

Joint Senate Committee on Master's Programs
Annual Report
April 17, 2018

I submit the following report on the work of the Joint Senate Committee on Master's Programs between the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg from May 2017 through April 2018.

Membership

Zana Lutfiyya	Chair of the JSC Director Education, UM
Todd Mondor	Vice Provost (Graduate Education) & Dean (FGS) University of Manitoba Ex-officio
Brooke Milne	Dean Designate, FGS University of Manitoba (as of July 1, 2016)
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Melissa Castron	Graduate Studies Officer (term ends June 31, 2018) University of Winnipeg
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Chris Bidinosti	Physics University of Winnipeg
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Supporting the committee:

Ashley Hayward	Graduate Studies Officer, FGS, University of Winnipeg
Cheryl Hadaller	Interim Programs Coordinator, FGS, University of Manitoba (until October 15, 2018)
Andrea Kailer	Programs Coordinator, FGS, University of Manitoba (as of October 19, 2016)
Sarah Morin	Office Assistant, FGS University of Manitoba (until April 23, 2018)

Committee Activities for 2017-2018

The JSC met on October 31, 2017;

- **JSC – Political Studies reported** eight new courses offerings in the Master of Public Administration. There has been an Increase in international applications: 91/109 applications received were international, with more expected. Full-time students have also increased and Political Studies plans to introduce a mandatory Co-op program in the next year.
- **JSC – Peace and Conflict Studies** reported they currently have 37 students in the Joint Master’s Program and 49 students in the Ph.D. Program. A successful conference titled Peace without Borders organized by PACS students took place, October 27 – 29, 2017 and well attended. The supervisory and advisory responsibilities shared by the UM and UW faculty distribution will be looked, more involvement from the UW faculty is needed.
- **JSC – History** reported 29 students in their program, with seven being new admissions; one thesis stream, and six archival stream. They are late with their letters of offer and students tend to accept offers for other universities. Last year, an external review was conducted, and changes to all four streams of the JMP have occurred. The History program is under review and the program review has been submitted. A summary of responses will be written and a meeting will be set to look at the elements of the external report on History related only to the JMP Program.
- **JSC – Religion** reported they have lifted the ban on admissions for both graduate programs. This was in place due to there not being supplemental regulations to govern The Department of Religion. We are working with both the JMP’s and Ph.D. and will be in place soon.

Upcoming Activities

- JSC evaluation of Public Administration second-cycle graduate program review (self-evaluation report due to FGS in spring 2018), with the report to be written by JSC Chair in Fall 2018.
- An orientation for the Joint Master's program will take place November 3, 2018 at the University of Winnipeg.
- UM Senate for Nominations of two positions – JSC Chair and Graduate Studies UM student representative has started the process for the call, their terms end May 31, 2018.
- University of Winnipeg for Nominations of two positions – Political Studies, UW and Graduate Studies UW student representative are actively looking, their terms end June 31, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by
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