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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate DATE January 10, 2023

FROM Jeff Derksen,

Chair of Senate Graduate Studies

Committee

RE: 2022 Annual Report of SGSC

I am pleased to submit the 2022 Senate Graduate Studies Committee Annual Report.

The Senate Graduate Studies Committee is charged by Senate with the following terms of reference:

- 1. To maintain the academic standards established by Senate.
- 2. To review and make recommendations to Senate concerning new graduate programs.
- 3. To review and make recommendations to Senate concerning major changes to graduate programs.
- 4. To review and approve all proposed new graduate courses, course deletions, and minor changes to programs. These changes shall be reported to Senate in summary form.
- 5. To administer, review and make recommendations to Senate concerning Graduate General Regulations.
- 6. To consider matters concerning Graduate Studies referred to the Committee, and to make recommendations to the appropriate bodies.
- 7. To consider and decide on policy recommendations concerning graduate course registration, course and program withdrawal procedures, and on the administration of graduate records.

This report covers the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, during which SGSC held eight meetings.

SGSC Appeal subcommittee (Unsatisfactory Progress under GGR 1.8.2) No formal appeal hearings took place in 2022.

SGSC Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies Steering Committee

In 2022, seven applications were reviewed. four students were offered admission and three accepted. By the end of 2022, 2 students graduated and there are 35 active students in the program.



Discussions on Graduate Education

SGSC discussed various issues including guaranteed minimum funding, competency based grading and course delivery methods. Among other issues reviewed were revisions to graduate units and credit hours, standardization of capstone units, and parchment standardization. The committee also discussed certain recommendations from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for full program proposals, micro credentials, advertising proposed programs and guidelines on naming degrees. SGSC reviewed, recommended, approved and submitted to Senate, curriculum changes related to the addition, deletion and modification of programs and courses, as well as a notice of intent.

Revisions to Policies and Programs

- a) Graduate General Regulations:
 - GGR 1.5 Graduate Grading Systems and Policies
- b) FAS: Sustainable Energy Engineering MASc
- c) FASS: Economics MA, French MA, Gerontology MA, History MA. Liberal Studies MA, Psychology MA, Psychology PhD, Public Policy MA, Linguistics MA, Linguistics PhD,
- d) FCAT: Communications MA, Publishing MPub,
- e) FENV: Ecological Restoration MSc, Resource and Environmental Management MRM (Planning)
- f) BUS: Business Administration PhD, MSc in Finance, Indigenous Business Leadership Graduate Certificate, Indigenous Business Leadership Graduate Diploma, Indigenous Business Leadership EMBA
- g) EDUC: Educational Practice Med,
- h) SCI: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry MSc, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry PhD

New Programs Approved and Recommended

FAS: Master of Cybersecurity FPP, Master of Visual Computing MSc FPP, Sustainable Energy Engineering Meng NOI

FASS: Master of Arts in Indigenous Languages and Linguistics FPP

Curriculum Changes Approved

Program Changes	New Courses	Course Changes	Courses Temporarily Withdrawn	Courses Reinstated	Courses Deleted
26	25	41	33	2	9

Graduate Admissions, Enrolments and Credentials Awarded

In 2021/22, the overall number of applications increased by 28% with a 24% increase in international applicants compared to the previous academic year and a 39% increase in the



number of domestic applicants. In the last four years, the number of applications increased by 45%. While the number of offers extended increased, new enrollments remaining relatively steady.

There was a 8% decrease in the number of certificate and diploma credentials awarded compared to 2021, as well as a slight decline in Doctoral degrees awarded.

Graduate Admissions	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Applications	8221	9244	9287	11895
International	5090	6426	6881	8532
Domestic	3131	2818	2406	3363
Offers	2859	2790	2812	2976
Accepted offers	2282	2110	2156	2312
New Enrollments	1968	1871	1919	2027

Enrollments	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Total*	4462	4310	4370	4446
Degree**	3816	3702	3763	3852

^{*}Total headcount of all graduate students (degree, certificate, diploma, exchange and qualifying)

^{**} Total headcount of master's and doctoral students

Credentials Awarded	2019	2020	2021	2022
Masters (M)	1264	1269	1291	1126
Doctoral (D)	195	185	174	170
Total (including certificates and diplomas)	1835	1777	1738	1547

SGSC members during 2021 were:

- J. Derksen, Chair, Dean and Associate Provost of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
- G. Agnes, R. Panchasi Associate Dean(s), Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies



- P. Saeedi, Chair FGSC, Applied Sciences
- S. Zwagerman, K. Slaney, Chair FGSC, Arts and Social Sciences
- A. Gemino, Chair (s) FGSC, Business
- P. Pasquier, A. Eigenfeldt, Chair FGSC, Communication, Art and Technology
- L. Le Mare, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies in Education
- D. Yang, V. Crooks, Chair FGSC, Environment
- F. Lee, L. McCandles, Director of Graduate Programs, Health Sciences
- M. Silverman, M.C. Kropinski V. Williams Chair FGSC, Science
- R. Muntean GSS Executive Representative
- K. Gerlich-Fitzgerald, Associate Director, Admissions & Records
- N. White, University Librarian designate(s)
- J. Foerster, P. Taheri, Z. Peng, A. Zahir, Graduate Students
- H. Buteau, Manager, Graduate Curriculum & Policy (non-voting)
- R. Anyankpele, V. Chu, S. Juriga (Recording Secretary) (non-voting)