



**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

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

**November 13, 2017 at 10:00 am room LB 362**

**PRESENT**

Ex-officio members: J. Beaudoin (Secretary), C. Guy, S. Poulin, P. Wood-Adams (Chair).

Voting members: A. Aghdam, O. Ait Mohamed, J. Berzowksa, S. Chang-Kredl, M. Debbabi, D. Erropole, D. Howes, T. Mohamed, B. Nelson, P. Pawelek, E. Peltier-Wagner, A. Poteete, K. Sawchuk, A. Soliman, M. Taufiqzaman, G. Vaillancourt, V. Venkatesh, M. Watson.

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

Guests: J. McGrath.

**REGRETS**

Voting members: C. Assi, S. Bhagwati, K. Boies, S. Chauhan, B. Jaumard, L. Qashu, S. Ullah, C. Wild.

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of October 12, 2017

Moved and seconded (V. Venkatesh, M. Debbabi). Carried.

4. Chair's Remarks

Dr Wood-Adams announced to Council that she had been officially renewed for a second term as Dean of Graduate Studies and thanked CSGS members and her team at the School of Graduate Studies for their support over the past 4 years.

The Chair recently returned from the Canadian Science Policy Conference in Ottawa where the Naylor Report commissioned by the office of Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science, was discussed. Minister Duncan addressed the conference and reiterated her desire to ensure that the general public understand the importance of research and research funding on Canadian society; she also announced budget increases for the Tri-Councils.

Dr Wood-Adams was set to leave shortly for a PhD recruitment trip in Beijing and Shanghai, China. This is the fourth time that she attends this fair where most of the potential applicants are eligible for the China Scholarship and have guaranteed academic positions upon their return to China. The China PhD Fair is highly competitive and it is difficult to secure new students; the Chair asked members for assistance in recruiting potential applicants when she returns.

The School of Graduate Studies announced the call for the second cohort of Public Scholars and Dr Wood-Adams asked Council members to encourage their brightest students (PhD candidates) to apply.

One of our own Council members, Leila Qashu (Postdoctoral Fellow representative) was honoured with the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies' Distinguished Dissertation Award for Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences presented annually at the national meeting of CAGS.

Dr Wood-Adams also attended the Gender Summit held in Montreal where Minister Duncan again raised the issue of public outreach regarding the role of research in society. The School of Graduate Studies organized a competition that sponsored 10 students' attendance at the Summit, two of whom are Public Scholars. The Gender Summit attendees will be organizing a future public event to share their experience.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

**Consent Agenda**

6. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

**School of Graduate Studies**

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| 6.1 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1718 2 D1 |
| 6.2 | Individualized Program           | CSGS 1718 2 D2 |

Dr Wood-Adams explained that, while most curriculum items are immediately sent forward to the Academic Programs Committee following their approval at the Graduate Curriculum Committee, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies will approve INDI

proposals in its capacity as a “faculty council”. A Council member requested that items CSGS 1718 2 D1 and D2 be removed from the Consent Agenda. A discussion about the credit value of INDI 885 and its representativeness of the work ensued. S. Chang-Kredl explained that a survey of credit values in similar programs was conducted. (B. Nelson, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

## Business

### 7. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

#### **Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science**

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| 7.1 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC  | CSGS 1718 2 D3 |
| 7.2 | Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering<br>New Program: <i>Certificate in Chemical Engineering</i> | CSGS 1718 2 D4 |

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, M. Debbabi). Carried, one abstention.

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| 7.3 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC  | CSGS 1718 2 D5 |
| 7.4 | Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering<br>New Program: <i>Diploma in Chemical Engineering</i> | CSGS 1718 2 D6 |

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, M. Debbabi). Carried, one abstention.

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| 7.5 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC   | CSGS 1718 2 D7 |
| 7.6 | Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering<br>New Program: <i>MASc in Chemical Engineering</i> | CSGS 1718 2 D8 |

Moved and seconded (B. Nelson, M. Debbabi). Carried, one abstention.

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| 7.7 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC  | CSGS 1718 2 D9  |
| 7.8 | Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering<br>New Program: <i>PhD in Chemical Engineering</i> | CSGS 1718 2 D10 |

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

Dr Nelson provided a brief introduction to the new suite of programs in Chemical Engineering offered by the recently established Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering. He thanked Dr Alex de Visscher, Ms Frédérica Martin and Ms Marwa Gouda for their work which was instrumental in speedily ushering the programs through the approval process. Dr Nelson then invited Dr de Visscher to give an overview of the proposals.

Dr de Visscher explained that the programs were conceptualized with the goal of ‘doubling our research’ in mind. For the moment, the Department decided to focus solely on chemical engineering and may consider adding more programs or options in materials engineering in the future, as well as a possible MEng option. There are currently four programs in this discipline in the province, only one of which is offered in the English language, at McGill University. There are eight similar programs in Ontario, two in Atlantic Canada and four in Western Canada. The University is undertaking significant

renovations in the Hall Building to house the new department which boasts faculty members including our own Dean of Graduate Studies as well as the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, amongst others. There will also be a Chemical Engineering ‘hub’ on the Loyola Campus.

## **Presentation**

8. Jennifer McGrath, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology  
*Open Access*

Dr Wood-Adams welcomed Dr McGrath to the Council. Dr McGrath provided members with a brief biographical sketch as well as an overview of her work in Psychology and her project on open access project *Data Scientifique*.

Dr McGrath explained that much misunderstanding surrounds the concept of open access and how it should be implemented in faculty members’ research. She pointed out that currently SSHRC requires research data to be open access and that such measures will be coming to the other Tri-Council agencies.

There was some discussion about the benefits of open access and the need to keep in mind that there are intellectual property, embargo and partnership issues, and that safeguards would be necessary. Dr McGrath’s slides and website address were to be distributed to Council members.

**Other**            Next Meeting: December 18, 2017 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in LB 362

9. Adjournment of the Open Session moved and seconded (A. Aghdam, B. Nelson).

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