SCHOOL OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES
Graduate Education Council – Committee Meeting
AGENDA
April 25, 2017
12:00pm – 1:30pm
Arts & Humanities Building AHB 1B08

Attended:
Catherine Nolan          George Ramos          Shelia Macfie
Carol Beynon             Kristen Wallentinsen    Connie Vukson
Ruth Martin              Melanie McPhail        Candace Loosley
Pam McKenzie              Maximillian Stallkamp   Linda Miller
Doug Jones                Andre Duarte          Lorraine Davies
Brenton Faubert           Joel Armstrong        Peter Simpson
Kibret Mequanint          Amanda Costella        Bobby Glushko
Jeff Holmes               Karyn Olsen           
Silvia Mittler            Mary Blake Bonn       

Regrets: Nandi Bhatia, Valerie Oosterveld, Greg Kopp, Jamie Baxter, Jan Plug, Lorie Donnelle, Liwen Vaughan, Alison Allan, Elizabeth Webb, Kate Choi, Joanna Quinn, Leonardo Guizzetti, Glen Tigert

1. Welcome and approve minutes from February 21, 2017 (Approved with amendments)

2. Business arising from the Minutes (None)

3. Policy Update and Discussion:
   a. **Approved with Friendly Amendments** - Approval of Supervisory Regulations (section 11.02)
   b. **Approved with Friendly Amendments** – Approval of Student Regulations (section 11.03)
   c. **Approved with Friendly Amendments** - SSD Draft Regulations (section 14)

4. Postdoc Contracts Update

5. Course Regulations
   a. **Approved with Friendly Amendments** - Definition of Course vs. Milestone

6. **Approved** - new GEC Committee members for 2017-2018 year (2 new Grad Chairs, 2 new grad assistants, 3 new grad students, 2 new faculty appointments) (thank you to members leaving)
7. SUPR-G Nominations (2 students, 1 faculty member needed) (*No one nominated – email to be sent out*)

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

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, 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:
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.