

Tuesday June 3rd at 9:00 am via Zoom

Present: M. Heath (Chair), B. Newbold, S. Hanna, K. Grandfield, W. Liao, T. Ruebottom, B. Milliken, A. Prasad, M. Cino, D. Trigatti, E. Grodek, M. Gough, K. Graham, F. Homid, J. Antwi-Boasiako, D. Emslie, K. McCallum, K. Mattison, M. Young, Y. Shin, A. Shakib, P. Miu, G. Flynn L. Side, C. Bryce (Assistant Graduate Secretary), S. Baschiera (Senior Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: S. Hranilovic, C. Biruk, C. Chakraborty, L. Parker, A. Gadsden

I. Minutes of the meeting of May 13th, 2025

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that the Graduate Council approve the minutes of the May 13th, 2025 meeting, as circulated.’**

The motion was **carried**.

II. Business arising

There was no business arising.

III. Report from the Associate Deans, Graduate Studies

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

- A thank you to the Health Sciences GSA representatives, noting that new elections have taken place for next year’s representatives.

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

- Thanks the Engineering graduate student representatives;
- A meeting where the Faculty hosted all the engineering graduate associate deans from across Ontario;
- A postdoc event social, noting they are looking to continue events in the new year and add professional development opportunities.

Drs. Newbold and Health thanked the graduate students from their Faculties.

IV. Report from the Senior Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary

Ms. Baschiera reported on the status of Provincial Attestation Letter allocations.

V. New Program Proposal

Dr. Heath introduced Dr. Flynn and noted a correction to the unit count in appendix A, where it listed an old number of units, while the revised version of the proposal now lists the units at 31.5.

Dr. Flynn provided an overview of the program, describing the intended audience and research they'd done with the public and private sector. He highlighted the change to make it a two-track program in response to the IQAP report.

Members discussed the two tracks including expected student interest and the process for declaring they were in a track in the context of a cohort program. Dr. Flynn highlighted that their research suggested that students would want to complete the degree quickly but that there is potential value for recruitment if students were given more time to complete.

In response to the question about unit count change and the part-time versus full-time tracks Dr. Flynn noted the amendment reflected a change to the approach, noting moving the intensive weeks into separate courses will build greater flexibility and described the difference in the expectation of depth of knowledge between students in the existing MPP program versus the new program.

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that the Graduate Council approve, for recommendation to the University Planning Committee and the Senate, the establishment of the Master of Public Policy in Digital Solutions, Strategies and Leadership, as circulated.'**

The motion was **carried**.

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

Dr. Hanna provided an overview of the items for information, noting that for the new course for Health Research Methodology it's listed as being cross-listed with Nursing but is only a Health Research Methodology course.

VII. Faculty of Science Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee Report

Dr. Newbold provided an overview of the items for information, noting that as the program was interdisciplinary the items had also been approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

VIII. New Scholarships

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

The motion was **carried**.