

Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) – Senate Report 2017-2018 Academic Year

This is the tenth year that this Senate Committee has been in existence. It was chaired by Dean of Graduate Studies, Mavis Reimer.

Membership of the Committee

The GSC includes representation from all graduate programs:

Applied Computer Science and Society (MSc) (rep: Christopher Henry);
 BioScience, Technology and Public Policy (MSc) (rep: Beata Biernacka);
 Cultural Studies (MA) (rep: Heather Snell);
 Environmental, Resource and Development Economics (MA) (rep: Amrita Raychaudhuri/Melanie O’Gorman);
 Master in Management: Technology, Innovation and Operations (MiM) (rep: Peter Moreira)
 History* (MA) (rep: Janis Thiesen);
 Indigenous Governance (MA) (rep: Shailesh Shukla);
 Marriage and Family Therapy (MMFT) (rep: Narumi Taniguchi);
 Master’s in Development Practice (MDP) (rep: Jaime Cidro);
 Peace and Conflict Studies* (MA) (rep: Eliakim Sibanda);
 Public Administration* (rep: Joan Grace);
 Religion* (MA) (rep: Rory Dickson);
 Theology (MA) (rep: Arthur Walker-Jones).

* Joint Master’s Program (JMP) with University of Manitoba

In addition, the Committee includes three representatives from departments that do not administer graduate programs at present and one graduate student representative:

Nora Casson (Geography);
 Michael Weinrath (Criminal Justice);
 Chris Wiebe (Chemistry);

The graduate student position was held by Laura Cameron, Master of Indigenous Governance student, during this academic year.

Work of the Committee:

In 2017-18, the GSC convened for nine monthly meetings. It continued its work of reviewing and approving policies and guidelines, program proposals, curriculum proposals, external examiners for thesis defenses, appeals by students for variances in their terms of study, and nominations for the Graduate Student of Highest Distinction Awards. In addition, the GSC discussed a variety of issues and best practices across programs, and made recommendations on such processes and events as recruitment,

skills development workshops, pathway programs to graduate studies, the Graduate Studies Fair, and Graduate Studies Research Week.

- **Work of Sub-Committees**

In order to streamline the work of the large committee during its monthly meetings, a

- a presentation on the new Student Planning on-line program by Dagmawit Habtemariam, Graduate Studies Recruitment, Enrolment and Student Tracking Officer from the Graduate Studies Office.