



SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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

May 18, 2017 at 10:00 am room LB 362

PRESENT

Ex-officio members: J. Beaudoin (Secretary), J. Wiercinski, P. Wood-Adams (Chair).

Voting members: A. Aghdam, M. Akbar, S. Betton (for A.-M. Croteau), P. Bianucci, S. Chauhan, M. Debbabi, E. Diamantoudi, A. Dolatabadi, B. Freiwald, E. Monson, B. Nelson, P. Pawelek, E. Peltier-Wagner, A. Poteete, K. Sawchuk, K. Schmitt, S. Ullah, G. Vaillancourt.

Non-Voting members: M. C. Bolton, M. Jordan (Recording Secretary), D. Therrien.

Guests: A. Fish.

REGRETS

Voting members: R. M. Azad, J. Berzowksa, S. Bhagwati, H. Bin Jawaid, T. Gould, B. Jaumard, M. Mehmet Ali, M. Watson.

Non-voting members: W. Cheaib.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order immediately following the Closed Session.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, A. Aghdam). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of February 27, 2017.

Moved and seconded (K. Schmitt, B. Nelson). Carried.

4. Chair's Remarks

Dr Wood-Adams took the opportunity to thank Dr Catherine Bolton for her service to the University in her role as Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning. She reiterated the incredible work done by Dr Bolton who inherited a very broad dossier with many projects in various states of completion to which she was able to bring order.

The Chair also bid a temporary good-bye to Associate Dean Faye Diamantoudi who had recently accepted a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - Research Fellowship. The fellowship is offered by the European Commission and lasts one year. Dr Wood-Adams spoke on behalf of the School when stating that she was proud to have researchers of this calibre working so closely in graduate studies at Concordia. Former Associate Dean, Vivek Venkatesh will be taking on Dr Diamantoudi's portfolio in the interim.

Dr Wood-Adams concluded her remarks by thanking Council members for their exemplary work in graduate studies and for their contributions to the School and the Concordia community at large.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

Consent Agenda

6. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

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| 6.1 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1617 5 D1 |
| 6.2 | Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering (ELEC-96) | CSGS 1617 5 D2 |
| 6.3 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1617 5 D3 |
| 6.4 | Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering (MECH-99) | CSGS 1617 5 D4 |

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, A. Aghdam). Carried.

Business

7. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

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| 7.1 | Transfer Credit Regulation | CSGS 1617 5 D5 |
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Dr Aghdam explained that while a similar document had been presented and approved at the previous meeting of Council, there was an oversight that required updating. In response to a comment regarding the consultation process that led to this regulation changes, Drs Wood-Adams and Aghdam expressed that they would be pleased to meet any faculty administrator seeking more information or context.

Moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, M. Debbabi). Carried, one abstention.

Presentation

8. Faye Diamantoudi, Associate Dean, Recruitment and Awards
Graduate Awards Allocation Model

Dr Diamantoudi provided an overview of the new Graduate Awards Allocation Model; the presentation of which was subsequently forwarded to Council members. There was some discussion about the representation of disciplines who traditionally do not receive funding from the Tri-Councils, such as Cinema and other Fine Arts programs. These areas tend to receive funding from other sources and there was concern that their awards allocation may be unfairly skewed. This concern was noted and a consultation process with the faculties would take place as the model evolves.

There was also a question as to the manner with which the two interdisciplinary programs were considered in the exercise. It was decided that HUMA and INDI would be treated differently going forward. The presentation was to be sent out to members following the meeting.

9. Paula Wood-Adams, Dean of Graduate Studies
Results of the 2016 Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey

Dr Wood-Adams presented an analysis of the most recent CGPSS which had been conducted approximately one year prior. The CGPSS is run every three years with participation from all universities across Canada with graduate program and it focuses on student experience and satisfaction. Over 50 institutions participated in the survey and 1,500 Concordia graduate students responded. Due to our graduate student population, the replies were dominated by students in ENCS programs; greater participation from students in other disciplines would be desirable. The Chair reminded Council members that our previous results were quite poor and that Concordia's improved showing is a significant improvement. The presentation was to be sent out to members following the meeting.

Other Next Meeting: September – to be announced

10. Adjournment of the Open Session moved and seconded (B. Nelson, E. Diamantoudi).

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Jordan
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Graduate Studies