

Attendance at FGSR Council – March 14, 2018

Department/Unit Faculty Representatives

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| Biochemistry | David Stuart |
| Biological Sciences | Amy Timleck |
| Business (non-departmentalized) - PhD | Trish Reay |
| Chemicals & Materials Engineering | Vinay Prasad |
| Communication Sciences & Disorders | Joanne Volden |
| Computing Science | Janelle Harms |
| Economics | Heather Eckert |
| Educational Policy Studies | Jorge Sousa |
| Educational Psychology | Veronica Smith |
| Educational Studies | Elaine Simmt |
| English and Film Studies | Albert Braz |
| Faculte Saint-Jean (non-departmentalized) | Samira El Atia |
| History & Classics | Margriet Haagsma |
| Law (non-departmentalized) | Barbara Billingsley |
| Library & Information Studies | Ali Shiri |
| Mathematical & Statistical Science | Jochen Kuttler |
| Medical Genetics (Medical Sciences) | Sarah Hughes |
| Modern Languages & Cultural Studies | Micah True |
| Native Studies (non-departmentalized) | Sean Robertson |
| Nursing (non-departmentalized) | Diane Kunyk |
| Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences (non-departmentalized) | Scot Simpson |
| Physical Education & Recreation (non-departmentalized) | Normand Boule |
| Religious Studies | Ryan Dunch |
| Surgery | Fred Berry |
| Women's and Gender Studies | Felice Lifshitz |

Associate Deans (Graduate) Representatives for Departmentalized Faculties

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| Arts | Tom Spalding |
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Ex-Officio Representatives

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| FGSR Dean & Vice-Provost (FGSR Council Chair) | Dean Zwicker |
| FGSR Associate Dean | Bryan Hogeveen |
| FGSR Associate Dean | Robin Overall |
| Senior Administrative Officer, FGSR (Secretary) | Amy Dambrowitz |

Graduate Program Administrators Committee (GPAC) Representatives

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| Department of Anthropology | Heather Cook |
| Department of Mechanical Engineering | Gail Dowler |

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Directly Elected Officials (DEO) Representatives

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| VP Labour | Sasha van der Klein |
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Graduate Student Association (GSA) Council Representatives

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| Biomedical Engineering | Kevin Solar |
| Business PhD | Dasha Smirnow |
| Chemical and Mechanical Engineering | Abdulrahman Albeladi |
| Educational Policy Studies | Alleson Mason |
| Electrical and Computer Engineering | Adan Wang |
| Internetworking | Khushmit Kaur |
| Medical Genetics | Istahil Abdullahi |
| Medicine | Kerolous Messeha |
| Surgery | Hayden Danyluk |
| Surgery | Jonathan Mora |

Observers – Non-Voting

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| Assistant Dean, Advancement | Meghan Unterschultz |
| FGSR Executive Assistant & Operations | Medha Samarasinghe |
| Alumni Council - FGSR Representative | Christopher Michell-Viret |
| EA to the Vice Dean and Associate Deans | Dena Giroux |
| FGSR Executive Assistant to the Dean | Andrea Riewe |
| Student Guest | Jessi Bak |
| Vice-Provost and Dean of Students | André Costopoulos |
| Associate Dean of Students | Helen Vallianatos |
| Director, Student Services - Student Conduct & Accountability | Deb Eerkes |
| GPAC: AFNS | Kelly Berdahl |
| GPAC: ALES | Tonia Harris |
| GPAC: Business | Debbie Giesbrecht |
| GPAC: Computing Science | Karen Berg |
| GPAC: Computing Science | Daneel Blair |
| GPAC: Ed Policy Studies | Gail Johnson |
| GPAC: Ed Policy Studies | Joan White |
| GPAC: HuCo / Religious Studies | Nicola DiNicola |
| GPAC: Kinesiology, Sport, & Recreation | Dana Dragon-Smith |
| GPAC: Kinesiology, Sport, & Recreation | Cecilia Langill |
| GPAC: Mechanical Engineering | Richard Groulx |
| GPAC: Mechanical Engineering | Serena Pike |
| GPAC: Medicine | Barb Thomson |
| GPAC: Neuroscience | Amber Lapointe |
| GPAC: Oncology | Yvette Labiuk |
| GPAC: Psychiatry | Tara Checknita |
| GPAC: Library and Information Studies | Grace Jamieson |
| GPAC: W.E.L.P. | Gail Mathew |

**Non-Voting*

FGSR Council: March 14, 2018**1.0 Call to Order at 2:01 PM****2.0 Approval of Agenda for March 14, 2018**

Moved/seconded: Christopher Michell-Viret/Bryan Hogeveen
Approved by a show of hands.

