COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MINUTES

Three Hundred-and-Forty-third Meeting
Wednesday, 17 May 2006
ST 147     2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Chair: W. L. Veale, Dean
Recording Secretary: Cathie Stiven

Attendance:

Members
Azaiez, J.
Boyce, J.
Brennan, P.
Carreiro, L.
Collins, J.
Dickin, J.
Edwards, M.
Elison, W.
Haines, V.
Hébert, M.
Hodgins, D.
Keeley, J.
Kertzer, A.
Love, J.
Mackintosh, B.
Mueller, J. (for A.)
Peers, D.

Regrets
Beck, P.
Bertazzon, S.
Bond, R.
Brown, C.
Chen, W.
Cook, F.
Day, R.
Eslinger, L.
Este, D.
Evans, S.
Goddard, T.
Greenberg, S.
Habib, A.
Hawkes, R.
Herzog, W.
Jacob, J.
Johns, C.
Johnston, D.
Joldersma, H.
Knadsen, K.
Landry, E.
Lucas, A.
Mains, P.
Malkinson, T.
Massey, K.

McCaugherty, D.
McGhee, J.
McKeough, A.
Mitchell, D.
Mladenova, O.
Mohamad, A.
Murphree, J. S.
Potter, M.
Rancourt, D.
Reid, J.
Rowney, J.
Salahub, D.
Sesay, A.
Shrive, N.
Smith, B.
Smith, F.
Stebbins, R.
Tapp, D.
Thompson, R.
Walker, S.
Webber, C.
Weingarten, H.
Wong, R.

Faculty of Graduate Studies Officers
Fisk, M.
Robinson, G.
Stroud, M.

343.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION: DICKIN/MACINTOSH
That Council approve the agenda for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting #343 of 17 May 2006

CARRIED

343.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: PEERS/ HODGINS
That Council approve the minutes of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meeting #342 held 15 March 2006

CARRIED

343.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

343.4 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair met with the Budget committee and reported there will be no new funding for graduate student support in the upcoming budget cycle. Differential fee revenue will continue to be returned to programs. The Faculty of Graduate Studies has recently undergone a major review. The finished report is now before Doyle Hatt, Chair of the Internal Review Committee, and we should learn the results shortly.

The Chair consulted with the University’s legal advisor regarding the government’s proposal that scholarships become tax-free and the question of whether or not Graduate Assistantships (Teaching/Non-Teaching) could be categorized as scholarships. A GA(T/N-T) stipend cannot be considered wholly as a scholarship because 2/3 is payment for instructional duties and 1/3 is already counted as a scholarship. The University has received ACCESS funding (now called Enrolment Planning Envelope, or EPE
funding) from the government to expand specific areas of study. The University has decided to fund 195 new graduate students (169 Master’s and 26 PhD) during 2006-07. Students, who must have an initial registration date of May 2006, September 2006, or January 2007, will receive $15,000 to be paid monthly over twelve months.

The Chair reported that the number of doctoral students increased by 9.3% from 1,225 in Fall 2005 to 1,339 in Fall 2005. Doctoral students currently comprise 25% of the graduate student population and the goal is to increase the number to 40%. The increase in number of international students has resulted in $2,094,507 in differential revenue being returned to programs, an increase of 6.3%. The number of Graduate Teaching Fellowships also increased from 93 in 2005-2005 to 112 in 2005-2006.

The Chair acknowledged Martha Stroud, Mary Fisk and Gillian Robinson for their efforts in implementing two new developments for Graduate Studies this past year. The Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) gives authorized staff across campus electronic access to the information in student files and the Student Awards Management System (SAM) allows students and staff to search all graduate awards by keyword, area and other useful criteria.

343.5 REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATE DEANS

Ms Kertzer reported that, as part of the Academic Policy Committee’s work on special accommodations made to women graduate students around the time of childbirth, a questionnaire has been forwarded to all programs requesting the number of births and adoptions, the number of students who went on leave and the duration of leave.

Ms Haines had no issues to report.

Mr Weiser had no issues to report.

343.6 QUESTION PERIOD

Are Graduate Research Scholarships are considered full scholarships? The Chair confirmed that they are.

343.7 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GUIDE: Geoff Moon, Manager, Intellectual Property, Research Services

Mr Moon introduced the Intellectual Property Guide, developed recently by the University of Calgary Vice-President (Research & International) in collaboration with University Technologies International.

Intellectual property is a valuable asset, which is defined as ‘the material or communicable result of scientific, humanistic, literary, and artistic endeavour.’ The Intellectual Property Guide provides faculty members and creators with basic information about intellectual property as well as guidelines to follow to identify intellectual property with commercial value. It also provides an overview of the University of Calgary’s Intellectual Property Policy and expert resources available through UTI.

343.8 ELECTIONS

The Chair thanked the Striking Committee for their excellent work.

343.8.1 ACADEMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Penny Pexman, Psychology was elected.

343.8.2 APPEALS COMMITTEE

MOTION: OAKLEAF/WARREN

That the minor revision to the terms of reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Appeals Committee be accepted.

CARRIED

Loren Falkenberg, Haskayne School of Business, and Dianne Tapp, Nursing, were elected.

343.8.3 POLICY COMMITTEE

Candace Konnert, Clinical Psychology, and Brian Macintosh, Kinesiology, were elected.
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

MOTION: PEERS/HAINES
That the following revisions to the terms of reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship Committee be accepted.
1. (b) Not fewer than thirty-five members
1. (c) Name of position changed to The Manager, Graduate Awards
3. Revisions to wording
5. Revisions to wording

CARRIED

All who were nominated were elected.

STRIKING COMMITTEE

Tim Goddard, Education, Tom Rohleder, Haskayne School of Business, Bill Stell, Neuroscience, and Robert Thompson, Physics and Astronomy, were elected.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

343.9.1 MOTION: VAN DER HOORN/BOYCE
That the Master of Economics (MEc) Program be eliminated, as detailed in Attachment 343.9.1

CARRIED

343.9.2 MOTION: VAN DER HOORN/OETELAAR
That changes to the exit requirements for the course-based Master of Arts program in Economics be approved as detailed in Attachment 343.9.2

CARRIED

343.9.3 MOTION: VAN DER HOORN/OETELAAR
That the Graduate Co-op Program in Military and Strategic Studies be approved as detailed in Attachment 343.9.3

CARRIED

There was a question as to who might employ students in the Co-op Program. Mr van der Hoorn will forward a list of potential employers to Mr Woods.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ms Robinson presented terms of Reference for new awards for information. There were no questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair will be stepping down as Dean of Graduate Studies on 30 June 2007, and asked Council to give some thought to an appropriate successor.

The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work and support of graduate students over this past year. It has been a very successful year with many students winning top awards.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4.00 pm.