

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

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 11:00 am in LB 362

PRESENT

Ex-officio members: F. Diamantoudi (Chair), R. Johal, D. Lafrance (Secretary).

Voting members: A. Aghdam, R. Berger, L. Caminati, A. Fattoum-Guedri, M. Medraj, S. Moritz, P. Pawelek, D. Raju, I. Richmond, A. Salas, F. Scala, A. Soliman, P. Stoyanov, M. Sussman, MJ Thompson, F. Yuen, M. Zaare.

Non-Voting members: S. Gabriele.

Guests: N. Butt.

REGRETS

Voting members: C. An, K. Boies, D. Bowen, Y. Gélinas, X. Huang, A. Sinner, S. Ullah, C. Wilds.

Non-Voting members: S. De Celles, W. Cheaib.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of the amended Agenda

Moved and seconded (F. Scala, MJ Thompson). Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Meeting of February 3, 2023

Moved and seconded (F. Scala, L. Caminati). Carried.

4. Chair's Remarks

In light of the shortened meeting, the Chair kept her remarks brief. She reminded members of the need to concentrate on enrolment figures and stated that

representatives from the School of Graduate Studies would be touring departments to discuss enrolment strategies with regard to funding and awards.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

Discussion

6. Calendar Revisions for Thesis

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Drs Diamantoudi and Pawelek presented a summary of revised thesis regulations that were recommended by a working group with representation from each of the faculties, the INDI program and the School of Graduate Studies' decanal team.

The goal of the revised regulations is to establish a single, consistent and concise source and to guarantee the integrity of the regulations, all the while facilitating the process. The working group investigated the practices in place at 13 sister institutions; its primary focus was the composition of the examining committee and the adjudication procedures.

The examining committee will now be composed of the supervisor, two examiners, one examiner at arm's length, and an external examiner. A pathway exists for non-traditional examiners, such as community elders. Henceforth, the committee can take one of two decisions: to accept or not accept. A thesis may be resubmitted for examination within 6 months; a second decision not to accept will result in a rejection.

The revised regulations will return to Council for final approval at the next meeting.

Other

7. Adjournment

Moved and seconded (P. Pawelek, M. Medraj). Carried.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in LB 362

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jordan
Recording Secretary
Council of the School of Graduate Studies