



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

**October 28, 2013 at 10:00 am room EV 2.184**

**PRESENT**

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

Voting members: K. Boies, S. Brutus, L. Caminati, S. Chauhan, F. Crooks, E. Diamantoudi, G. Dionne, B. Farnesi, P. Joyce (replacing G. Brown), M. Mehmet Ali, N. Rantisi, R. Raut, K. Schmitt, S. Snow, V. Venkatesh, H. Wasson, S. White, R. Wuthrich, R. Zmeureanu (replacing C. Mulligan).

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

Guests: L. Lequin, D. Marcoux.

**REGRETS**

Voting members: N. Changzi, M. Fritsch, T. Gould, B. Nelson, E. Peltier-Wagner, V. Shankar.

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and seconded (K. Schmitt, E. Diamantoudi). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 16, 2013

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

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair shared a piece of good news with Council members in, that despite the reduction of the endowment payout from 5% to 3.5%, the University has made the decision to cover the shortfall for this year; testament to the University's commitment to graduate funding.

5. Question Period

Council members were pleased with the news of the endowment payout and questioned if they could expect a sustained situation over the coming years. The Chair replied that multi-year awards would see their value maintained through the life of the award but that the value of one-year awards may change (but not for 2014-2015) depending on future funding payouts.

A Council member stated having received negative feedback from departmental colleagues with regard to the new thesis defence chair policy, and asked if there have been any ideas to assist the departments in finding thesis chairs. It was also noted that the situation has proven particularly difficult for the PhD in Humanities program. The Chair replied that this particular situation was not foreseen when the policy was enacted and that she will work with Dr Brad Nelson to address those difficulties facing HUMA. She also noted that the objective of the policy was not to shift labour to the departmental level but to improve efficiency, and that Dr Nelson is willing to meet with departments to develop a functional system, if requested.

**Consent Agenda**

6. Proposed Graduate Curriculum Changes

**Faculty of Arts & Science**

6.1	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1314 2 D1
6.2	Department of Education (EDUC-51)	CSGS 1314 2 D2
6.3	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1314 2 D3
6.4	Department of Geography, Planning and Environment (GEOG-27)	CSGS 1314 2 D4
6.5	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1314 2 D5
6.6	Department of Psychology (PSYC-13)	CSGS 1314 2 D6

**Faculty of Fine Arts**

6.7	GCC report from the Chair of GCC	CSGS 1314 2 D7
6.8	Department of Studio Arts	CSGS 1314 2 D8

Moved and seconded (V. Venkatesh, P. Joyce). Carried.

## Business

### 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 2 D9  |
| 7.2 | Département d'études françaises (FRAN-13)<br>New Option: <i>Maîtrise en traductologie professionnelle – sans mémoire (Option A)</i> | CSGS 1314 2 D10 |

Dr Vivek Venkatesh requested speaking privileges for Drs Lucie Lequin and Danièle Marcoux, representatives from the Département d'études françaises. Dr Venkatesh introduced the present curriculum change as a new option to the current MA program in the Département d'études françaises; the new option will be the first graduate program recognized by the Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes du Québec (OTTIAQ). The proposal included learning outcomes in addition to the usual course forms and comparative tables. Dr Lequin addressed Council and provided a brief overview of the program's niche in the discipline. Dr Lequin further explained that the current MA is largely theoretical whereas the new option is professional in nature, and appeals to candidates with a bachelor's degree in another field. The new option will require a significantly higher level of competency than the Department's OTTIAQ-recognized BA program. The new option is built upon existing courses and requires no new resources. Candidates who already possess an undergraduate degree recognized by the OTTIAQ would not be eligible for the new option and would be steered towards the existing theoretical option, when appropriate. When questioned about the effect this new option may have on the graduate diploma in translation, Dr Marcoux explained that they expect an impact on enrolments to the diploma but, as the clientèle is distinct and a number of the students are international, it is expected to be minor. The Department also plans to conduct an impact analysis of the new option on the diploma's enrolments in two years' time.

Moved and seconded (P. Joyce, K. Boies). Carried.

### 8. Ratification

Ratification – Faculty Tribunal Pool nominees CSGS 1314 2 D11

Moved and seconded (K. Schmitt, L. Caminati). Carried.

## Presentation

### 9. *SGS 2013-2015: Goals and Objectives:* Dr Paula Wood-Adams, Dean, Graduate Studies

The Chair gave a presentation outlining the School's goals and objectives over the next two years of which the general spirit was one of improving excellence in graduate education at Concordia, bolstering funding and training opportunities for students, promoting efficiency in administration, assisting graduate program directors by providing tools and expertise, and furthering the School's role as advisor and expert in matters related to graduate studies university-wide. Following the presentation, a number of suggestions regarding the issue of fostering interdisciplinary at Concordia were raised including adapting research@concordia

to effectively draw similarities and links between programs and departments, rather than solely at the researcher level. Dr Wood-Adams stated that the website is currently undergoing changes and is now to be known as explore@concordia, and suggested that explore@concordia's developers be invited to make a presentation at a future meeting of Council.

### **Adjournment**

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

**Other**            Next Meeting: December 2, 2013 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon H 767

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan  
Recording Secretary  
Council of the School of Graduate Studies