Dean’s report: B. Brouwer reported:
- The provincial Three-Minute Thesis Competition (3MT) took place at Western. Queen’s student C. Yin (Eng Physics) placed 4th and will represent Queen’s in the National competition.
- Queen’s has now filled our CGS-M quota across all councils.
- An application status report was circulated showing that compared to May 1, 2014 the number of domestic applications are up slightly (Master’s and PhD) as is the number of offers made. The number of acceptances are up from 565 at the Master’s level last year to 591 this year with a target intake of 956 (847 in 2014). At the PhD level we have 124 accepts (same in 2014) and a target intake of 231 (188 in 2014).
- Queen’s was successful in the Trudeau Fellowship competition, more information will follow.
- Spring convocations begin on May 21st through to June 11th – 21 ceremonies, 19 involving graduate students.
- NSERC representatives will visit universities in early September to hold sessions on their funding opportunities for students. We plan to have one session for students and one session for post-doctoral fellows.

Reports from Faculty Graduate Councils/Committees and SGPS:
Most graduate councils and committees had not met since the last GSEC meeting. Final meetings of the last academic session will be held later in May 2015 for most councils. The SGPS is currently hiring and training Student Advisors.

GSEC approved:
1. Proposed Major Modification, combined program Bachelors/MSc Neuroscience
2. Proposed Major Modification, Fields in the Professional Master of Education
5. A motion to empower the Dean or Associate Dean of SGS, prior to the Spring 2015 convocation ceremonies, to amend the approved Spring 2015 degree list to correct any errors or omissions from the list.
6. A motion to empower the Executive Officers of the School of Graduate Studies to act on behalf of GSEC during the summer period and report to GSEC in the Fall on any substantive actions taken.

GSEC discussed:
Online graduate modules and courses development update, and 2015-2016 meeting dates

Rebecca Luce-Kapler and Brian Bennett were thanked for their contributions to GSEC as they both have completed their terms.