Graduate Studies Executive Council (GSEC)

Highlights from the April 2015 meeting

- B. Brouwer reported on her meeting with the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) last week. The Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents (OCAV) will expand the Faculty at Work project to include OCGS recommended metrics associated with graduate supervision. Also the OCGS is working with members of CUPA on the development of a postgraduate survey of graduate students to collect information on career paths and employment and the relationship with graduate training.

- The Aging and Health graduate diploma, Master’s and doctoral degrees proposal is now with the Quality Council.

- The Three-Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) takes place next week. The Queen’s representative Cara Yin will represent Queen’s.

- Spring 2015 Graduate Forum took place on Monday, April 13. S. Korba and S. den Otter presented on services (particularly writing support) available for graduate students, and T. Harris gave a presentation on Advancement initiatives as related to graduate studies.

- The quota of SSHRC and NSERC CGS-M recipients has yet to be filled. The deadline for students to respond to their CGS-M offers is April 22.

- A renewal of The Queen’s-Trent Agreement that provides opportunities for Trent faculty members to supervise students enrolled at Queen’s is under negotiation.

- Twenty-eight graduate students and postdocs from Queen’s, RMC, the University of Ottawa and Trent University are registered for the April 21 SSHRC-CAGS Roundtable “Imagining Canada’s Future”. Erik Lockhart (Queen’s Executive Decision Centre) will facilitate the event. A report of the event and recommendations will be submitted to CAGS and SSHRC, and will presented at the Learned Societies Congress in June and at the CAGS annual congress in the fall.

Reports from Faculty Graduate Councils/Committees and SGPS:

Graduate councils and committees reviewed and approved changes to courses and similar routine matters, and also reviewed proposed changes to the SGS Restriction of Thesis regulation. Two incoming members of the SGPS Executive for 2015-16 were present and were introduced. D. Jansen provided some details of a recent presentation made on Queen’s University Student Advisor Program.

GSEC approved:

1. Preapproval of New Graduate Diploma and Professional Master’s in Medical Sciences
2. Revisions to SGS Restriction of Thesis Regulation
3. Omnibus Report April 2015
4. Fellowship Committee Report April 2015

GSEC agreed to hold an email review and vote on Proposed Major Modifications to the Fields of Study for the Master’s program in Classics so that the requested changes can be considered by the Senate Committee on Academic Development (SCAD) and Senate during this academic session.