



**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
OPEN SESSION**

March 30, 2015 at 10:00 am room H-769

PRESENT

Ex-officio members: J. Beaudoin (Secretary), L. Caminati (Acting Chair).

Voting members: A. Arvanitogiannis, K. Boies, L. Caminati, E. Diamantoudi, A. Dolatabadi, W. Khreich, M. Mehmet Ali, C. Mulligan, B. Nelson, E. Peltier-Wagner, C. Reiss, K. Sawchuk, A. Sebak, S. Snow, V. Venkatesh.

Non-Voting members: M. C. Bolton, M. Jordan (Recording Secretary), B. Tucker.

Guests: D. Simon.

REGRETS

Voting members: S. Brutus, J.-C. Bustros, S. Chauhan, B. Farnesi, T. Gould, M. Khan, M. Kanji, A. Piekny, R. Raut, K. Riad, A. Whitelaw.

Non-voting members: W. Cheaib, J. Powlowski.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of February 9, 2015.

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

4. Chair's Remarks

In light of Dr Wood-Adams' absence, Dr Caminati chaired the meeting of the Council as Acting Dean of Graduate Studies. Dr Caminati noted that former president of the Council of Graduate

Schools in the United States, Debra Stewart, would be giving a presentation as part of the Strategic Directions Speaker Series on April 8. An invitation to a luncheon or breakfast with Dr Stewart would be forthcoming.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

Consent Agenda

6. Proposed Graduate Curriculum Changes

Faculty of Arts and Science

6.1	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1415 5 D1
6.2	Department of Applied Human Sciences (AHSC-16)	CSGS 1415 5 D2
6.3	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1415 5 D3
6.4	Department of Education (EDUC-61)	CSGS 1415 5 D4
6.5	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1415 5 D5
6.6	Départemnt d'études françaises (FRAN-24)	CSGS 1415 5 D6
6.7	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1415 5 D7
6.8	Department of Journalism (JOUR-15)	CSGS 1415 5 D8
6.9	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1415 5 D9
6.10	Department of Religion (RELI-25)	CSGS 1415 5 D10

Faculty of Fine Arts

6.11	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1415 5 D11
6.12	Department of Creative Arts Therapies (CATS-8)	CSGS 1415 5 D12

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

Business

7. Revision to the Doctoral Exam Regulations CSGS 1415 5 D13

Dr Nelson introduced a revision to the Doctoral Exam Regulations whereby the report of the external evaluator would be available for consultation by the thesis supervisor. Currently, the supervisor is only notified in the case of a negative report but is not permitted to know the contents of said report. This revision is one step of a larger review to be undertaken shortly. There was some discussion about the role of the thesis defence and whether allowing the supervisor to know the contents of the external evaluator's report would be detrimental to the purpose of the thesis defence. According to research conducted by the Office of Student Affairs

and to anecdotal evidence from faculty members having served as external evaluators at other institutions, the practice of revealing the report is common elsewhere.

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, V. Venkatesh). Carried, one abstention (M. Mehmet Ali).

Presentations

8. Deborah Simon, Coordinator, Student Parents Centre

Ms Simon gave a brief overview of the services provided by the Student Parents Centre such as referrals for child care, a children's play area, computers for student use, a group work area, a breastfeeding centre, financial and time management advice as well as a variety of workshops. The Centre also provides a venue for student parents who often feel isolated to make social contacts. Faculty members were encouraged to spread the word amongst their students.

Information

9. Nominations for the Spring 2015 Convocation Non-academic
Medals and Awards

CSGS 1415 5 D14

Dr Caminati urged Council members to consider nominating deserving graduate students for the Convocation Medals and Awards.

Other

10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: **May 14, 2015** from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in H 767

Adjournment of the Open Session moved and seconded (B. Nelson, V. Venkatesh).

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Graduate Studies