



Report to Senate

Committee Name: **Graduate Studies Executive Council (GSEC)**

Date of Meeting: **Highlights from the March 13, 2014 meeting**

Dean's Report:

- B. Brouwer summarized the Graduate Allocation Process as per the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities recent memo.
- The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) has communicated with Canadian Graduate Scholarships-Masters (CGS-M) applicants and the departments where they plan to undertake their graduate studies in an effort to recruit these highly qualified candidates to Queen's.
- B. Brouwer will attend a meeting in Ottawa at the end of March with Tri-Council representatives. The issues of managing interdisciplinary applications at both the Doctoral and Master's competitions levels and the administration of the CGS-M competition will be raised.
- The fee associated with the Ontario Visiting Graduate Student (OVGS) program is under discussion by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS). The OCGS will propose an increase to the current \$500 term-length course fee that is paid to the host institution by the home institution of the student.
- Jeanette Parsons will talk about accommodating graduate students at the spring 2014 Graduate Forum on Tuesday, April 8, 10:30-noon, in Kinesiology 101.
- An update on the Productivity and Innovation Fund (PIF) Ontario university consortium project to develop online modules on professional skills for graduate students was provided.
- The Quality Council conducted an on-site audit in February, and thanks are due to all who participated.
- The Queen's 3MT event takes place March 27/28. Departments/units are urged to promote the event to their Master's and PhD students.

Reports from Faculty Graduate Councils/Committees and SGPS:

Revisions to the SGS Thesis Outcome categories were discussed at most Council/Committee meetings. The SGPS reminded members of upcoming SGPS elections, and of the Student Advisor Program.

GSEC approved:

1. Major Modification, Graduate Diploma in Accounting
2. Omnibus Report March 2014

Item for discussion: Proposed Revisions to SGS Regulation Outcome Categories of the oral thesis examination

Item for information: March 2014 application status report