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

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

   b. –Approved with Friendly Amendments -Regulations for Students who go to Defense without Supervisor Approval 8.4.3.1
      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 co-ordinates 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:
Jeff Holmes  Ron Wagler  Andre Duarte  Max Stallkamp
Doug Jones  Kristen Wallentinsen  Valerie Oosterveld  Kibret Mequanint
Melanie McPhail  Kyle Fricke  Amanda Costella  Lorie Donelle
Alison Allan  Andrea Di Sebastiano  Elizabeth Webb  Robert Wood
George Ramos  Kamran Siddiqui  Ruth Martin  Greg Kopp
Sheila Macfie  Tamara Hinan  Liwen Vaughan  Pam McKenzie
Gavan Watson  Nanda Bhatia  Jamie Baxter  Pam Bishop
Catherine Nolan  Lina Dagnino  Joel Armstrong  Joanna Quinn

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 (3 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