduate Studies, on the recommendation of the Department of History to a graduate student in the Department of History who is studying or conducting research in Italian, Italian-Canadian, or Early Modern European History and demonstrates academic excellence.

Name of Fund: The Dr. M. Corinne Devlin Graduate Scholarship in Women's Health

Terms of Reference for Fund:

Established in 2023 by Kelly Kjeldsen and the family and friends of Dr. M. Corinne Devlin to honour the contributions Dr. Devlin made to McMaster University and to advancing women's health. To be awarded by the School of Graduate Studies, on the recommendation of the Faculty of Health Sciences, to a graduate student in the Faculty of Health Sciences who demonstrates research excellence in women's health.

Name of Fund: The Fergal P. Mills Graduate Bursary in Health Economics

Terms of Reference for Fund:

Established in 2023 by Dr. Edward Mills, in loving memory of his brother Mr. Fergal P. Mills. To be awarded by the School of Graduate Studies to graduate students enrolled in the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact who demonstrate financial need and are conducting research in Health Economics.

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At its meeting on June 8th the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee approved the following graduate curriculum recommendations.

Please note that these recommendations were approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

For Information of Graduate Council:

- a. **Midwifery**
 - i. **New Courses**
 - 1. 714 Well-infant primary care beyond the neonatal period
 - 2. 723 Advanced Topics in Perinatal Mental Health
- b. **Public Health**
 - i. **Change to Mode of Delivery**
 - 1. 721 Fundamentals of Environmental Health and Health Impacts of Climate change
- c. **Speech Language Pathology**
 - i. **Course Evaluation**
 - 1. 743 Evidence-Based Practice and Clinical Research
- d. **Clinical Behavioural Sciences**
 - i. **Change in Course Title and Description**