

**DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

These minutes have been approved.

A regular meeting of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 2:30 pm, in Room 1011, Kenneth C Rowe Building.

Present: B. Boudreau (Dean, Chair), D. Pelzer (Associate Dean), S. Theriault (secretary), L. Flynn, D. Pottie, W. Fletcher, D. Rhodenizer, W. Barker, A. Steenbeek, N. Keeping, R. Jamieson, M. Gibson, S. White, K. Semba, D. Groulx, R. Martin-Misener, Y. Zhao, S. Wells, L. DuBois, L. Fitting, S. Parcell, D. VanderZwaag, E. Diamond, C. Dawson, J. Wright, A. Bannon, C. Kozey, R. Singer, A. Fenety, B. Worm, H. Andreas, J. Roberts, P. Tyedmers, D. Boyce, D. Patterson, K. Semba

F13/14.1 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

B. Boudreau called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and called for approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.

F13/14.2 Minutes of May 9, 2013

The minutes of May 9, 2013 were approved by acclamation.

F13/14.3 Approval of Candidates for Degrees

B. Boudreau invited L. Flynn, Admissions and Convocation Officer in FGS, to present the list of convocants prior to its publication. Ms. Flynn asked faculty in attendance to check the list for the names of graduates in their respective departments. Changes to the list can still be made prior to submission to Senate.

It was moved by P. Tyedmers, seconded by S. Parcell; **that the list of candidates for receipt of degrees be approved as distributed. The motion carried.**

It was moved by L. Fitting, seconded by R. Singer; **that the Dean of FGS, in consultation with the Registrar's Office and Senate, be given authority to make additions or corrections as appropriate to the list of candidates prior to submittal to Senate. The motion carried.**

F13/14.4 Nominations and Elections for Faculty Council and Standing Committees

B. Boudreau presented the list of nominees for Faculty Council, as contained in the Appendix to these minutes. There were six nominations for 13 vacancies on Faculty Council: Sophia Stone (Biology), Liz

Fitting (Sociology and Social Anthropology), Louise Spiteri (Information Management), Hossam Ali-Hassan (School of Business), Peter O'Brien (Classics) and Dominic Groulx (Mechanical Engineering). Stephen Kimber (Journalism) re-offered for a two year term, Dian Patterson (Agriculture) re-offered for a two year term and John Kozey (Health and Human Performance) re-offered for a 3 year term. Four vacancies remain.

A brief discussion followed regarding distribution across disciplines. B. Boudreau responded that FGS would like to see a representative from Law, Architecture and Planning, as well as additional representatives from FASS and Science.

There were three nominations for three vacancies on the Killam Predoctoral Scholarships Committee: Cathy Too (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology), Philip Zachernuk (History) and Jack Mitchell (Classics).

There was one nomination received for two vacancies on the Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee: Jerry Bannister (History).

There were two nomination for two vacancies on Academic Appeals Committee: Bernard Boudreau (Oceanography), and Richard Singer (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) re-offered for a 1 year term.

No nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved by P. Tyedmers, seconded by H. Andreas; **that the list of nominees for FC and standing committees of FGS be approved. The motion carried**

It was moved by R. Martin-Misener, seconded by S. Parcell; **that FGS Faculty Council be given authority to approve and ratify members of committees where nominations for vacancies are received after the FGS Annual meeting. The motion carried.**

F13/14.5 FGS Annual Report

5.1 Dean's Report

B. Boudreau presented his annual report (which can be found on the FGS website). The highlights of his report included: the shift of the Tri-council CGS-M selection to universities, the suspension of the Dalhousie Killam Lecture Series, the re-organization of FGS Faculty Council, the MITACS professional development workshops, the Regional 3MT competition hosted and organized by FGS, and the MOU signed between Dalhousie and Université de Montréal for a joint doctoral program. The subjects he reviewed were graduate enrolments, convocation, student funding, recruitment, initiatives, and the NS Innovation and Research Graduate Scholarship.

A discussion followed regarding the NS Innovation and Research Graduate Scholarship. B. Boudreau clarified the criteria for the "link to innovation / commercialization", and responded to questions regarding deadlines, the application and selection process, and the stacking of awards.

5.2 Associate Dean's Report – Scholarships and Programs (D. Pelzer)

Dr. Pelzer presented his annual report, which included updates regarding graduate scholarships, and postdoctoral fellowships. D. Pelzer thanked all the committee members who served on the various scholarship and fellowship committees, especially this year's CGS-M committees.

A brief discussion followed in which members questioned the distribution of the CGS-M awards across departments, and members sought clarification on the weight of departments ranking of applicants.

5.3 Chair of Faculty Council (R. Singer)

R. Singer explained that after the changes made to FGS Faculty Council, the Chair and Vice-Chair are now elected. He is serving as Chair and Ruth Martin-Misener is serving as Vice-Chair. He further explained the composition of membership on the FGS Faculty Council.

R. Singer presented information on the concept papers, new program proposals, major program modifications, minor program modifications, program suspensions, departmental reviews, and curriculum matters addressed by FGS Faculty Council and the Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee (APCC) over the last year.

