

Annual Report
Graduate Academic Affairs Council
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

1. Terms of Reference

No changes were made to the terms of reference.

2. Membership

Chair: Jill McClay, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

Vice Dean: Lynn McGarvey

Graduate coordinators:

Educational Policy Studies, Heather Kanuka
Educational Psychology, George Buck
Elementary Education, Doug Gleddie
School of Library and Information Studies, Ali Shiri
Secondary Education, Cathy Adams

Director, Master's in Educational Studies, Elaine Simmt

Elected members:

Educational Policy Studies, José da Costa
Educational Psychology, Marian Rossiter
Elementary Education, Jennifer Branch
Secondary Education, Norma Nocente

Graduate Student representatives:

Educational Policy Studies, Rochelle Starr
Educational Psychology, Chantal Labonte
Elementary Education, Jackie Filipek
School of Library & Information Studies, Alicia Cappello
Secondary Education, Christa King

Teacher Qualifications Committee Representative: Gaylene Schreiber

Administrator: Betty jo Werthmann

3. Activities and accomplishments

GAAC met six times during the 2015-2016 academic year (September 14, October 5, November 2, December 7, February 1, April 4). Twenty three editorial calendar changes were approved, (five through e-vote), and nine new courses were approved (one through e-vote).

The Chair provided information and updates on:

- Future Faculty Sessions
- Graduate student exit survey
- Exemption for Education graduate students to be exempt from FGSR's requirement PD component
- Faculty graduate student open house

- Recruitment documentation and initiatives
- SSHRC workshops

Reports and discussions took place on the following topics:

- department on-line courses
- Faculty-wide Three Minute Thesis Opportunity
- advertising graduate courses across the Faculty
- spring and summer graduate course offerings

A report was provided from the ATA Teacher Qualifications Committee representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill McClay, Chair
Graduate Academic Affairs Council