

**PRESIDING:** Alexander Tarhule, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

**MEMBERS:** Yu Chen, Paul Chiarot, Anne Clark, Shelley Dionne, Muhammad Khasawneh,

**MEMBERS:** Sarah Lam

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Stephen Rao, Timothy Barnes, Tara Brown (GSO), Andrew Chatterton, Jonathan Christiansen, Mary Beth Curtin, Raviraj Deshmukh (GSO), Heather Lehaan, Wendy Gray, Paul Hancher, Ivan Gagnon, Paul Ganser, Mark Hanks, Paul Parker, Mark Peller, Christine Sylvester (GSO), Leigh Wheeler, Shengsheng Zhou (GSO)

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Dean Tarhule called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

**II. MINUTES**

The minutes from the February 26, 2018 were approved as written.

**III. Report from Committees**

**Curriculum Committee** – Associate Dean Sarah Lam reported that the Committee met on March 10, 2018. The Committee approved six (6) course proposals: SOC 590 Prisoners Rights Activism and the Biocatalysis; PME 628 Biomedical Optics; CS 540 Advanced Topics in Object Oriented Programming; TRIP 582 Topics in Translation Studies. No questions were raised. All six (6) course proposals stand approved.

Associate Dean Lam presented the Program revision in Comprehensive Examination Sequence in Chemistry. Nikolay Dimitrov was on hand to answer questions. A formal vote was taken and the proposal was approved unanimously.

Family Nurse Practitioner: Distance Education for MS: Family Nurse Practitioner: Advanced Certificate. Family Nurse Practitioner: Distance Education for Advanced Certificate. Family Nurse Practitioner: Gail Spencer, Mary Muscar, Pamela Stewart Fahn and Dean Mario Ortiz were on hand to answer questions. A formal vote was taken and the proposal was approved unanimously.

Associate Dean Lam presented an LOI for a Program in Information Systems. A formal vote was taken and the proposal was approved unanimously. The LOI will go onto the next steps.

**Academic Standards Committee** – Associate Dean Sarah Lam reported the Committee met on March 12, 2018 to discuss the Graduate Faculty representation in Graduate Council. The current representation numbers were reviewed. The Committee considered three different options. The large. After much discussion, the Committee recommended adding two more members to Watson for

a total of six members. The ASC will continue to discuss the guidelines for changing GC membership and composition. A formal vote was taken and the change was approved unanimously.

Advisory Committee for Governance and Resources – This committee meets every week and update given.

Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee – This committee has not met.

Clark Advisory Committee – Associate Dean Sarah Lam reported the Committee met on March 7 of 24.

Strategic Planning Committee – This committee has not met

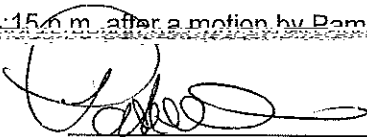
#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Dean Tarhule updated the Council that the previously proposed Strategic Planning Committee is still in discussion. Consultations are being planned with the TAE committee on Graduate Education quality to develop the framework for discussions. Members will be informed about next steps once the consultations are completed.

Dean Tarhule also announced that applications for the faculty fellows position had been received and would be evaluated soon.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. after a motion by Pam Smart and seconded by Gale Spencer.



Minutes recorded by Patty Gabriel,  
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean  
of the Graduate School