

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Graduate Education Council (GEC)
Thursday, December 1, 2022**

The meeting was held at 12:00pm in the International and Graduate Affairs Building, Atrium.

COUNCILLORS:

Aisha Haque – CTL
Akis Psygkas – Law
Alyson Watson – Education
Andrew Hawkes – SGPS/Social Science
Arthur Brown – Schulich
Arzie Chant – Engineering
Ayman El Ansary – Engineering
Busra Copuroglu – SGPS/Arts
Carrie Marshall – Health Sciences
Cindi Ryde – Health Sciences
Danica Facca – SOGS
Dianne Bryant – Health Sciences
Doug Woolford – Science
Emi Iwaizumi – SGPS/Education
Emily Ansari – Music
Genevieve De Viveiros – French Studies
Hubert Pun – Ivey
Immaculate Namukasa – Education
Jamie Baxter – Social Science
Joanna Blom – Engineering

Joseph Gilroy – Science
Kaleigh Campbell – SGPS/Law
Kamran Siddiqui – Engineering
Karine Dufresne – PAW
Kevin Mooney – Music
Laura Murray – Health Sciences
Leah Blackwood – SGPS/FIMS
Lina Dagnino – Schulich
Linda Miller – SGPS (Chair)
Lisa Hodgetts – Social Science
Lisa Latif – Registrar’s Office
Liz Webb – Science
Lorraine Davies – SGPS
Lyn Purdy – Ivey
Marguerite Lengyell – Education
Matheus Sanita Lima – SGPS/Science
Matthew Hyginus – SGPS/Ivey
Melissa Adler – Information & Media Studies
Michael Milde – POLICY Chair
Nandi Bhatia – Arts & Humanities

Pam McKenzie – Information & Media Studie
Peter Donahue – Kings
Robert Glushko – University Librarian
Ruth Martin – SGPS
Seyram Afealete – SGPS/Music
Shabir Razavi – SGPS/Eng
Shawn Whitehead – Schulich
Stephen McClatchie – Huron
Tobias Nagl – Arts
Tom Drysdale – Schulich
Tony Adebero – SGPS/Health Sciences
Vasudeva Bhat – PAW
Victor Chu – SGPS/Schulich
Zoe Sinel – Law

OBSERVERS:

Candace Loosely – SGPS
Matt Dumouchel – SGPS
Mihaela Harnos – SGPS
Paula Menzies – SGPS
Ron Wagler – SGPS

Items/Discussion (Host)		Motion(s)/Action Item(s)
1.	Land Acknowledgement Immaculate Namukasa offered a Land Acknowledgement.	
2.	Welcome Linda Miller welcomed new and returning members.	
3.	Minutes of Prior Meeting It was moved by Dianne Bryant, seconded by Laura Murray, That the minutes of meeting of October 6, 2022, be approved as circulated.	CARRIED
4.	New Business	
4.1	GEC Academic Policy and Regulations Committee Lorraine Davies presented the following recommendations from GEC Policy Committee.	
	4.1.1 Categories of Registration - Full-Time Student (Regulation 4.04a) It was moved by Pam McKenzie, seconded by Tom Drysdale, That GEC approve and recommend the revision of the Categories of Registration - Full-Time Student (Regulation 4.04a) to Senate Committee on Academic Policy. Lorraine shared the revisions were necessary to correct the misconception at Western around a 10-hour rule; the number of hours a TA can work per week. No discussion followed.	CARRIED

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<p>4.1.2 Academic Requirements and Eligibility for A Student Funding Support Package (Regulation 5.02)</p> <p>It was moved by Matheus Sanita Lima, seconded by Kamran Siddiqui,</p> <p>That GEC approve the revision of the Academic Requirements and Eligibility for a Student Funding Support Package (Regulation 5.02).</p> <p>No discussion</p>	CARRIED
<p>4.1.3 Credit for Prior Graduate Work (Regulation 6.10)</p> <p>That GEC approve and recommend the revision of the Credit for Prior Graduate Work (renamed to Waiving Program Requirements for Prior Equivalent Work – Regulation 6.10) to Senate Committee on Academic Policy.</p> <p>A brief discussion ensued.</p>	CARRIED
<p>4.1.4 Incomplete Courses (Regulation 6.07); Leave of Absence (Regulation 4.06)</p> <p>It was moved by Pam McKenzie, seconded by Laura Murray,</p> <p>That GEC approve and recommend the revision of the Incomplete Courses (Regulation 6.07) and the Leave of Absence (Regulation 4.06) to Senate Committee on Academic Policy.</p> <p>No discussion followed.</p>	CARRIED
<p>5. Annual Report</p>	
<p>5.1 Scholarship Report</p>	
<p>Paula Menzies provided an overview of the external funding held by students in Faculties from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2022. Paula highlighted on some noticeable trends over the years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIHR, NSERC and Vanier funding have steadily increased • SSHRC funding has dropped <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is reflected in our annual CGSM award allocations and CGSD application quotas which has resulted in less funding • Provincial award programs are all award allocations and the number of awards allocated to Western has not moved much <p>A brief discussion ensued. The data presented will be distributed to each Faculty.</p>	
<p>6. For Information</p>	
<p>6.1 Reports Submitted to Senate</p>	
<p>6.1.1 Appeals/Scholastic Offense Report</p> <p>The Appeals/Scholastic Offense Report, distributed with the Agenda, listed an increasing number of scholastic offences. Linda Miller shared that the Provost's Task Force on Academic Integrity is currently working on an academic integrity module that walks students through different scenarios and helps them to make decisions. A brief discussion ensued.</p>	
<p>6.1.2 Western's Institutional Quality Assurance Report</p> <p>The Western IQAP Report, distributed with the Agenda, contained summaries of the: graduate program reviews during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 cycles; and the Senate approved Major Modification during the 2021-2022 cycle. Candace Loosely provided an update on the changes to the report since its preparation in June 2022. A brief discussion ensued.</p>	

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	Candace shared the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement has revamped its website. She noted that all IQAP reports are posted to the academic programs reports webpage when the process is complete.	
7.	Other Business	
	Members were invited to contact the SGPS Leadership Team to identify an item to bring forward for discussion at a future meeting. Linda Miller wishes everyone a lovely holiday break.	
8.	Adjourn	
	The meeting adjourned at 12:52pm	Date of next meeting: March 2, 2023 rescheduled to April 3, 2023

Recorded by Ann Hoffer