

Graduate Education Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2017

Time: 12:00pm– 1:30pm (Pizza lunch starting 11:30pm)

Place: Arts Humanities Building 1B02

Attended:

<i>Alison Allan</i>	<i>Andre Duarte</i>	<i>Catherine Nolan</i>	<i>Elizabeth Webb</i>
<i>Pauline Barmby</i>	<i>Brenton Faubert</i>	<i>Valerie Oosterveld</i>	<i>Robert Wood</i>
<i>Jamie Baxter</i>	<i>Bobby Glushko</i>	<i>Kamran Siddiqui</i>	<i>Carole Beynon</i>
<i>Kate Choi</i>	<i>Leonardo Guizzetti</i>	<i>Maximillian</i>	<i>Ron Wagler</i>
<i>Michael Coyle</i>	<i>Lori Johnson</i>	<i>Stallkamp</i>	<i>Peter Simpson</i>
<i>Lina Dagnino</i>	<i>Doug Jones</i>	<i>G. Tigert</i>	<i>Lorraine Davies</i>
<i>Nanda Dimitrow</i>	<i>Greg Kopp</i>	<i>Candace Loosley</i>	
<i>Peter Donahue</i>	<i>Pam McKenzie</i>	<i>Connie Vukson</i>	
<i>Lorie Donelle</i>	<i>Melanie McPhail</i>	<i>Kristen Wallentinsen</i>	

Regrets: Jan Plug, Liwen Vaughan, Jeff Holmes, Heather Hargraves, Mark Vandenbosch, Amit Chakma, Matt Thompson, Preethi Rao, George Ramos, Joanna Quinn, Silvia Mittler, Linda Miller, Kibret Mequanint, Ruth Martin, Sheila Macfie, Tamara Hinan, Kirsten Edwards

1. Approval of the Minutes of December 13, 2017 (Attached) (Approved)
2. Business arising from the Minutes (None)

Reports from GEC Committees

3. Policy Update and Discussion: (Lorraine Davies)
 - a. **–Approved with Friendly Amendments** –Revisions to Thesis Defense Regulations – Remote Examinations (in Doctoral section 8.4.1.1 and in Master’s section 8.5.1.1)
 - b. **–Approved with Friendly Amendments** -Regulations for Students who go to Defense without Supervisor Approval (section 8.4.3.1 and section 8.5.3.1)
 - i. -FOR INFORMATION – Letter to Externals

Policy Subcommittee on Supervisory Regulations Report

- c. Expectations and Requirements of Supervisors and Students and Membership regulations were discussed and will be brought back to the next GEC Policy Committee.

Other business:

4. Doug Jones (Vice-Dean, Basic Medical Sciences) introduced the concept of an Experiential Grad Course to the GEC, followed by discussion. The idea would be to introduce a general course number to each faculty, which grad students could use to do external academic projects and earn academic credit. Their program would be required to have an academic component that would be approved by the individual faculty before the project took place. Doug pointed out

that this is already working well for Undergraduates, and the point was to give grad students a cross-cultural experience that would improve their professional development and marketability (the experience would appear on their transcript). It would be outside of their normal program and separate from required field work or research. Concerns were raised that this program should not exist outside of knowledge of the Student Success Centre (which provides guided critical reflection on international student projects), and Western International (which coordinates student exchanges, provides pre and post trip support etc.). This program could look different in all faculties.

Graduate Education Council Meeting

Date: December 13th, 2016.

Time: 11:30pm– 1:00pm (Pizza lunch starting 11:30pm)

Place: USC Council Chambers located in UCC room 315
(Third floor of University Community Centre UCC)

Attended:

<i>Jeff Holmes</i>	<i>Ron Wagler</i>	<i>Andre Duarte</i>	<i>Max Stallkamp</i>
<i>Doug Jones</i>	<i>Kristen Wallentinsen</i>	<i>Valerie Oosterveld</i>	<i>Kibret Mequanint</i>
<i>Melanie McPhail</i>	<i>Kyle Fricke</i>	<i>Amanda Costella</i>	<i>Lorie Donelle</i>
<i>Alison Allan</i>	<i>Andrea Di Sebastiano</i>	<i>Elizabeth Webb</i>	<i>Robert Wood</i>
<i>George Ramos</i>	<i>Kamran Siddiqui</i>	<i>Ruth Martin</i>	<i>Greg Kopp</i>
<i>Sheila Macfie</i>	<i>Tamara Hinan</i>	<i>Liwen Vaughan</i>	<i>Pam McKenzie</i>
<i>Gavan Watson</i>	<i>Nanda Bhatia</i>	<i>Jamie Baxter</i>	<i>Pam Bishop</i>
<i>Catherine Nolan</i>	<i>Lina Dagnino</i>	<i>Joel Armstrong</i>	<i>Joanna Quinn</i>

Regrets: Pauline Barmby, Jan Plug, Kate Choi, Lori Johnson, Leonardo Guizzetti, Nanda Dimitrov, Heather Hargraves, Silvia Mittler, Brenton Faubert

1. Approval of the Minutes of April 27th, 2016
2. Business arising from the Minutes
None
3. Effective Scholars working group (Linda Miller)
Linda explained the purpose of the working group and obtained feedback from the committee.
4. Policy Update and Discussion: (Lorraine Davies)
 - Thesis defense regulations – remote examinations
 - Regulations for students who go to defense without supervisor approval
Lorraine discussed the changes to these policies and asked for feedback to bring back to the Policy committee.
5. Professional Development update and discussion (Lorraine Davies)
 - Report from the Mentorship and Professional Development Committee
Lorraine discussed the OWN YOUR FUTURE: Doctoral Transitional Competencies and Career Development Program.
6. Reports from GEC Committees (Peter Simpson)
 - Approved as presented
 - 1. **Recommended that the Graduate Education Council accept and approve the following membership in the GEC**
 - a. Graduate Chair Representative July 2016-June 30 2019 (2 year term)
 1. Schulich School of Medicine & D

- b. Faculty Representatives (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019) (3 year terms)
 - 1. Education – Brenton Faubert
 - 2. Health Science – Lorie Donelle

- c. Graduate Assistant Representatives (July 1, 2016 –June 30, 2018) -(2 year terms)
 - Faculty of Education - Amanda Costella
 - Faculty of Engineering - Kristen Edwards

- d. Graduate Student Representatives (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) (1 year term)
with an option on a second year
 - Arts – George Ramos
 - Music – Kristen Wallentinsen
 - Education – Jordan Gentile
 - Health Science – needs to be filled
 - FIMS – Preethi Rao
 - Law – Melanie McPhail
 - Ivey – Maximillian Stallkamp
 - Schulich – Leonardo Guizzetti
 - Engineering – Kyle Fricke
 - Science – Andre Duarte
 - Social Science – Joel Armstrong

- e. Postdoctoral Association at Western representative – (1 year term)
Amanda Ali