

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies
Minutes, October 19, 2015

PRESENT: Dr. F. Murrin (Chair), Dr. D. Farquharson, Dr. C. Dyck, Dr. P. Coady, Dr. T. Brown, Dr. R. Joy, Ms. C. Walsh, Dr. B. Roebbothan, Dr. K. Szutor, Dr. J.C. Loreda-Osti, Dr. K. Tahlan, Dr. R. Klein, Mr. Abhinav Sharma, Mr. A. Johnson (Observer)

APOLOGIES: Dr. P. Foley, Ms. L. Busby, Dr. D. Moralejo, Dr. E. Pittman, Dr. L. Lye, Dr. S. Matthews, Dr. T. Wareham, Dr. K. Side, Ms. K. Lord, Dr. X. Li

1. MINUTES:

It was noted that the minutes of September 21 and September 23, 2015, were not distributed with the package for this meeting. It was agreed that the minutes will be distributed via email for review.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. DEAN'S REPORT/REPORT OF SENATE

- a) At the October 13, 2015 meeting of Senate all items of business from Council were approved:
 - General Regulation 4.12.6.2.
 - Scientific Computing, Calendar Revisions
 - Social Work – Calendar Revisions
 - General Regulation 3.3.9
 - New Option – Master of Marine Studies Program

- b) SGS is profiling our scholarships by having held information sessions for the Vanier (September 2nd), NSERC (September 15), SSHRC (September 29) and the Trudeau Scholarship Information Session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st). Units should watch for future information sessions as the School attempts to have more qualified applications for these scholarships.

- c) Dr. Murrin attended the Student Innovation Showcase for undergraduate students on October 15th. There were very interesting booths, and SGS will be holding a graduate showcase in the future.

5. REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

There was no report from the GSU for this meeting.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

a) Academic Council Executive

i. Interdisciplinary PhD Program – New Course INTE 902A/B

This course is a two-term course that will be required by all ID PhD students, in addition to the existing program requirements. Calendar revisions are required to section 32.20 of the University Calendar.

It was moved by Dr. Coady and seconded by Dr. Brown that the proposed new course be approved.

Discussion:

It was agreed to change the wording on page 1 under 'Resource Implications'. The wording as presented implied that Academic Council would be asking the School of Graduate Studies to cover the remuneration of a 3-credit hour course, and therefore the wording will be changed to read 'Remuneration for a one 3-credit hour course per annum is paid by the School of Graduate Studies'.

The course also implied that students would only do one presentation, when the course description notes that the purpose of the course is to give students experience in presentations. The Chair of the program will be consulted regarding this prior to sending to Senate Executive for consideration. (Postscript Note: The Chair confirmed that students will complete at least one presentation, and most likely more depending on enrolment.)

On the call for question, the motion, with the revision noted

CARRIED

Course Description:

The Interdisciplinary Colloquium is a seminar-style course offered over two semesters (every second week) over Fall and Winter semesters. It affords graduate students first-hand experience with mature academic discussion, presentation of papers, and responses to papers given in the ID PhD Program, and to papers by faculty members, and visiting speakers. Each student will present on an aspect of her/his interdisciplinary

research once during the course, and is expected to engage in informed and constructive discussion about the other work presented.

ii. Employment Relations Program – Calendar Revisions

The Chair of the MER program is requesting approval for a revision to section 12.2. governing ‘Qualifications for Admission’, which clarifies what is current practice; to give preference to applicants who have relevant work experience.

It was moved by Dr. Coady and seconded by Dr. Dyck that the proposed revisions be approved. The motion

CARRIED

New regulation 12.2.3 will read:

Qualified applicants with relevant experience will normally receive preference during the evaluation of applications.

iii. Department of French – New Course 6820

The Department of French is requesting approval of proposed new course 6820 ‘Littérature de jeunesse: Théorie et pratique’ (Children’s and Young Adult Literature: Theory and Practice). This course will be on-line and listed under section 9.4. of the University Calendar, M.A. & Ed. Program, but will also be available to the Department of French students.

It was moved by Dr. Coady and seconded by Dr. Farquharson that the proposed new course be approved. The motion

CARRIED

Course Description:

This course will deal with fundamental questions concerning literary works for children and young adults. These include the definition of children’s literature, the concept of young readership, the notion of childhood in the development of children’s books, crossover literature, the relationship between children’s literature and the media and the criteria involved in evaluating children’s books. The course will provide practical tools for analyzing children’s books.

iv. Faculty of Engineering – MEM Program

The Faculty of Engineering is requesting approval of the proposed revision to section 14 governing the Degree of Master of Engineering Management, which will delete the entry in its entirety. The Chair of the Board of Studies for the MEM program has confirmed that there has been insufficient enrolment over the past six years to continue accepting students. The last intake of students for this program is Fall 2015, and current

students in the program will follow the calendar regulations in the respective year of their admission.

It was moved by Dr. Coady and seconded by Dr. Brown that the proposed deletion of section 14 governing the Master of Engineering Management program be approved. The motion

CARRIED

v. Faculty of Engineering – Process Engineering Calendar Revisions

The Faculty of Engineering is requesting approval of revisions to section 13 and 32.10 of the University calendar which will add Process Engineering to the MEng and PhD programs, in addition to what is currently offered.

It was moved by Dr. Coady and seconded by Dr. Brown that the proposed revisions be approved. The motion

CARRIED

Section 13 will now read:

The degree of Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) is a research-focused degree and may be obtained either through full-time or part-time studies. The M.Eng. degree can be obtained through programs in Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Ocean and Naval Architectural Engineering, ~~and~~ Oil and Gas Engineering, and Process Engineering.

Section 32.10 will now read:

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is offered in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science and may be obtained either through full-time or part-time studies. The Ph.D. degree can be obtained through programs in Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Ocean and Naval Architectural Engineering, ~~and~~ Oil and Gas Engineering, and Process Engineering.

vi. Faculty of Business Administration – MBA Calendar Revisions

The Faculty of Business Administration is requesting approval of the proposed revision to section 10.2. of the University calendar which revises the international application deadline date from March 1 to February 1.

It was moved by Dr. Coady and seconded by Dr. Farquharson that the proposed revision be approved. The motion

CARRIED

Section 10.2, third sentence will now read:

International applicants must submit complete documentation by ~~February~~ March 1.

vii. Faculty of Business Administration – New Program MBA-SEE

The Faculty of Business Administration is requesting approval of the proposed new program Master of Business Administration in Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (MBA-SEE).

It was moved by Dr. Coady and seconded by Dr. Brown that the proposed new program be approved in principle to permit an external review by the School of Graduate Studies.

Discussion:

It was questioned whether the degree name should reflect the specialized nature of the program – for example the Master of Employment Relations (MER program) – instead of being called an ‘MBA’. It was clarified that this issue was discussed at the Faculty level and it was decided to proceed with the name of MBA in Social Enterprise & Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. There are many specialized MBAs in existence now and it is common that they are less credit hours than traditional MBA programs. This proposed program requires 36 credit hours. The current MBA requires 60 credit hours, unless the student has completed relevant undergraduate courses, with good grades in which case up to 30 credit hours in introductory M.B.A. courses can be exempt.

On the call for question (one abstention), the motion to approve in principle to permit an external review,

Specific degrees in Business Administration are what the market is looking for.

CARRIED

- 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 8. NOTICE OF MOTION
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 4:30 pm.

Faye Murrin, Chair

Peggy Coady, Secretary