



General Faculties Council  
**GRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Approved Minutes

Meeting # 48

December 18, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Governors Boardroom A 167

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***Voting Members***

Robin Yates, Co-Chair  
Paul Mains, Academic Co-Chair  
Mohamed Abdelsamie  
Jalel Azaiez  
Jim Brandon  
Jim Field  
David Paskevich  
Betsy Ritter  
Angelique Saweczko  
Michael Sideris

***Regrets***

Paul Mains, Academic Co-Chair

***Non-Voting Members***

Christine Johns  
Francine Smith  
Tanya Zdorenko\*

***Secretary***

Susan Belcher

***Scribe***

Jyoti Myers

***Observers***

Jaclyn Carter, Governance and Student Appeals  
Office Coordinator  
Cherie Tutt, Director, University Secretariat and  
Student Appeals Office  
Louise Wells, Graduate Calendar Coordinator

***Guests***

Lyndsay Campbell, Associate Dean (Research) and Graduate Program Director, Faculty of Law – present for Item 5  
Sara Fedoruk, Analyst, Planning and Reviews, Office of the Provost – present for Item 5  
Kelly Hogle, Program Support Specialist, Office of the Provost – present for Item 5

\*by telephone

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The Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and confirmed quorum.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Agenda for the December 18, 2019 Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting be approved.

**Carried**

### **1. Remarks of the Co-Chair and Academic Co-Chair**

The Co-Chair welcomed Jaclyn Carter as an observer to the meeting and noted that Louise Wells is replacing Tanya Zdorenko as the Graduate Calendar Coordinator.

### **3. Approval of the November 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda.

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Minutes of the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee meeting held on November 20, 2019 be approved.

**Carried**

### **4. Approval of Calendar Changes: Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Schulich School of Engineering (Biomedical Engineering Program), Faculty of Law, Faculty of Nursing and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Robin Yates and Tanya Zdorenko, Graduate Calendar Editor, presented this item.

Highlights:

- The proponents reported that the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Arts, Science, Schulich School of Engineering (SSE) (Biomedical Engineering Program), Law, Nursing and the Veterinary Medicine have been reviewed by the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) Calendar Working Group and that, the substantive changes include:
  - An amended Calendar entry and course descriptions for the new graduate certificate and diploma in Leadership in Engineering and Advanced Practice
  - The addition of a new Calendar entry for the general Master of Laws (LLM) degree in the Master of Laws (course-based)
- The Committee discussed the minor changes to the text of the program descriptions, changes to the degree options, and changes to the program-level admission requirements as related to the graduate programs in the Faculty of Arts, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine
- The Committee then discussed changes for the program descriptions, the proposed changes to the degree options and the proposed changes to the program-level admission requirements and in particular, discussed the Calendar submissions and suggested:
  - An amendment to the SSE submission to change “approval of the Department” to “approval by the Graduate Program Director”

- Clarification that the new Psychology 600 course in the Faculty of Arts is a graded course and included in the student's grade point average (GPA)
  - The wording in the admission requirements for the Faculty of Nursing be updated to reflect, "Present active nursing registration" and remove the word, "evidence" as the registration itself is thru the Collage and Association of Registered Nurses in Alberta
  - Clarification in the wording for the Faculty of Science, Geoscience program entry related to the definition of "deficiencies", as noted in the "Revised Requirements" section and also clarification on the impact that the deficiency would have on a student's GPA
  - Clarification in the wording for the new LLM Calendar entry regarding the term "other suitable person" as it relates to the student's supervision
- The Committee agreed that the motions for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Law would be withdrawn to allow the Graduate Calendar Editor to clarify the required amendments with the graduate programs

**MOTION 1:****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Arts, as set out in the Summary provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

**Carried****MOTION 2****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Science, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

**Withdrawn****MOTION 3:****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Schulich School of Engineering, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group, with the requested amendments.

**Carried**

**MOTION 4****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Law, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

**Withdrawn****MOTION 5:****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Nursing, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

**Carried****MOTION 6:****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS) approve the Calendar changes for the graduate programs in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, as set out in the document provided to the Committee, and as recommended by the GAPS Calendar Working Group.

**Carried****5. Recommendation of the Creation of a PhD in Law**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda. Lyndsay Campbell presented this item.

**Highlights:**

- The proponent outlined the background and rationale for the proposed recommendation for the creation of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law and reported that this program will address student demand needs and would appeal to those students who wish to acquire specialized knowledge and transferable competencies in a competitive market in which legal knowledge and skills are assets
- The Committee learned that the Faculty of Law has expanded from 18 academic staff members to more than 30 members over the last decade and that feedback received from an external review highlighted the need for a PhD in Law to align the University of Calgary with other U15 universities and to meet the expectations of other Law schools to ensure their new hires have doctorates in Law or in cognate areas

- In response to a question, the proponent explained that the Faculty will aim to admit two to three students annually, in alignment with the current labour market demand and expect to attract exceptional students from the LLM program and in particular, in the field of Energy & Environmental Law
- The Committee discussed the proposal and suggested an amendment to ensure that the table components for the ongoing revenues and operational costs is updated to reflect accuracy

**Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Subcommittee recommend that the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee approve the creation of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Law, as set out in the proposal provided to the Committee, with the requested amendment.

**Carried****6. Status of Program Approvals**

Documentation for this item was circulated with the Agenda for information only.

**7. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8. Motion to Adjourn****Moved/Seconded**

That the Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee adjourn the December 18, 2019 meeting.

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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Susan Belcher  
Secretary