A brief discussion followed in which the high volume of concept papers and proposals for new programs was commented on. P. Tyedmers commented that it may be time for Faculty Council to look at the larger problem. There hasn't been a lot of growth in enrolment over the last 10 year period, but there has been a huge growth in the number of programs.

5.4 Interdisciplinary PhD Program Report (W. Barker)

W. Barker explained that ID PhD Program is the only program at Dalhousie housed within FGS. In his report Dr. Barker indicated that: the ID PhD program currently has 55 doctoral students; 5 doctoral students graduated between May 2013 and April 2014; the program has standing Admissions, Appeals and Advisory Committees, and 39 students in the program held various scholarships, grants and bursaries totaling \$726,495.

F13/14.6 Awards

6.1 Distinguished Service Award

B. Boudreau explained that the FGS Distinguished Service Award is awarded "for distinguished and long-standing service to the Faculty of Graduate Studies". There are two awards given each year; one for faculty and one for support staff. The award is not related to academic contributions, but is rather related to the record of service to students, graduate programs, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The award consists of a certificate and a photo (to be mounted outside the FGS office).

This year's Prize Panel consisted of Sara Faridi (Mathematics & Statistics), Brian Lilley (Architecture) and Hyo-Sung Ro (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology).

Dr. Boudreau informed Faculty on behalf of the Prize Panel that the 2014 FGS Distinguished Service Award for Support Staff is awarded to Norma Keeping of the Department of Earth Sciences. B. Boudreau presented the award to Ms. Keeping.

The 2014 FGS Distinguished Service Award for Faculty was awarded to Dr. Cheryl Kozey of the School of Physiotherapy. B. Boudreau presented the award to Dr. Kozey.

6.2 Dalhousie University Doctoral Thesis Awards.

B. Boudreau advised that the Dalhousie Doctoral Thesis Award was established by Faculty Council in 2003 to recognize the best doctoral thesis submitted by students graduating in the May or preceding October convocation. Awards are given in two categories: Humanities and Social Sciences, and Natural and Medical Sciences and Engineering. Nominations were requested in March, for students graduating in October 2013 or May 2014.

This year's Prize Panel consisted of Sara Faridi (Mathematics & Statistics), Hyo-Sung Ro (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) and Eileen Denovan-Wright (Pharmacology and FGS).

B. Boudreau informed Faculty on behalf of the FGS Prize Panel that the Doctoral Thesis Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences is awarded to Hai Dang Vu (Schulich School of Law) for his Doctoral thesis entitled "Towards a Network of Marine Protected Areas in the South China Sea: Legal and Political Perspectives", and the Doctoral Thesis Award in the Natural and Medical Sciences and Engineering category is awarded to Daniel Boyce (Department of Biology) for his thesis entitled "Patterns and Drivers of Marine Phytoplankton Change over the Past Century".

B. Boudreau presented the awards to Daniel Boyce and Dr. David VanderZwaag. Dr. VanderZwaag accepted the award on behalf of his student, Hai Dang Vu, who was unable to attend the meeting.

6.3 Governor General's Gold Medal Awards

B. Boudreau explained that the Governor General's Gold Medal is awarded for "the most outstanding master's candidate" in a thesis or non-thesis master's programs. Award nominations were requested in March, for student graduating in October 2013 or May 2014.

This year's Prize Panel consisted of Sara Faridi (Mathematics & Statistics), Brian Lilley (Architecture) and Hyo-Sung Ro (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology).

B. Boudreau recommended on behalf of the FGS Prize Panel that the 2014 Governor General's Gold Medal Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences be awarded to Sheri Bell (Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology) and the Medal in Natural Sciences and Engineering be awarded to Jessica Carrière-Garwood (Department of Oceanography).

It was moved by H. Andreas, seconded by M. Gibson; **that the recommendation of the FGS Prize Panel to award the Governor General's Gold Medals to Sheri Bell (Sociology) and Jessica Carrière-Garwood (Oceanography) be approved. The Motion carried**

F13/14.7 Other Business

Due to time constraints B. Boudreau gave a general thanks to everyone who served on the various committees for FGS over the past year.

If time had permitted, B. Boudreau would have thanked all outgoing members of Faculty Council who have finished their term: Jill Grant, Sara Faridi, Rohan Maitzen, Joyline Makani, Stephen Parcell, Greg Scherkoske, Deborah Tamlyn, Emma Whelan, Hal Whitehead, and Yonggan Zhao, as well as Stephen Kimber, Dian Patterson and John Kozey for agreeing to step up for another term.

Other acknowledgements would have gone out to:

- Heather Andreas, Laura Turculet and Elizabeth Fitting for serving on Faculty Council to fill 6 months sabbatical leaves.
- The 3 DAGS representatives who served on Faculty Council: Ana Vidovic, Brett Taylor and Ishika Sharma.
- Richard Singer and Ruth Martin-Misener for their roles as Chair and Vice-Chair of FGS Faculty Council.
- All the members of review committees, scholarship committees, graduate coordinators and department staff.
- All present for attending and for their interest in, and contribution to the faculty, our graduate programs, and our students.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

B. Boudreau, Dean

S. Theriault, Recording Secretary