



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

February 10, 2014 at 10:00 am room H 767

PRESENT

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

Voting members: G. Brown, S. Brutus, S. Chauhan, F. Crooks, E. Diamantoudi, B. Farnesi, M. Mehmet Ali, C. Mulligan, B. Nelson, E. Peltier-Wagner, K. Riad, K. Schmitt, V. Shankar, S. Snow, V. Venkatesh, H. Wasson.

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

Guests: J. Drummond, B. Gabrial, P. Joyce, S. Paddock, A. Satir, T. Too.

REGRETS

Voting members: K. Boies, L. Caminati, G. Dionne, M. Fritsch, T. Gould, N. Rantisi, R. Raut, S. White, R. Wuthrich.

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 (K. Schmitt, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 13, 2014

Moved and seconded (K. Schmitt, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

4. Chair's Remarks

In order to allow time for the presentations, the Chair deferred her remarks.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

Consent Agenda

6. Proposed Graduate Curriculum Changes

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| 6.1 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1314 5 D3 |
| 6.2 | Department of Accountancy (CPA-0) | CSGS 1314 5 D4 |

Moved and seconded (K. Schmitt, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

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7. Proposed Graduate Curriculum Changes

Faculty of Arts and Science

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| 7.1 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1314 5 D1 |
| 7.2 | Department of History (HIST-16) | CSGS 1314 5 D2 |

This item was moved from the consent agenda to Business. (H. Wasson, V. Venkatesh). Carried.

A member questioned the Department of History's request to remove all of the coursework at the PhD level and stated that, should this be a continuing trend, a broader discussion on this topic would be desirable. Dr Venkatesh informed Council that the PhD in the Humanities Working Group is studying this question, amongst others. The Chair suggested that the PhD in the Humanities Working Group make a presentation on its findings to Council in the future.

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| 7.3 | GCC report from the Chair of GCC | CSGS 1314 5 D5 |
| 7.4 | Department of Journalism (JOUR-6) | CSGS 1314 5 D6 |
| | New Program: Diploma in Visual Journalism | |

Dr Venkatesh requested speaking privileges for Drs B. Gabriel and S. Paddock. Dr Venkatesh added that the proposal for the new diploma was very well written and of exceptional high quality. Dr Gabriel provided Council with an overview of the program, one of a few of its type existing in North America. Professional journalism is currently in a state of flux due to developing technologies and other circumstances in news reporting. The new diploma serves as a tool for educators to address this situation by providing journalists with added skills; it is interdisciplinary and will be easily adapted to future changes in industry. The existing Diploma in Journalism is a generalist degree and the department intends to review it in the future, after the introduction of the Diploma in Visual Journalism.

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

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- 7.5 GCC report from the Chair of GCC CS GS 1314 5 D7
7.6 Department of Supply Chain and Business Technology Management
(MSCM-0) CS GS 1314 5 D8
New Program: Master of/Magisteriate in Supply Chain Management

Dr Venkatesh requested speaking privileges for Dr A. Satir and added that this proposal was also very well written following an 18-month consultative and collaborative process between the School of Graduate Studies and the Department of Supply Chain and Business Technology Management. Dr Satir provided an overview of the program to Council and explained that it will be comprised of five courses and a project as the principal research component; hence the program's name Master in Supply Chain Management as opposed to a Master of Science. The Master's will provide a much needed bridge between the undergraduate and doctoral levels. Co-supervision of the project across departments and even Faculties, particularly with ENCS, will be encouraged. An internship coordinator position will be created to assist all students in securing appropriate stages in industry. Practical experience of candidates as demonstrated by CVs, letters of reference and statements of purpose will be considered in the admissions process.

Moved and seconded (V. Venkatesh, S. Brutus). Carried.

Presentations

8. Luca Caminati, Associate Dean, Recruitment and Awards

This presentation was deferred to a future meeting.

9. Jennifer Drummond, Coordinator, Sexual Assault Resource Centre

Dr Wood-Adams welcomed Ms Drummond from the newly established Sexual Assault Resource Centre, a somewhat unique service in that it is staffed by a remunerated coordinator rather than volunteers, as is the case in most other institutions. The Centre will provide support to students, staff and faculty members on crisis intervention and issues related to sexual harassment and sexual assault, including accompaniment to hospital or to legal proceedings. The Office of Rights and Responsibility and the Centre will work closely together. The Centre is located on the third floor of the Guy Metro building.

10. Terry Too, Project Director, SIS

The Chair welcomed Mr Too to Council. Mr Too provided Council members with a brief overview and a progress update of the new Student Information System (SIS). The new SIS will allow for waitlists, self-reporting of grades by candidates, uploading of portfolios, matching graduate students to faculty members based on research interests, progress tracking of thesis students as well as a mobile version, amongst other functionalities. The Student Request System and the graduate awards database will also be integrated into the new SIS. A 'train the trainer' approach will be used for system transition and will begin three months prior to the 'go live' date of January 2015, after the Winter term DNE deadline so as to reduce possible disruptions. The Concordia community can expect to receive regular information and progress updates as the project nears implementation.

Other Next Meeting: March 10, 2014, from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon H 767

Adjournment

Moved and seconded (V. Venkatesh, K. Schmitt). Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Graduate Studies