**MINUTES**

**Meeting of the GC Policy Committee**

**Wednesday, 4th May 2022, 12.30-13.50**

Location: Zoom

Present: Laura Sly (Chair), Susan Porter, Jenny Phelps, Teresa Dobson, Jolanta Aleksejuniene, Michael Hunt, Jocelyn Stacey, Mark MacLachlan, Zhaoming Xu, Shannon Hagerman, Mopelola Akinlaja

**Staff:** Max Read, Arafat Safdar

1. **Introductions and regrets**

* Sean Smukler (Regrets)
* Brett Eaton (Regrets)

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

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| *All* | } | *That the agenda be approved.* |

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1. **Motion to Approve the Minutes**

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| *All* | } | *That the minutes be approved* |

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1. **Business**

* Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies
* Qualifying Student
* Second Doctoral Degree from UBC

1. **Discussion**

**Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

* Laura informs the committee that there are now two faculty streams, Research and Educational Leadership - Research Faculty are members of G+PS whereas Educational Leadership Faculty are not.
* UBC-O Faculty members, who are members of COGs can co-supervise or serve on committees for student at UBC-V but are not members of G+PS here.
* Thomas asks if the faculty members in the educational stream can serve as committee members on a PhD student’s committee – Max says they are eligible to serve in either – For MA, they need approval only of the Program but for PhD, they need to get the approval from G&PS.

**Qualifying Student**

* Laura puts forth a proposal to remove any reference to the category of ‘qualifying student’ – Jenny asks if ‘qualifying student’ could be a valid ground for a student to be admitted if their credentials do not meet the requirements (e.g. because of a crisis in their home country)
* More information needed to reach a decision about the status of this category – Laura to connect with Max about this

**Doctoral degrees**

* Proposal to add this information to the calendar for the students applying for a second doctoral degree at UBC

“Students who hold or are shortly expected to hold a doctoral degree are not normally admitted to second doctoral degree at UBC.”

* Teresa highlights the available minimum funding as the major barrier for admitting such students – Susan says instead of changing the wording, a suggestion could be made to the Awards team or the Grad council to consider amending the requirement that a second PhD does not fall in the ‘required funding’ category

**Advancing Education Renewal (AER)**

* Michael makes a presentation about the Advancing Education Renewal (AER) Project – an interdisciplinary curriculum approach – centralized core curriculum
* Susan asks about the challenges and about how open other programs are to sharing courses – Michael lists the availability of space as the biggest barrier which seems to have subsided with the online mode of teaching.
* Jolanta talks about the collaboration across Faculties, such as Nursing, Dentistry to at least teach the basics of these fields – Michael agrees
* Zhaoming says this approach has more potential for smaller units to collaborate with the larger programs.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 13:39.