

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donnelly - Volodin

MOVED to approve the agenda as circulated. 

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May, 2015

Camp - Robertson

MOVED to approve the minutes as circulated. 

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 No follow-Up Report from the June 24, 2015 Executive of Council Meeting

4. REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

4.1 No report.

5. REPORTS FROM FGSR

5.1 Dean

FGSR Staffing Update
• Faculty Administrator: tbd
  – Grad.Admin@uregina.ca
• GSS1: Grace Baganes
  – Business Administration, JSGS, Nursing, Social Work, Indigenous Social Work
• GSS2: Amy Pledger
  – Engineering, Fine Arts
• GSS3: Dean Mulhall
  – Arts, Science, KHS, Education

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Graduate Research Fellowships

February 15th Deadline
– Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School
– Justice Studies/Police Studies
– Nursing
– Psychology
– Social Work
– Women’s and Gender Studies

April 15th Deadline
– Biology
– Chemistry/Biochemistry
– Computer Science
– Education
– English
– Engineering and Applied Science
– Fine Arts
– Geography
– Geology
– Gerontology
– History
– Kinesiology and Health Studies
– Mathematics/Statistics
– Physics
– Social and Political Thought

Grad Studies @ UofR:
Current status and possible future directions

• Recruitment
  – Overall recruitment, not individual programs
  – Fully funded, highly-qualified students
  – Undergraduate vs graduate recruitment

• Application
  – Scrutinize applications for fraud and plagiarism
  – Encourage Line-Faculties to speed up admission decisions

• Admission
  – Define minimum requirements
  – Ensure requirements are met

• Program development & quality
  – Guide for Graduate Program and Curriculum Development

• Funding
  – Advocacy for more graduate student support
  – Scholarships
  – Administration of internal and external awards (incl. SIOS, titled scholarships, Tri-Council)

• Graduation
  – Degree integrity

• Appeals
• Plagiarism
  – Increasingly challenging

• Accreditation
  – Ensure minimum qualifications of people involved with graduate students
• International agreements
  – Promote international agenda
• Internal:
  – Streamline processes
  – Promote quality
• External Agreements:
  – China Scholarship Council (CSC)
  – Vietnam International Education Development (VIED)
  – Science without Borders (Brazil)
  – South West Petroleum University (SWPU), China
  – Hunan University, China
  – Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship

What FGSR currently does not do:
• Recruit for individual programs
• Domestic recruitment

Current strategy is inward-focused
• Optimization:
  – Share resources between units
  – Internal cost savings in order to reinvest
  – New Initiatives
  – Paperless workflows
  – Professional Skill Development of graduate students
  – Mitacs membership
  – Funding changes
• Introduced long-term scholarships for thesis-based students
• Plans for base-funding at PhD level

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• FGSR-internal strategy
  – improve efficiency
  – develop strategies that lead to systemic change

Way forward
• Determine what kind of university we want to be:
  – Teaching vs. research
  – Undergraduate vs. graduate
  – Course-based vs. thesis-based graduate programs
  – Master’s vs. PhD
  – Many areas vs. few focused areas
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- If greater focus on research & graduate studies, we need to consider:
  - Who is impacted by this change?
  - Where do resources come from?
  - How do we achieve this change?
- Constraint: Resources
Graduate Student Enrolment

- By 2023 the proportion of graduate student enrolment to total student enrolment should rise to 20%; and
- By 2023 the ratio of doctoral to (research-based) masters students should increase to 1 to 1.

- Aboriginal Student Enrolment
  - By 2018 Aboriginal student enrolment should increase to 10% of undergraduate enrolment and 5% of graduate enrolment; and
  - By 2023 Aboriginal student enrolment should increase to 15% of undergraduate enrolment and 8% of graduate enrolment.

- International Student Enrolment
  - By 2018 international student enrolment should increase to 10% of undergraduate enrolment; and
  - By 2018 international student enrolment should account for 20% of graduate enrolment.

- Student Outcomes
  - By 2018 the persistence rate of first entry, full-time students from first to second year should increase to 90%;
  - By 2018 the graduation rate of undergraduate students should increase to 60%;
  - By 2018 80% of research-based masters students should have completed their degree within a 5 year period;
  - By 2018 the average time-to-completion for research-based masters students should be 7 terms (28 months);
  - By 2018 75% of doctoral students should have completed their degrees within 9 years; and
  - By 2018 the average time-to-completion for doctoral students should be 15 terms (60 months).
Key Questions
• Who do we want to be?
• How do we get there?

Armin’s Vision
• Gradually align FGSR with U15 practices:
  – Positions and distribution of responsibilities
  – Train and empower ADs in Line Faculties to make decisions
  – FGSR takes on the role of overseer
  – FGSR develops a university-wide strategy for graduate education
• Areas of Focus:
  – Quality:
    • Data/metrics (e.g., completion rates, completion times, employment rates, surveys)
    • Graduate enrolment plan
    • Outcomes-based assessment
  – Professional skills development of graduate students
  – New trends (e.g., dual/joint degrees)
• Needs:
  – Staffing
    • Part-time ADs (e.g., grad skills, policy, international, admission, students)
    • APT / OOS (e.g., recruiter, special projects)
  – Support needed from
    • Information Services (IS)
    • Office of Resource Planning (ORP)

5.2 Associate Dean Report
Welcomed new members and encouraged to meet.
Reminder that admission season will begin
- What resources are available
- Will communicate to units about ELP considerations and assistance

