COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES
MINUTES

Three Hundred-and-Forty-seventh Meeting
Wednesday, 16 May 2007
ST 147  2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Chair:    W. L. Veale, Dean
Recording Secretary:  Maddie Beck

Attendance:

Members:  Brennan, P.  Achari, J  Landry, E.
          Collins, J.  Azazie, J.  Lytton, J.
          Ellis, J.  Brown, C.  Massey, K.
          Haines, V.  Budiman, A.  McCaugherty, D.
          Hodgins, D.  Bush, J.  McKeough, A.
          Kallos, M.  Chen, W.  Mitchell, D.
          Kertzer, A.  Cook, F.  Moquais, P.-Y.
          Koshan, J.  Davison, J.  Oetelaar, G.
          Lipton, S.  Dyck, R.  Peers, D.
          Maclntosh, B.  Edwards, M.  Reid, J.
          Malkinson, T.  Eslinger, L.  Rowney, J.
          Moorman, B.  Este, D.  Ruparell, T.
          Pounder, A.  Evans, S.  Salabur, D.
          Rohleder, T.  Ewashen, C.  Sigismund-Nielsen, H.
          Shimizu, G.  Goddard, T.  Simmins, G.
          Sicotte, P.  Habib, A.  Smith, F.
          Sideris, M.  Harrison, A.  Storey, D.
          Stebbins, R.  Hawkes, R.  Tettey, W.
          Stell, W.  Hebert, M.  Vinogradov, O.
          Strzeclczyk, F.  Herring, H.  Weingarten, H.
          Thompson, R.  Herzog, W.  Wieser, H.
          Towers, F.  Johns, C.  Wildering, W.
          van der Hoorn, F.  Kelly, R  Woods, D.
          Westwick, D.  Keenan, T.
          Williams, M.  Krebes, E.
          Winchester, I.
          Young, L.

Guests:  Lysack, M.
          Kearns, J.
          Robinson, G.
          Stroud, M.

347.1.0  APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the agenda.

MOTION:  ROHLEDER/TOWERS
That Council approve the agenda for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting #347 of 16 May 2007
CARRIED

347.2.0  APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:  MACINTOSH/BRENNAN
That Council approve the minutes of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting #346 held 21 March 2007
CARRIED

347.3.0  MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

347.4.0  REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The new Dean for the Faculty of Graduate Studies has been appointed. The new position is Vice-Provost, Graduate Education, and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies. Dr Fred Hall, is presently Dean of Graduate Studies at McMaster University, a position he has held for 8 yrs. He has also served previously as an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies as well as department Head in Geography and Geology. He will be joining the Faculty of Graduate Studies as Vice Provost as of August 1, 2007. For the month of July an Acting Dean will be appointed from the Associate Deans in Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The Chair noted that the Striking Committee had done a good job and thanked Martha Stroud for her contribution to it. The Chair concluded that he had nothing further to report beyond his impending
347.5.0 REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATE DEANS
No reports.

347.6.0 QUESTION PERIOD
No questions.

347.7.0 NEUTRAL CHAIRS AT MASTER’S THESIS EXAMINATIONS

The Chair drew the members’ attention to the issue of Neutral Chairs for Master's thesis examinations. Three years ago a motion was passed by the FGS Council requiring Neutral Chairs for all candidacy, PhD and Master’s thesis examinations. The Chair explained that he had received approximately a dozen comments on the requirement of a Neutral Chair. He said that the inputs he had received, including written inputs, indicated that the requirement was particularly troublesome for some departments at the Master’s level. The Chair said that he wanted to alert the members to the possibility of a re-examination of this policy in the future. He also stated that he considered it absolutely essential that there are Neutral Chairs for all candidacy and PhD exams, although he noted an argument could be made that they may not be necessary for examinations at the Master’s level. The Chair invited members to give feedback on the issue in light of three years of experience and there was a brief discussion, following which the Chair noted that the consensus of the members present indicated overall support for continuing the present policy.