3.0 Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2018

Moved/seconded: Sasha van der Klein/Margriet Haagsma
Approved by a show of hands.

4.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5.0 Announcements and Guest Introduction (Robin Everal)**3MT**

8 departments/faculties ran their own 3MT events this year. This was the largest department participation we've had to date by 50%. Semi-finals started on Monday, March 12 and we have 50 semi-finalists registered from all disciplines. Together with veteran 3MT judges, this year students will receive feedback from coaches who will provide guidance around the use of their voice and general public speaking coaching. We will announce the 15 finalists on Tuesday, March 20. Finals will take place on April 11 with a reception starting at 4:30 and presentations beginning at 5:30. The event will be live-streamed.

Tuition Changes

University of Alberta is proposing a 3.14% increase to **international** undergraduate and graduate tuition in alignment with the rising costs of delivering programs. This represents a 3.14% increase to instructional fees only. This rate increase will be considered by the University's Board of Governors along with the university's 2018-19 budget. The final numbers will be released at the end of March. We have announced the proposed rate on our website in advance of a Board decision so that students have early information on which to base decisions for the upcoming academic year.

GSMS Shutdown

The software that supports the GSMS Admissions and Awards systems is being upgraded from version 8.8 to version 9.3. This necessary upgrade will not significantly change the function of the system, but will ensure that we continue to have application support and access to new web-based functions being developed by the software vendor. The upgrade process is expected to be complete in March 2018.

In order to install the upgrade, **there will be a scheduled GSMS service outage from 4 pm (MST) on March 16 until 8 am (MST) on March 19.** Users, including university staff, applicants and reviewers, will not be able to enter the system during the shutdown. Users have been notified through messages posted on all login pages, production notices and the ITpulse.

Awards Reminder

Please remember that any awards that are administered by FGSR can only be offered by FGSR. Please do not tell your students that they have been offered an award without receiving an official offer letter from FGSR awards. You may tell a student they have been *nominated* only. This goes for all awards that result in an official offer letter from FGSR Award Services.

Graduate Student Teaching Awards

88 Graduate Students will be recognized for their outstanding contribution to undergraduate teaching at the annual Graduate Student Teaching Award celebration on March 27 in the Fred Pheasey Commons. Thank you to those who were involved in the selection process.

6.0 Sexual Violence Policy Session

Three guests presented the University of Alberta Sexual Violence Policy (approved June 23, 2017) and outlined its implications:

André Costopoulos, PhD - Vice-Provost and Dean of Students

Helen Vallianatos, PhD - Associate Dean of Students

Deb Eerkes - Director, Student Services - Student Conduct & Accountability

This policy layers on top of the other disciplinary policies (i.e. the Student Code of Conduct), and works to balance the needs of the survivor, the safety of the community, and the consequences for offenders.

The presentation emphasized that:

- When receiving a disclosure, the most important things that the recipient can do are to:
 - Listen and believe
 - Ask “What can I do to help you?”
 - Remember that each person has the right to make their own decisions regarding their personal recovery and to have those choices respected
 - Resist the urge to investigate or mediate - investigation must be pursued by the appropriate people
- After receiving a disclosure, members of the campus community should not hesitate to ask for help in determining next steps. Since every disclosure is different, it is important to contact the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of Safe Disclosure and Human Rights, and/or the Helping Individuals at Risk Office.

