

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies
Minutes, Meeting of October 15, 2018

PRESENT: Dr. A. Surprenant (Chair), Dr. D. Farquharson, Dr. E. Haven, Dr. R. Shannahan, Dr. L. Lye, Dr. H. Zhang, Mr. D. Howse, Dr. J. Doré, Dr. D. Moralijo, Dr. H. Liu, Dr. J.C. LoredO-Osti, Dr. S. McConnell, Mr. A. Alkasasbeh, Ms. S. Jamil, Ms. V. Kavanagh, Dr. M. Liboiron, Dr. E. Pittman

APOLOGIES: Dr. R. Klein, Dr. R. Joy, Dr. K. Tahlan, Dr. V. Maddalena, Dr. S. Cadigan, Ms. L. Ziamajidi, P. Coady, S. Decker

1. MINUTES

It was moved by Dr. LoredO-Osti, and seconded by Dr. Lye that the minutes of the meeting held September 18, 2018, be approved, with one minor revision: add S. Jamil to those in attendance. The motion

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. DEAN'S REPORT/REPORT OF SENATE

a) At the October 9th meeting of Senate, the following items of business were approved:

- Business Administration (sections 34.24.2.5 governing PhD Thesis Regulations;
- Psychology (section 35.3 governing Psy.D. Program)
- Math (sections governing the M.A.S, M.Sc. and PhD)

Post meeting note: For section 25.18.2. of the Math submission, the second sentence which reads 'Students who already holds a Master of Applied Statistics are only required to complete STAT 6510 and one of STAT 6500 or STAT 6560 and a thesis as per General Regulations, Theses and Reports', should have been underlined in full as it is a new sentence, not just a portion as indicated above. The Secretary of Senate will bring this forward at the November meeting of Senate as a change in the October 2018 minutes of Senate.

- b) The Terms of Reference for the post-secondary review by Government is available for review and feedback. The full story is available on the Gazette. A committee of experts will prepare a final report that is due Winter 2020.

5. REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

- a) The GSU has good news related to money for exploring a Grammarly software license for graduate students, which will be available on mymun.ca. This is aimed to help students with grammar, workshops, etc.

6. a) Academic Council Executive

i. Academic Integrity

Members of Council were asked to comment on Academic Integrity documents circulated in advance of the meeting. Points raised included:

- Privacy and copyright not mentioned; academic integrity involves more than software;
- Issues of Academic Integrity require human intervention;
- Nursing has developed their own module and policy – students have friends who did course before and faculty members who do not change the course outline – there is a way to access previous papers;
- Human input important;
- University-wide approach to Academic Integrity is something to bring up with SCUGS;
- University-wide policy could be more clear on penalties.

ii. Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Introduction to these documents was provided at last Council meeting. Comments included:

- accommodations for examinations must work with Blundon Centre;
- comprehensive examinations are case by case;
- what is available for undergraduate can't be easily available for graduate students;
- will send any graduate level guidelines to Graduate Officers for unit feedback;
- GSU will also be asked to distribute for comments.

b) Nominating Committee

It was moved by Dr. Lye and seconded by Mr. Alkasasbeh that the following slate

of names for membership on the Awards and Medals Committee, an advisory committee to the Dean, School of Graduate Studies, be approved. The motion

CARRIED

AWARDS and MEDALS Committee

Dr. Kelly Hawboldt, Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science
Dr. Sharene Bungay, Department of Computer Science
Dr. Brett Favaro, Marine Institute
Dr. Robert Ormsby, Department of English

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

The Dean gave notice of motion to approve revisions to the Constitution and By-laws of the Academic Council, School of Graduate Studies.

Consideration of these revisions will be presented at the November 19th, 2018 regular meeting of Academic Council. Documents will be circulated on October 16th, which will give the Council 21 days notice prior to the November 19th meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Aimée Surprenant, Chair

Leonard Lye, Secretary