



**Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Annual Report for Senate**

2022-2023 Academic Year

Starting in August 2023, the Graduate Studies Committee was chaired by the Acting Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Manish Pandey, who took over from former Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Mavis Reimer.

**Committee Membership**

The GSC includes representation from all graduate programs and representatives from departments that do not administer graduate programs at present:

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
Acting Dean of Graduate Studies – Chair	Manish Pandey	Ex Officio
Applied Computer Science and Society, GPC	Chris Henry	2023
Applied Economics, GPC Chair	Melanie O’Gorman (Amrita Ray Chaudhuri September 2022 to January 2023)	2024
Criminal Justice, GPC Chair	Michelle Bertrand	2025
Cultural Studies, GPC Chair	Bruno Cornellier	2024
Environmental and Social Change, GPC Chair	Matt Dyce	2025
Bioscience, Technology and Public Policy, GPC Chair	Craig Willis	2023
Indigenous Governance, GPC Chair	Mark Ruml	2023
History*, GPC Chair	Ryan Eyford	2025
Masters in Development Practice, GPC Chair	Jaime Cidro	Ex Officio
Masters in Management, GPC Chair	Sylvie Albert	Nov 1 - June 30 2023
Public Administration*, GPC Chair	Malcolm Bird	2024
Religious Studies*, Theological Studies, GPC	Carlos Colorado	2023
Peace and Conflict Studies*, GPC Chair	Eliakim Sibanda	2023
Marriage and Family Therapy, GPC Chair	Narumi Taniguchi	Ex Officio
Physics, Faculty member	Christopher Bidinosti	2023
Kinesiology and Applied Health, Faculty member	Danielle Defries	2024
Education, Faculty member	Derek Stovin	2024
Graduate student appointed by the UWSA	Katherine Rempel  Dhruv Gupta	2022-March 2023  May 2023 – April 2024

\*Joint Master Program (JMP) with University of Manitoba

### **Work of the Committee**

In 2022-2023, the GSC convened for meetings on Zoom in every month but July 2022, August 2022, and March 2023. The December 2022 meeting was held in hybrid format. The GSC continued its work of reviewing and approving policies and guidelines, program proposals, curriculum proposals, external examiners for thesis examinations, appeals for students for variances in their terms of study, and nominations for the Graduate Student of Highest Distinction Awards. The GSC also gathered news about programs, conveyed information about opportunities and events to their students, grad program committees, and instructors, and advised the Acting Dean of Graduate Studies on matters pertaining to UWinnipeg graduate programs.

### **Work of the Subcommittees**

The following standing subcommittees continue to address recurrent issues. These subcommittees are:

#### **1. Appeals Subcommittee – chaired by Malcolm Bird**

This subcommittee considers student requests for leaves of absence or extensions of time limits to complete programs. The subcommittee reviewed and approved 15 appeals: 4 for an extension of program limit, 1 for retroactive leave of absence, and 10 for leaves of absence.

#### **2. Curriculum Subcommittee – chaired by Danielle Defries**

This subcommittee reviews new course, course revision, and course deletion proposals. In 2022, this subcommittee established new curriculum forms with expanded signature requirements: a Dept Chair's signature on any form that current required a GPC Chair's signature, and a Dean's signatures on program revisions going to Academic Planning. The revised forms also clarified a new deadline of October 31 for new graduate course proposals and program revisions. Based on the experience of 2022-2023, this deadline is being moved to September 29, 2023 for proposals for the 2024-2025 calendar year.

Curriculum business reviewed by the subcommittee and brought to GSC in 2022-2023 included:

- Proposal for new Data Analytics stream in the Master in Management program.
- Proposal for experimental course and changes to program requirements, Cultural Studies.
- Changes to program requirements, Master of Environmental and Social Change.
- Various housekeeping items with corrections to course codes and cross-listings from earlier submissions.
- Extension to active period for a Bioscience experimental course to allow it to be offered for a second time in 2023-2024.

#### **3. External Examiner Subcommittee – chaired by Craig Willis**

This subcommittee reviews the CVs of external examiners proposed by graduate programs for thesis and practicum examinations. They were appointed to approve examiners on behalf of the Dean and report to GSC their approved examiners for information, not approval. Nine external examiners were approved in 2022-2023. Their affiliations include the Universities of Manitoba, Dalhousie, Kansas State, Northern British Columbia, Regina; the International Institute for Sustainable Development; and the National Institute of Technology Karnataka.

#### **4. Policy Subcommittee – chaired by Manish Pandey**

This subcommittee reviews the existing Faculty of Graduate Studies Policies and Guidelines document. Since no immediate policy questions arose, the GSC Policy Subcommittee did not meet in 2022-2023.

**5. Higher Education Teaching Certificate (HETC) Academic Oversight Committee – chaired by Ryan Eyford**

A subcommittee of Graduate Program Chairs representing the Faculties of Arts, Science, and Education. Oversees the HETC.

**Additionally, the GSC:**

- Participated in the Meet & Greet September 14 and the Award and Grad Reception October 17
- Carried news of events and programs to their students and faculties, such as the 3-Minute Thesis Competition, the Indigenous Summer Scholars Program, and Award deadlines.
- Advised the Dean of Graduate Studies on issues pertaining to:
  - o Faculty training for Grad Program Chairs (e.g. posting *Policies and Guidelines* on a Nexus site designated for GPC Chairs and GSC members)
  - o The requirement for International students to provide a study permit before being allowed to Register
  - o Moving the acceptance deadline for International students to May 1
  - o Launch of the new Recruit application system
  - o Workshops for graduate students

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