Graduate Studies Executive Council (GSEC)
Highlights from the February 2015 meeting

Dean’s report:
- The new Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation was approved by the Quality Council and will commence as planned in September 2015.
- The site visit for the Graduate Diploma, Master’s and PhD programs in Aging and Health was held Feb 12th and 13th; the report submitted was very positive.
- The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) hosted 2 very successful events in February:
  a. Dissertation Boot Camp (58 registrants), and b. our annual reception for Tri-Council award holders (graduate students and post-doctoral fellows) and their supervisors.
- The SGS will host a Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master’s (CGS-M) webinar on March 3 for all our CGS-M applicants. Information about graduate studies, Queen’s University, and Kingston will be provided and current graduate students will speak about their experiences. An opportunity for questions and answers will be provided.
- University Ventures, an investment firm focused on the global higher education sector gave a presentation to the deans. Of particular interest was the discussion around identifying different, international markets for our programs. With our growing number of blended graduate programs, the SGS encourages programs to contemplate the potential of non-domestic markets. For example, if the online core curriculum is relevant and desirable for domestic and international markets, the face-to-face programs elements could address the regional/cultural specific needs thereby expanding our reach and consumer base.
- 3MT – final call for registrations for the heats of the week of March 9th and the final on March 24th.
- The Spring Graduate Forum will be held April 13 @ 10:00, KIN 100. Suggestions for topics are welcome.

Reports from Faculty Graduate Councils/Committees and SGPS:
Graduate councils and committees discussed and supported the proposed change to the SGS regulation/degree requirement, Accessible Customer Service Training. The Arts Graduate Council began a review of supervision workloads across their graduate programs, and discussed concerns about lengthy approval times by the General Research Ethics Board (GREB). The Graduate Committee for Business continues application review and also plans to review a proposal for a new field, International Business, at upcoming meetings. The The Rosa Bruno-Jofré Symposium in Education is currently underway at the Faculty of Education, and this year, includes students external to Queen’s. The SGPS elections were held in February 2015, and a fee increase for the Student Advisors program was passed. Departments/programs have been asked by the SGPS to identify graduate students who serve on departmental/program committees where discussion of major program modifications are held, with a goal to ensuring student members on graduate councils and committee are informed of student feedback on such matters.

GSEC approved:
1. Omnibus Report February 2015
2. Report of the Fellowship Committee February 2015

GSEC discussed:
Proposed changes to the SGS General Regulation Restriction of Thesis. A revised document will be circulated and discussion will continue at graduate council/committee meetings.