



## **Report to Senate**

**Faculty: Graduate Studies Executive Council (GSEC)**

**Date of Meeting(s): December 12, 2013**

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Dean's Report:

B. Brouwer and S. den Otter attended the Council of Graduate Schools' annual meeting in early December 2013. Sessions on enhancing professional development opportunities for graduate students using social networking for job searching and career planning were particularly useful.

The SGS presented the highlights of the results of the 2013 Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey (CGPSS) as well as the most recent SGS Applicant Survey at an open meeting held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Presentation materials can be found on the SGS website at: <http://www.queensu.ca/sgs/faculty-staff/workshops-webinars>

Renovation work in the SGS main office (Room 425 Gordon Hall) will begin January 2 and is scheduled for completion by the end of January 2014. This work is needed to accommodate the embedded counsellor and the staff person who will manage the post-doctoral fellow portfolio in the SGS.

Recent communications from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) indicate the following:

- Universities are to submit revised Strategic Mandate Proposals by December 20, 2013 and include enrolment information to 2018-19. The intent is that the MTCU will have all mandates in place by the end of March, 2014;
- MTCU announced that it will temporarily suspend new program approvals pending finalization of Strategic Mandate Agreements. It was clarified that this does not impact approvals from the Quality Council
- The target date for graduate expansion has been shifted to 2017-18 with an increase of 3000 spaces by 2015-16. Queen's received an allocation of 57.8 new Master's spots for 2014-15.

The Canadian Graduate Scholarship-Masters (CGS-M) online application closed December 5. Queen's received 508 applications: 69 CIHR (quota of 8), 216 SSHRC (quota of 47) and 223 NSERC (quota of 27). The planned internal review and adjudication period is between January 15-February 14, 2014.

GSEC approved:

1. New program proposal for a Professional Master of Education Degree (PMOE)
2. Fellowship Committee Report to GSEC December 2013
3. Omnibus Report December 2013
4. Item for discussion:
  - Feedback from Councils/Committees on proposed extension procedures