

Tuesday September 17th at 9:00 am in Council Chambers (GH 111)

Present: S. Hranilovic (Chair), A. Prasad, A. Shakib, D. Trigatti, N. Carter, K. Grandfield, K. Mattison, B. Newbold, F. Homid, M. Gough, N. Wager, M. Verma, S. Heathorn, T. Ruebottom, S. Hanna, C. Biruk, M. Heath, E. Grodek, Y. K. Shin, P. Miu, L. Parker, Y. Kim, A. Gadsen, L. Side, C. Bryce (Assistant Graduate Secretary), S. Baschiera (Senior Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: V. Lewis, K. McCallum, B. Milliken, R. Khan

I. Opening Remarks

Dr. Hranilovic reported on the following items:

- Highlighted the composition of the committee;
- The Task Force on Graduate Funding, noting the following key items to be actioned from the report:
 - A subcommittee of Graduate Council for a permanent place for discussions of graduate funding, noting they're working to draft the terms of reference
 - The development of a dashboard for the public release, noting work with IRA to automate this process.

II. Graduate Council Overview

III. Minutes of the meeting of May 14th, 2024

It was duly moved and seconded, 'that **the Graduate Council approve the minutes of the May 14th, 2024 meeting, as circulated.**

The motion was **carried**.

IV. Business arising

Members discussed the language related to SAS accommodations in the Graduate Calendar and an upcoming presentation from SAS to Graduate Council.

V. Report from the Associate Deans, Graduate Studies

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

- An initiative within the Faculty to reimagine the curriculum of Ph.D. programs and upcoming curriculum changes related to this.

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

- Introduction of the new co-presidents of the FHS Graduate Student Association, highlighting the committees they served on and efforts within the Faculty to increase participation;
- A Graduate Diploma in Global Surgery making its way through the governance process;
- The annual U21 (an international group of research intensive universities) will be hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences, including a doctoral student forum.

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

- The launch of the new M.A. in Indigenous Studies;
- A workshop on how to prepare a successful SHERC;
- An upcoming first year PhD orientation;

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

- Engineering Graduate Student Society welcome events;
- A curriculum revamp for the MEEI/MTEI programs;
- A workshop in the Faculty having a workshop on mentorship during fall reading week.

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

- A busy year for IQAP
- The Science GSA annual general meeting and a number of events coming up over the coming year;
- An upcoming call for papers for the Grad Symposium;
- Early discussions on a new masters program.

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

- Welcome events in the Faculty;
- The development of new programs.

VI. Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary

Ms. Baschiera reported on the following items:

- The status of the Grad Pay and Records Optimization projects;
- Work with the MacPherson Institute to include graduate course outlines in the portal in the coming months;
- Recruitment work partnered with the undergraduate office and three days of upcoming fairs;
- Governance procedures and policy review.

VII. New Awards and Changes to Award Terms

Ms. Side provided a high-level overview of the process for bringing a new award forward.

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

The motion was **carried**.

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

For information item.

IX. Teaching and Learning Professional Development Opportunities for Graduate Students

Dr. Hranilovic highlighted a memo that had been circulated from the Director of MacPherson Institute, noting it was an update on a topic for discussion in the previous year. He provided an update on the proposed new certificate and noted that the certificate of completion will carry on for now in a more limited form and will need to be revisited.