

Date: October 26, 2009

To: Ms Karen Roche
Secretary to Senate

From: Dr. Philip Hicks, Dean
Faculty of Graduate Studies

Subject: Graduate Council Report to Senate

Part 1 – Items Referred to FGS from the October 2, 2009 Senate Meeting

- 1) Faculty of Education Masters Education Regulations – Recommended for Approval, with the addition of “excluding the placeholder”. The revised calendar entry will be: “MEd students may register for no more than three half courses, excluding the placeholder, in the Fall or Winter term, except with written permission of the Chair.”
- 2) Faculty of Education Course Route to MEd – Women’s Studies/Gerontology – Recommended for Approval
- 3) Faculty of Engineering MSc Engineering – Recommended for Approval with the exception of the deletion of #6
- 4) Report on the MA Program in English – Recommended for Approval

Part 2 – Items/Motions Referred to Senate

- 1) Faculty of Graduate Studies Graduate Council – Terms of Reference Confirm membership to include Associate Vice President, Academic Recommended by Regulations/Programs Committee Approved by Graduate Council to refer to Senate
- 2) Motion – That the list of November 2009 Graduands be approved as submitted. Moved by B. Nelson, seconded by G. Knutson. Carried

Information Items

The Council approved recommendations from the Leave Extension Committee.

In his report, Dean Hicks spoke to the following items:

That Ed Rawana is replaced by Mirella Stroink and Lada Malek (sabbatical) by Joe Carney (acting) as Graduate Co-ordinators this year for Psychology and Biology, respectively.

Graduate Assistant office assignments have been achieved.

Third-party contracts for Grad Students who have their research/thesis advisors (or supervisors) deriving from outside the University and have some of their funding through those third-party entities (e.g., for- or not-for-profit companies; one example being TBRI) have been completed by University Counsel and are considered acceptable from the University's perspective.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies has prepared a new colour brochure to promote our 31 various post-baccalaureate programs; this updates the older version which was becoming somewhat dated and was increasingly inaccurate. We plan to disseminate that publication to various interested parties, partly in hopes of influencing next year's application rates.

That he is working on collecting competitive intelligence re: the various graduate funding packages currently being offered by other in-province universities of similar size and scope as Lakehead University to prospective students for the purpose of recruitment. To date data from Brock and Laurentian Universities have been obtained but other information is expected to arrive in due course. Those data will be disseminated to Grad Co-ordinators and others as it becomes available.

L. Hill stated that the 2010 application cycle is now open and processing has begun for 2010 applications received to date.

OGS, NSERC and SSHRC files have been delivered to departments. Completed departmental appraisal forms are required by November 3.



Dr. Philip Hicks

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