



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

**May 15, 2014 at 10:00 am room MB 14.250**

**PRESENT**

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

Voting members: G. Brown, L. Caminati, S. Chauhan, E. Diamantoudi, G. Dionne, B. Farnesi, M. Fritsch, M. Mehmet Ali, C. Mulligan, B. Nelson, N. Rantisi, R. Raut, K. Riad, K. Schmitt, V. Shankar, V. Venkatesh, R. Wuthrich.

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

**REGRETS**

Voting members: K. Boies, S. Brutus, F. Crooks, T. Gould, E. Peltier-Wagner, S. Snow, H. Wasson, S. White.

Non-voting members: M. C. Bolton, W. Cheaib, 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 (V. Shankar, B. Nelson). Carried.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2014**

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

**4. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair thanked Council members for their regular attendance and contributions to Council through interesting discussion and questions, and the Associate Deans and staff at the School of Graduate Studies for their support and assistance throughout the academic year.

Dr Wood-Adams reminded Council of our excellent results in provincial fellowship competitions this year. One of our students, Sherin Al-Safadi, competed in the local Three-Minute Thesis competition and will be going to the national 3MT competition in Halifax organised by the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies. Dr Wood-Adams continued by providing an update to the recently held Concordia Summer Research Institute (CSRI), which was a resounding success. Participants were able to work with Hexagram, the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling and Perform over a four-day experience with academic and social activities culminating in a research presentation competition. The desire is to continue the CSRI in future years and to encourage more applications.

The Chair explained that the NSERC quota for the coming academic year is that of five applications. The quotas are frozen for a period of two years and are determined based on the success rate of applications in the preceding three years. This year the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships process has been accelerated in an effort to provide results earlier to applicants and universities. Dr Wood-Adams reiterated that the quotas imposed by the granting agencies are for applications and not for awards, and do not guarantee a particular number of awards per institution. The School will also be receiving two site visits for new PhD programs from the Bureau de la coopération interuniversitaire: the PhD in English on May 16 and the PhD in Geography, Urban and Environmental Studies on June 16.

The Administrative Director reminded Council members that the School will be moving to its new space on the ninth floor of the Guy-Metro building in the early fall; an official announcement will follow.

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 1314 7 D1
6.2	Department of Economics (ECON-22)	CSGS 1314 7 D2
6.3	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1314 7 D3
6.4	Département d'études françaises (FRAN-22)	CSGS 1314 7 D4

Moved and seconded (G. Brown, B, Nelson). Carried.

**Other Business**

Next Meeting: September 2014

## **Adjournment**

Moved and seconded (G. Brown, V. Shankar). Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan  
Recording Secretary  
Council of the School of Graduate Studies