The policy and its supporting procedures can be found online:

Sexual Violence Policy

<https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/PoliciesProcedures/Policies/Sexual-Violence-Policy.pdf>

Sexual Violence Disclosures and Complaints Procedure

<https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/PoliciesProcedures/Procedures/Sexual-Violence-Disclosures-and-Complaints-Procedure.pdf>

Those wanting to learn about these issues, or find supports in the event that they are the recipient of a disclosure of sexual violence, can refer to the UAlberta Sexual Violence Resource Page:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-life/sexual-violence>

There are several opportunities for additional training, depending on the role of the person taking the training, and differing in length and depth. Additional details are available online:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/campus-life/sexual-violence/education-training>

Those members of the FGSR Council and the Graduate Program Administrator's Committee who would like to host a training session on the Sexual Violence Policy in their own units are encouraged to contact Deb Eerkes or the Office of the Dean of Students.

7.0 GSA monthly report (Sasha van der Klein)

The report was submitted as written, with no additional questions.

Welcome to the Directly-Elected Officers of the GSA for 2018-19 (Heather Zwicker)

President: Sasha van der Klein

This will be Sasha's first term as GSA President but she began her work as a GSA Directly-Elected Officer back in 2016 when she was elected for the first of two terms as GSA Vice-President Labour. She began her doctoral studies in 2015, with the focus of her studies being impact of nutrition and lighting on meat-type chickens. Prior to her studies here, Sasha earned her undergraduate and master's degrees at Wageningen University in the Netherlands. Sasha is actively involved in the agricultural community both on and off campus; she's a member of the Poultry Research Centre Student Club, for example, and also a committee member of the Poultry Service Industry Workshop. In her spare time, she can be found on a bike, on hockey skates, or on a horse.

Vice-President Academic: Masoud Aliramezani

Masoud was previously involved in the Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Association (MEGSA) as Vice-President Academic, and later as MEGSA Chief Returning Officer; this will be his first term as GSA Vice-President Academic. Masoud is an engineer who literally works on engines; he earned his MSc at Sharif University of Technology in Iran before starting his doctoral studies here under the supervision of Dr. Bob Koch in 2014. He is also proud to have served as a mentor to both graduate and undergraduate students during the course of his own graduate studies. Masoud is passionate about soccer, wrestling,

and poetry. You may also have heard him on CJSR where he frequently appears as a guest commentator on modern and classic literature.

Vice-President External: Zhihong Pan

This will be Zhihong's first term as GSA Vice-President External. Prior to arriving in Edmonton, he studied at the China University of Petroleum in Beijing where he also served as Vice-President Academic in the Graduate Student Association. He is a first-year PhD student studying geophysics under Dr. Currie Claire, where the focus of his studies is on subduction zones and upper mantle dynamics and numerical modeling, particularly how the lithosphere removal happens in the inner part of the earth. Outside of academia and work, his passion lies in volunteering for various public service and non-profit organizations. In his remaining spare time Zhihong can be found playing midfielder on a soccer pitch, though he is also looking forward to exploring the hiking trails of the Rocky Mountains this summer.

Vice-President Labour: Beth Richardson

Beth has been serving on both the GSA Labour Relations Committee and the GSA Negotiating Committee in the past year, and this will be her first term as GSA Vice-President Labour. Hailing from a small town in Oxfordshire, Beth's passion for science led her to study natural sciences at the University of Cambridge and then to her doctoral studies in microbiology at the U of A, starting in 2014. Her research addresses the evolution of single-celled eukaryotes, with a special focus on the microbes in the Alberta oil sands. Outside of the lab, Beth is passionate about science outreach, working against climate change, and ensuring students of all capabilities have equal access to resources both academic and otherwise. She has had varying levels of success assimilating into Canadian culture by playing hockey, consuming maple syrup, and wearing plenty of plaid.

Vice-President Student Services: Fahed Elian

This will be Fahed's first term as GSA Vice-President Student Services; he is currently serving his second term as President of the Medical Genetics Graduate Students' Association (MGSA). Hailing from Jordan, Fahed has so far also lived in Lebanon, Libya, and Egypt (where he earned his BSc in Biotechnology), before arriving in Edmonton to begin his graduate studies. Having earned his MSc here, he is now in his second year of pursuing his PhD, researching the role of the FOXC1 gene in Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Fahed is involved in several philanthropic organizations and causes, among which is the UAlberta International Syrian Refugee Program. Fahed enjoys playing soccer, experiencing the Edmonton restaurant scene, and making music, as well as snowboarding and camping as much as the climate allows.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 PM.