

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:

Jonathan Driver, Chair

Trude Heift

Gwen Bird

Mary Ann Gillies

Richard Lockhart

Ken Kasa

Allan MacKinnon

Larry Dill

David Newman

Valerie Ackroyd

Wade Parkhouse

Carolyne Smart

Ted Milner

Chris Veld

Michel Joffres

Michael Caulkins

Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Regrets:

Tom O'Shea

Mona Vajihollahi

Peter Mustard

Ariel Hornstein

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

(R. Lockhart / M. Joffres)

Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of December 12th 2005 were approved.

(R. Lockhart / W. Parkhouse)

Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1. Rolling conferral of degrees (GS2005.40, GS2006.01)

The director of Graduate Admission and Records proposed that SGSC submit graduate degree conferrals to Senate at the beginning of each month. This would be a choice that students can apply for, and not mandatory.

The current policy is that degree conferrals are submitted to Senate at the beginning of each semester. The recommended new procedure would affect the student transcripts – with a time of degree completion, which address some student needs, such as career advancement and scholarship entitlement.

Issues of faculty-level approvals, student's option of delaying convocation, implications on student visas, teaching appoi

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It was noted that courses taken under the Western Deans' Agreement [WDA] were not calculated in the CGPA.

This item was deferred until the chair had an