The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. Dean Brian Corman welcomed all members and visitors.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

**THAT** the Graduate Education Council meeting of February 23, 2010 will adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**Approval of the Agenda of the Graduate Education Meeting of February 23, 2010**

The Dean asked for some changes to the agenda to accommodate invitee schedules, moving the following items so they would be considered immediately after item 6:

9.1 (Book History and Print Culture collaborative program),
9.2 (PhD in Chemistry program), and
9.3 (PhD in English program).

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

**THAT** the agenda of the Graduate Education Council meeting of February 23, 2010 be approved as amended.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

1 **Minutes of the Graduate Education Council Meeting of January 19, 2010**

The minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting were distributed electronically shortly before the meeting; hard copies were available at the meeting. The Dean suggested deferring approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

**MOTION**

**THAT** the minutes of the Graduate Education Council meeting of January 19, 2010 be approved.

The motion was **DEFERRED**.

2 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

2.1 **Subsequent Considerations of GEC-approved items**

**Master of Science in Applied Computing (MScAC) (new degree program)**

The new Master of Science in Applied Computing (MScAC) program was approved by GEC on May 19, 2009, by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs of Academic Board (AP&P) on September 15, 2009, by the Planning and Budget Committee of Academic Board (P&B) on October 28,
2009, and by Academic Board on November 12, 2009. Final University approval came from Governing Council on December 10, 2009. OCGS approval is expected soon.]

**Nursing Science (nurse practitioner field), Anesthesia Care, Master of Nursing Concurrent Diploma (GDipNPAC) and Post-Master of Nursing Diploma (GDipNPAC) (new graduate diploma programs)**

The proposal for two new graduate diplomas in Anesthesia Care (one concurrent with the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field), and the other a post Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Field) diploma, was approved by GEC on November 17, 2009, and by AP&P on January 12, 2010. Approvals by P&B and Academic Board and final approvals from Governing Council and OCGS are all pending.

**Environmental Science, PhD (new degree program)**

The new Environmental Science PhD program was approved by GEC on January 19, 2010. Approvals by AP&P, P&B, and Academic Board, and final approvals by Governing Council and OCGS are all pending.

**Developmental Biology (collaborative program), adding the master's level to existing doctoral-level program**

GEC gave the final University approval at the January 19, 2010 meeting. OCGS approval is still pending.

**Educational Policy (new collaborative program), master's and doctoral levels**

GEC gave the final University approval at the January 19, 2010 meeting. OCGS approval is still pending.

**Clinical Biomedical Engineering, MHSc, name change to Clinical Engineering, MHSc**

GEC gave the final University approval at the January 19, 2010 meeting. OCGS approval is still pending.

3 **Dean’s Remarks**

3.1 **Professional and Graduate Student Survey**

The Professional and Graduate Student Survey is underway; all students should have received a letter asking them to participate. Response has not been great as yet; the Dean asked everyone to urge all graduate students to participate in the survey. A higher participation rate would yield a more valid result.

3.2 **OCGS and Quality Assurance Framework Update**

As mentioned in the last meeting, OCGS will continue new program assessments for one additional year. The Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) was approved last week by the Ontario Council of Academic Vice-Presidents (OCAV) with a few amendments. That document, as amended, has been circulated to all Faculties. It will be circulating soon to everyone. The University has a Task Force working on the institutional quality assurance program that must be submitted to the new Quality Assurance Board (QAB); a draft institutional plan is expected by the end of March. Executive Heads at each institution should be approving the recommendation of their academic vice-presidents tomorrow. That would be the final approval stage, following which the QAF would see full circulation. It is a great relief to see the remaining difficulties with the QAF resolved.
3.3 SGS Sessional Dates (SGS Memo 2009-10 #007, posted Jan. 20, 2010)
The Dean reminded everyone about this memo, posted for information.

