

# Executive Council of Graduate Faculty

Minutes for 9 October 2020

**Present:** Jennifer Roberts (Chair), Jody Brook, Hui Cai, Matt Gillispie, Heidi Hallman, Chris Johnson, Yan Li, Robert Parsons, Matt Tidwell, Andrew Short, Jide Wintoki, Ben Wolfe, Michael Wolfe, Amanda Ostreko (Staff), Kristine Latta (Staff), Amber Roberts Graham (Staff), Jessy Carolina Ayestas Hernandez (Staff).

**Absent:** Joshua Miner, Mike Werle (Ex Officio),

## Announcements

- Update on open and Upcoming Application Deadlines
  - MAGS Thesis Award: nominations due 14 October
  - University Graduate Fellowship (UGF): applications due 21 October
  - All GTA awards and the Graduate Student Awards for Distinguished Service: nominations due 16 November
- Update on 3MT
  - 50 students registered to participate in the 3MT competition this year, which will be held virtually using recorded videos of each student's slide and presentation.
  - Most of these students attended a workshop presented by Professor Jennifer Gleason about how to develop and record a 3MT video.
  - Videos are due to Graduate Studies in two weeks' time, after which they will be posted on our website for judging in two rounds.

## Review of Minutes

- 18 September 2020  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

## Graduate Faculty Nominations

- Approved as Proposed:
  - Leslie Shaw (SPED)
  - Bradford Roy Cokelet (PHIL)
  - Ting Lei (GEOG)
  - Danielle LaFrance (ABSC)
  - Mark P. Johnson (JOUR)
  - Stephen Hassard (DSGN)
  - Kriti Chakdar (EMGT)
  - Deepak Rapaka (EMGT)
  - David O. Johnson (EECS)
  - Howard P. Wills (EPSY)

- Irina Six (SLAV)
- Daogin Tong (GEOG)
- Meredith D. Hartley (CHEM)
- Tien-Tsung Lee (JOUR)
- Kyle Whyte (GEOG)
- Noel Bartlow (GEOL)
- Christine Valerie Bourgeois (FREN)
- Marcia K. Schulmeister (GEOL)
- Xiaoging (Sarah) Wu (BIOE)

### **Petitions for Policy Exception**

- 700+ GTA Appointments
  - A single appointment to assist with several 700+ courses in the Department of Psychology was approved.

### **Policy Revision Proposals**

- [Doctoral Program Time Constraints](#)
  - Third Read
  - The Council discussed the feedback received during the most recent round of campus-wide stakeholder review and agreed with the resulting edits made directly to the text of the newest version.
  - The Council also addressed the specific discussion questions raised by stakeholders and specifically delineated in the agenda.
  - Several Council members expressed a primary concern to maintain, as far as possible, the traditionally high standards for intense focus and immersive work in a doctoral program for most students in most programs. They also recognized the need to allow part-time doctoral study by full-time working professionals as well as the dramatic increase in flexibility afforded by the latest remote learning technologies.
  - The Council provided direction for a further round of revisions, which they reviewed via electronic means the following week. The Council voted to send the last version forward to the Provost for final review and approval.

**Next Meeting:** Friday 30 October 2020, 2:00 p.m.