Minutes of the Meeting of Graduate Education Council (GEC)  
Thursday, December 1, 2022

The meeting was held at 12:00pm in the International and Graduate Affairs Building, Atrium.

COUNCILLORS:
Aisha Haque – CTL
Akis Pygkas – Law
Alyson Watson – Education
Andrew Hawkes – SGPS/Social Science
Arthur Brown – Schulich
Arzie Chant – Engineering
Ayman El Ansary – Engineering
Busra Copuroglu – SGPS/Arts
Carrie Marshall – Health Sciences
Cindi Ryde – Health Sciences
Danica Facca – SGOS
Dianne Bryant – Health Sciences
Doug Wooford – Science
Emi Iwaizumi – SGPS/Arts
Emily Ansari – Music
Genevieve De Vievoes – French Studies
Hubert Pun – Ivey
Immaculate Namukasa – Education
Jamie Baxter – Social Science
Joanna Blom – Engineering
Joseph Gilroy – Science
Kaleigh Campbell – SGPS/Law
Kamran Siddiqui – Engineering
Karine Dufresne – PAW
Kevin Mooney – Music
Laura Murray – Health Sciences
Leah Blackwood – SGPS/FIMS
Lina Dagnino – Schulich
Linda Miller – SGPS (Chair)
Lisa Hodgetts – Social Science
Lisa Latif – Registrar’s Office
Liz Webb – Science
Lorraine Davies – SGPS
Lyn Purdy – Ivey
Marguerite Lengyell – Education
Mathew Sanita Lima – SGPS/Science
Matthew Hyginus – SGPS/Ivey
Melissa Adler – Information & Media Studies
Michael Milde – POLICY Chair
Nandi Bhatia – Arts & Humanities
Pam McKenzie – Information & Media Studies
Peter Donahue – Kings
Robert Glushko – University Librarian
Ruth Martin – SGPS
Seyram Afealete – SGPS/Music
Shabir Razavi – SGPS/Eng
Shawn Whitehead – Schulich
Stephen McCleachie – Huron
Tobias Nagl – Arts
Tom Drysdale – Schulich
Tony Adeberhe – SGPS/Health Sciences
Vasudeva Bhat – PAW
Victor Chu – SGPS/Schulich
Zoe Sinel – Law

OBSERVERS:
Candace Loosely – SGPS
Matt Dumouchel – SGPS
Mihaela Harmos – SGPS
Paula Menzies – SGPS
Tobias Nagl – Arts
Tom Drysdale – Schulich
Tony Adeberhe – SGPS/Health Sciences
Vasudeva Bhat – PAW
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Items/Discussion (Host) | Motion(s)/Action Item(s)
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1. Land Acknowledgement
Immaculate Namukasa offered a Land Acknowledgement. |  
2. Welcome
Linda Miller welcomed new and returning members. |  
3. Minutes of Prior Meeting
It was moved by Dianne Bryant, seconded by Laura Murray,
That the minutes of meeting of October 6, 2022, be approved as circulated. CARRIED
4. New Business
4.1 GEC Academic Policy and Regulations Committee
Lorraine Davies presented the following recommendations from GEC Policy Committee.
1. Categories of Registration - Full-Time Student (Regulation 4.04a)
   It was moved by Pam McKenzie, seconded by Tom Drysdale,
   That GEC approve and recommend the revision of the Categories of Registration - Full-Time Student (Regulation 4.04a) to Senate Committee on Academic Policy.
   Lorraine shared the revisions were necessary to correct the misconception at Western around a 10-hour rule; the number of hours a TA can work per week. No discussion followed. CARRIED
4.1.2 Academic Requirements and Eligibility for A Student Funding Support Package (Regulation 5.02)

It was moved by Matheus Sanita Lima, seconded by Kamran Siddiqui,

That GEC approve the revision of the Academic Requirements and Eligibility for a Student Funding Support Package (Regulation 5.02).

No discussion

4.1.3 Credit for Prior Graduate Work (Regulation 6.10)

That GEC approve and recommend the revision of the Credit for Prior Graduate Work (renamed to Waiving Program Requirements for Prior Equivalent Work – Regulation 6.10) to Senate Committee on Academic Policy.

A brief discussion ensued.

4.1.4 Incomplete Courses (Regulation 6.07); Leave of Absence (Regulation 4.06)

It was moved by Pam McKenzie, seconded by Laura Murray,

That GEC approve and recommend the revision of the Incomplete Courses (Regulation 6.07) and the Leave of Absence (Regulation 4.06) to Senate Committee on Academic Policy.

No discussion followed.

5. Annual Report

5.1 Scholarship Report

Paula Menzies provided an overview of the external funding held by students in Faculties from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2022. Paula highlighted on some noticeable trends over the years:

- CIHR, NSERC and Vanier funding have steadily increased
- SSHRC funding has dropped
  - This is reflected in our annual CGSM award allocations and CGSD application quotas which has resulted in less funding
- Provincial award programs are all award allocations and the number of awards allocated to Western has not moved much

A brief discussion ensued. The data presented will be distributed to each Faculty.

6. For Information

6.1 Reports Submitted to Senate

6.1.1 Appeals/Scholastic Offense Report

The Appeals/Scholastic Offense Report, distributed with the Agenda, listed an increasing number of scholastic offences. Linda Miller shared that the Provost's Task Force on Academic Integrity is currently working on an academic integrity module that walks students through different scenarios and helps them to make decisions. A brief discussion ensued.

6.1.2 Western's Institutional Quality Assurance Report

The Western IQAP Report, distributed with the Agenda, contained summaries of the: graduate program reviews during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 cycles; and the Senate approved Major Modification during the 2021-2022 cycle. Candace Loosely provided an update on the changes to the report since its preparation in June 2022. A brief discussion ensued.
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<td>Candace shared the Office of Academic Quality and Enhancement has revamped its website. She noted that all IQAP reports are posted to the <a href="#">academic programs reports webpage</a> when the process is complete.</td>
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<td>7. Other Business</td>
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<td>Members were invited to contact the SGPS Leadership Team to identify an item to bring forward for discussion at a future meeting. Linda Miller wishes everyone a lovely holiday break.</td>
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<td>8. Adjourn</td>
<td>Date of next meeting: March 2, 2023 rescheduled to April 3, 2023</td>
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<td>The meeting adjourned at 12:52pm</td>
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Recorded by Ann Hoffer