5.3 Manager, Graduate Scholarships and Awards
Saskatchewan Innovation Graduate Scholarship competition was cancelled.
  o There was some confusion regarding the application and instructions
  o We cancelled the award due to the inequity this caused
    ▪ We notified all
  o We will be holding an alternative competition sometime in the Fall semester.
    ▪ We have not determined the details of the competition yet
    ▪ An email announcement will be sent to all Associate Deans, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Administrative Contacts, and students
  o Saskatchewan Innovation Matching has not been affected as this is a different award.
    ▪ There will be a number of Tri-Council deadlines coming up in the Fall semester
  o Please watch for email notices from me
    ▪ On Thursday 10 Sept. we will be facilitating an information session about the CIHR doctoral application process. The session will be held in the FGSR boardroom
PhD GRF Authorization Form

- This is new this year
- We are wanting to streamline the administration of the award and therefore created this form
  - We were in consultation with Financial Services and Research Services and they suggested we create some type of form so they are able to provide the expiry dates of your research account
- If you are providing an additional award to your student, please complete your own payroll for this. We want to ensure this is kept separate from the PhD GRF awards. Please keep in mind if you are giving them additional funds, it must follow the $5,000 award limit outlined in the Terms of Reference

Please encourage your students to apply for Titled Scholarships and Awards.

Many Titled Scholarships and Awards are able to be matched under the Saskatchewan Innovation program and therefore more students benefit from the award.

5.4 **Director, Graduate Student Services**

No report.

5.5 **PhD Committee – Dr. Mark Brigham**

Will be setting up a meeting to discuss the guidelines for thesis.

5.6 **Scholarship and Awards Committee**

New members were announced.

6. **REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

6.1 **Faculty of Arts**

**MOTION 1: Archive Course**

*Jurdi – Rogers*

MOVED to archive ECON 831 – Applied Macroeconomics effective Fall 2015.

CARRIED

6.2 **Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science**

**MOTION 1: New Courses**

*Henni – Butz*

MOVED to create the following three new courses effective Winter 2016.

Discussion:
It was suggested the effective date be changed from Fall 2015 to Winter 2016.
ENSE 817 – Applied Artificial Intelligence
Concepts treated include object recognition, computer vision, and robotics. Applications of these concepts to engineering problems will be presented. A project, applying artificial intelligence concepts, will be performed by the student.

ENIN 834 – Introduction to Intelligent Systems

ENPC 870 – Advance Topics in CO2 Capture & Separation Using Reactive Solvents
The class will cover the fundamental issues as well as the advanced topics in carbon capture and separation using reactive solvents. Recent progress and new developments of the subject will be described and its industrial applications will be discussed.

MOTION 2: Program Change
Henni - Camp

MOVED to remove ENGG 900 – Engineering Graduate Seminar, as a requirement for all MEng programs that require ENGG 701 – Engineering Practice and Experience in Canada, ENGG 702 – Engineering Practice and Continuing Learning in the Workplace, and ENGG 703 – Engineering Practice, Professional Development, Communication and Ethical Challenges effective Fall 2015.

 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

MOTION 1: Changes to Academic Regulation and new Required to Discontinue Status
Rogers - Butz

MOVED to put forward as an Item for Discussion to the Executive of Council.
MOTION 1: Program Change MSW Thesis

Senkow – Jeffery

MOVED to change the Master of Social Work (Thesis route) effective Winter 2016.

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- SW 810, 811, 812, 816, 820, 821, 831, 835, 851, 890

Practice Electives
- Micro – SW 803, 820, 835, 840, 876, 890
- Mezzo – SW 803, 820, 840, 873, 876, 890
- Macro – SW 812, 820, 840, 851, 872, 890

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MOTION 2: Program Change MSW Research

Senkow – Jeffery

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MOTION 3: Program Change to MSW Field Practicum

Senkow – Jeffery

MOVED to change the Master of Social Work (Field Practicum route) effective Winter 2016.

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Course Titles

- SW 803 – End of Life Issues
- SW 810 – Social Policy Analysis
- SW 811 - Family and Child Policies and Programs
- SW 812 – Theory and Practice in Human Service Organizations
- SW 816 – Aging, Society and Human Service
- SW 820 – Feminist Theory and Analysis
- SW 821 – Selected Topics in Social Policy
- SW 831 – Work, Welfare and Social Justice
- SW 835 – Current Aboriginal Issues in Social Work Practice
- SW 840 – Selected Topics in Direct Social Work Practice
- SW 851 – Social Justice, Human Rights and Social Work
- SW 876 – Perspectives and Models of Social Work for Direct Practice
- SW 872 – Community Organizing and Social Work Practice
- SW 880 – Quantitative Methods in Social Work Research
- SW 881 – Qualitative and Applied Research Methods
- SW 885 – Thesis Proposal
- SW 890 – Directed Readings
- SW 901 – Thesis
- SW 902 – Field Practicum

MOTION 4: Change of Admission Requirements

Senkow – Jeffery

MOVED to have applicants to the Master of Social Work program have the equivalent of at least two years employment in a social work position following their BSW degree effective Winter 2016. Human service employment gained prior to and during the BSW degree may be considered as part of the two year employment requirement.

Discussion

It was suggested the effective date be changed from Fall 2015 to Winter 2016.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

8. ADJOURNMENT (3:22PM)
NOTE:
The next FGSR Faculty Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2015 at 2:30PM.
Location – AH 527
(The deadline for submission of agenda items is Monday, October 26, 2015).

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September 30, 2015