The Chair also asked members to keep in mind that indicators suggested a 6.5% growth in graduate students per year. He noted that U of C was increasing the percentage of PhDs at a higher rate than McMaster, and that a significant increase in graduates in most programs was expected over the next few years.

347.8.0 ELECTIONS

347.8.1 Academic Program Committee
MOTION: WINCHESTER/KERTZER
Nominated/Elected: Barry Sanders / Sarah McFarlane
CARRIED

347.8.2 Appeals Committee
MOTION: WINCHESTER/KERTZER
Nominated/Elected: Jalel Azaiez / Patrick Brennan / James Ellis / Robert Thompson / Frank Towers
CARRIED

347.8.3 Scholarship Committee
MOTION: STELL/WILLIAMS
Nominated/Elected: James Agarwal / Thomas Baumgartner / Mike Boyes / Janice Braun / Gavin Cameron / Mamdouh El-Badry / Vahid Garousi / Simon Hudson / Ken Lukowiak / Cynthia Mannion / Greg McDermid / Nasser Moazzen-Ahmadi / Peggy Patterson / Amanda Pounder / Margaret Russell / Janaka Ruwanpura / Donald Saklofske / Friedemann Sallis / Karen Seyffarth / Ann Sherman / Paul Stortz / Florentine Strzelczyk / Billie Thurston / Virginia Tumasz / Aubrey Webb
CARRIED
347.8.4 Striking Committee

MOTION: KERTZER/WINCHESTER

Nominated/Elected: Gillian Ranson

CARRIED

The Chair noted that only one person was nominated and he invited nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and the Chair said he would leave the second nomination for the new Dean to deal with in the Fall.

347.8.5 Policy Committee

MOTION: STELL/SIDERIS

Nominated/Elected: Teri Bryant / Clifton Johnston / Francine Smith

CARRIED

347.8.6 URGC – Graduate Awards Subcommittee

MOTION: POUNDER/MOORMAN

Nominated/Elected: Pascale Sicotte (NSERC rep)

CARRIED

347.8.A ACADEMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

347.8.1A Social Work: Family Therapy Certificate and Diploma

MOTION: van der HOORN/MACINTOSH

That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council, on the recommendation of Academic Program Committee, approve the proposal for a Post-Master’s/PhD Certificate and Diploma in Family Therapy as set forth in Attachment 347.8.1.

CARRIED

The Chair invited Dr van der Hoorn to introduce of the Social Work: Family Therapy Certificate and Diploma. Dr van der Hoorn explained that the item listed on the agenda as “Information” was in fact an “Action” item which needed approval to move forward. He pointed out that experts from the Faculty of Social Work were present to answer any questions members may have that the documentation attached to the agenda may not have addressed. The Chair welcomed Dr Mishka Lysack and Ms Julie Kearns to the meeting. No questions were forthcoming and following the carrying of the motion, the Chair explained to Dr Lysack and Ms Kearns that the document would now move forward to the APC of the General Faculty Council.

[Dr Lysack and Ms Kearns left the meeting.]

347.9.0 SCHOLARSHIPS

347.9.1 Dr Roger Butler Memorial Graduate Scholarship

347.9.2 Lorne and Pat Gordon / YMCA of Calgary Graduate / Undergraduate Award

347.9.3 David Johnston Research Travel Award

347.9.4 Stephen G. Peitchinis Memorial Graduate Recruitment Scholarship

347.9.5 University of Calgary Board of Governors Graduate Award

347.9.6 Anne Severson Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Fine Arts

The Chair pointed out the list of six new scholarships ranged in amounts up to $10,000. He noted that if members had any questions regarding the scholarships, Gillian Robinson was present to answer them or to clarify information. No questions were forthcoming.
347.10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: KERTZER/ van der HOORN
That the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council approve a motion of appreciation for all the contributions and service Dr Warren Veale has provided the Council.

CARRIED

The Council acknowledged its appreciation of Dr Veale with sustained applause.

347.11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.