

**Summary Minutes of a Meeting of the  
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH  
Held in the Council Chamber, University Hall  
Thursday, November 10, 2005, 2:00 pm**

Attendance

MRT Dale in the Chair	M Shirvani
M Haughey	J Varsava
T Krukoff	H Hogg, Secretary

Department Representatives

E Bork, Ag Food & Nutri Sciences	S O'Byrne, Law
A Ball, Art & Design	S Rice, Linguistics
B Lemire, Biochemistry	YS Wong, Math & Stat Sciences
A Nelson, Chem & Mat Eng	M Glerum, Medical Genetics
J Takats, Chemistry	L Guilbert, Med Microbiology & Immun
D Zhu, Civil & Enviro Engineering	G Tyrrell, Medical Sciences
N Amaral, Computing Science	P Lacy, Medicine
L Kline, Dentistry	R Thornberry, Modern Lang & Cultural Stds
L Livingstone, Drama	J Despres, Music
T Ono, East Asian Studies	S Dunn, Pharmacology
H van Egteren, Economics	P Gervais, Physical Education & Recreation
Y Tsui, Electrical & Comp Eng	R Marchand, Physics
H Zwicker, English & Film Studies	A Joyce, Psychiatry
K Campbell, Extension	D Heth, Psychology
M Cavanagh, Faculté Saint-Jean	D Saunders, Public Health Sciences
J Church, Health Promotion Studies	F Landy, Religious Studies
C Mackay, History & Classics	P Blenis, Renewable Resources
M Keelan, Lab Med & Pathology	P Schneider, Speech Pathology & Audiology

Graduate Student Representatives

T Bakinson, President	MR Shadnam, Mechanical Eng
E Madu, VP Academic	A Siemens, Renewable Resources
G Hao, VP Labour Relations	C Schreyer, Anthropology
K Cameron, Educ Psychology	H Kaminsky, Chemical & Mat Eng
D Preece, Political Science	B Jensen, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
N Cabilio, Biochemistry	

Ex officio

K Adams, Libraries

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a. Approval of the minutes of September 16, 2005.

The minutes were approved.

- b. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3.1 Approval of the list of Fall Convocation 2005 Graduands**

MOTION: It was moved by S Rice and seconded by P Schneider that the Fall 2005 convocation list be approved.

VOTE: The motion was PUT and CARRIED, unanimously.

**3.2 Proposal for independent MSc & PhD in Public Health Sciences**

MOTION: It was moved by T Krukoff and seconded by L Kline that the proposal for independent MSc and PhD programs in Public Health Sciences be approved.

VOTE: The motion was PUT and CARRIED, 47-0, 2 abstentions.

**4. INFORMAL BUSINESS**

- a. Question Period

A GSA representative asked when FGSR Council would discuss graduate program grading. The Chair advised the discussion would occur after Fall Term 2005 grades are complete.

- b. Announcements and Reports by the Chair and Councillors

1. Graduate Program Review Status

The Chair gave a brief report on the outcome of the two rounds of Graduate Program Reviews, noting results of the first round matched the outlined goal, while the second round surpassed its goal with 27 of 51 graduate programs ranking a score of 3.5 or higher.

2. International Student Report

The Chair advised that the FGSR's internationalization program is going well. Current registrations show a third of graduate students are international with more than 10 students from 33 different countries. The FGSR has targeted an international student population of 30 percent with more than 10 students from 35 different countries.

3. Awards Funded through International Agreements

J Varsava reminded Councillors about the FGSR's international funding agreements (such as CONACYT, Colfuturo and China Scholarship Council) and he encouraged departments to take advantage of these fund-sharing agreements.

- c. Other Business

None.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*[Secretary's note: Agenda item 3 (Unfinished Business) was moved to agenda item 5]*

**Doctoral Candidacy Examination Timeline Discussion**

At its September 2005 meeting, FGSR Council tabled a proposal that would require doctoral candidates to pass the candidacy examination no later than 36 months from the program start date be approved.

Councillors requested more information, including the number of students who took more than 33 months to complete their candidacy, plus a break-down by department.

M Haughey said the FGSR would bring more data back to Council at a future meeting.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.