

Graduate Studies Executive Council (GSEC) Report to Senate

Date of Senate Meeting: February 25, 2014

Date of Meeting(s): January 16, 2014 meeting

Dean's Report:

B. Brouwer recently attended a meeting of CALDO, a consortium of 9 of 15 of Canada's U15 research intensive universities with a mandate to expand Canada's reputation as a destination for students and research scholars and recruit excellent caliber sponsored international students. It provides both graduate and undergraduate placement services, which help prospective students navigate the process of seeking admission to member universities. More information on CALDO and its services will follow.

Registration is now open for this year's Three Minute Thesis. Heats are scheduled during the week of March 24th and the Queen's final will take place April 9th in the evening. This year, Master's students who are writing either a thesis or a major research project are encouraged to participate as well as all doctoral students. The provincial 3MT final will be held at McMaster University on April 24th. A virtual, national Three Minute Thesis event is to be held in mid to late May.

Dissertation Boot-Camp is back, and will be held during Reading Week 2014. Registration is open and spaces are filling up quickly.

Canada Graduate Scholarships-Masters (CGS-M) adjudication: SGS has nearly completed the review of the 500+ applications received. Awards subcommittee members and reviewers should have access to their applications by the middle of next week.

For information:

- 1) the SGS is exploring the notion of cohort-based tuition; and,
- 2) SGS Annual funding memos will go out by January 31st.

Reports from Faculty Graduate Councils/Committees and SGPS:

- Procedures for requesting extensions discussed in FAS Arts and Science Councils and in Policy & Planning Committee.
- Discussion of evaluating graduate teaching and courses (FAS Arts Council)
- SGPS reminded members of the Student Advisor Program

GSEC approved:

1. Major Modification, Master of Engineering with Industrial Internship, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
2. Major Modification, Deletion of Fields, M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Sciences
3. Omnibus Report January 2014

Items for discussion:

- Enrolment and recruitment, 2014-15
- Establishment of a working group to review major SGS funding

Item for information:

4. Summary report of Graduate student financial support, 2012-13