

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

**October 1, 2015 at 10:00 am room EV 2.184**

**PRESENT**

**Ex-officio members:** J. Beaudoin (Secretary), D. Kapa, B. Nelson (Acting Chair).

**Voting members:** K. Boies, L. Caminati, J. Capobianco (for K. Sawchuk), S. Chauhan, M. Debbabi, E. Diamantoudi, B. Freiwald, J. Leclerc, M. Mehmet Ali, J. Neves, V. Peters, K. Riad, A. Sebak, A. Whitelaw, S. Zahabi.

**Non-Voting members:** M. Jordan (Recording Secretary), I. Kraulis (for B. Tucker).

**Guests:** C. Smith

**REGRETS**

**Voting members:** A.-M. Croteau, A. Dolatabadi, T. Gould, M. Kanji, E. Peltier-Wagner, A. Piekny, R. Raut, C. Reiss, R. Waldie.

**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. Welcome and Introductions

Dr Brad Nelson, in his capacity of Acting Chair, informed Council members that Dr Wood-Adams was attending a summit in Singapore and would not be in attendance. He welcomed Council members to the first meeting of the academic year and led a tour de table.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of May 14, 2015

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

5. Chair's Remarks

In the interest of time, Dr Nelson waived his remarks.

6. Question Period

There were no questions.

### **Consent Agenda**

7. Election/Ratification

7.1 Steering Committee members CSGS 1516 1 D1

Item 7.1 was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

7.2 Ratification – Faculty Tribunal Pool nominees CSGS 1516 1 D2

8. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes

#### **Faculty of Fine Arts**

8.1 GCC report from the Chair of GCC CSGS 1516 1 D3

8.2 Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema (CINE-18) CSGS 1516 1 D4

Moved and seconded (J. Leclerc, J. Neves). Carried.

### **Distribution/Discussion**

9. SGS Highlights 2014-2015 CSGS 1516 1 D5

Ms Beaudoin provided Council members with a brief overview of the SGS Highlights document. In response to a question from a Council member about interdisciplinary programs, Ms Beaudoin replied that significant work in this area had been undertaken by the Academic Programs unit under former Associate Dean, Vivek Venkatesh and Ms. Frédérica Martin; Dr Nelson has taken on this portfolio for 2015-2016 and several new projects are on the horizon.

Dr Caminati explained that the Awards unit had been working steadily on the formula allocation and expects the details to be distributed in December, as planned. Dr Nelson noted that a draft strategic plan for the School of Graduate Studies aligned with the Strategic Directions exercise is currently in progress and should be made available to members by the end of the year.

A Council member suggested that more efforts be made in securing teaching opportunities for graduate students, in particular for those in INDI and the PhD in Humanities. Dr Nelson agreed that this represents a challenge, and pointed out that the School is mindful of the situation and advocates on behalf of these programs whenever possible while respecting the roles of the Deans in the Faculties.

## **Information**

### 10. 10.1 Council of the School of Graduate Studies

10.1.1 Council Membership 2015-2016

CSGS 1516 1 D6

10.1.2 Powers of Council

CSGS 1516 1 D7

### 10.2 Call for Honorary Degree nominations

CSGS 1516 1 D8

The above documents were distributed to Council members for their information.

**Other** Next Meeting: October 26, 2015 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon in H-767

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan  
Recording Secretary  
Council of the School of Graduate Studies