3.4 SGS Constitution and Calendar regulations
Reviews of the SGS Constitution and Calendar regulations are active at the moment. These will be coming to GEC in the next few months. The updated Constitution and regulations will reflect the new reality of SGS and provide everyone with a more accurate, more reader-friendly calendar.

4 Report of the Vice-Dean, Programs
Vice-Dean Liz Smyth thanked everyone who had helped formulating the new graduate faculty appointment process, which she hoped to have in place for the next academic year.

The next joint meeting of the Committee on Student Matters (CSM) and Committee on Program Matters (CPM) will consider Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) issues; a report will be made to GEC.

5 Report of the Vice-Dean, Students
Vice-Dean Berry Smith made no report.

6 New Combined Program: Law and Global Affairs, JD/MGA
The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Science Three-Campus Graduate Curriculum Committee (3CGC) on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)
THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science and Faculty of Law for a combined program in Law and Global Affairs (JD/MGA), leading to the degrees of Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Global Affairs (MGA), effective September 1, 2010.

Professors Steven Bernstein (MGA) and Sara Faherty (Law) were available to speak to the item. A member wondered if the University still had a hold in place on proposals for combined programs. He also asked why this proposal was not made as a concurrent registration option. The Dean informed Council that the Provost had removed the hold on combined programs after the concurrent registration framework alternative had been developed. A member noted that Law already has combined programs with several graduate programs. Professor Bernstein said that the Faculty of Law prefers the combined program model and this was why it had been chosen.

As no further discussion arose, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

7 New Program Options:

7.1 Music, PhD (music education field, adding a flexible-time option)
The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Music Council on November 17, 2009. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.
MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Music to introduce a flexible-time option to the PhD in Music program (music education field) All requirements for the degree must be completed satisfactorily within eight years from the date of the student’s first enrolment. This new option is effective May 1, 2010.

Professor Gillian MacKay was available to speak to the item.

A member asked if a residency was required. Professor MacKay answered that the option was flexible-time in its entirety. In response to a question from another member Professor MacKay answered that the program had never had a part-time or flexible-time option before.

A member asked if others besides working professionals could apply. The Dean answered that this would be against SGS regulations. Another member asked how this could be enforced, to which Vice-Dean Smith replied that this would be done as part of the admissions process. If a person is unemployed, the graduate unit would have to make a case before the Admissions and Programs Committee since that person would not fit the definition of those eligible; such requests were usually but not always refused. A student’s professional work and academic studies are supposed to inform each other intellectually in flexible-time program options.

A member asked how fees were structured in the flexible-time program option. Heather Kelly, SGS Director of Student Services, answered that students would pay full-time fees for the first four years and part-time fees thereafter; the time limit for completion of the degree would be eight years.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

7.2 Public Health, MPH (community nutrition field, adding an advanced standing option)

The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Curriculum Committee on January 28, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to introduce an advanced standing option to the Master of Public Health (MPH) in Public Health Sciences program (community nutrition field) with a core program of 5.0 FCE. This new option is effective May 1, 2010.

Ms. Melanie Morris, Assistant Program Director was available to speak to the item.

A member noted that the motion sheet said the proposal was approved by GEC. The Dean explained that this was a typographical error and the motion sheet should read the proposal was “to be approved” by GEC.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

8 Admission Requirement Changes:
8.1 Drama, PhD (direct-entry option)

The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

**THAT** Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the admission requirements for the five-year (“direct-entry”) option of the PhD in Drama program. The change will remove the requirement that candidates apply to the MA and write a letter asking to be considered for direct-entry to the PhD, and will replace it with a notice that students not qualified for “direct-entry” to the PhD will be considered for the MA, effective September 2010.

Professor Stephen Johnson was available to speak to the item. Seeing no discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

8.2 Environmental Science, MEnvSc

The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

**THAT** Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the admission requirements of the MEnvSc in the Environmental Science program by specifying that the applicant’s background should contain chemistry, physics, calculus and biology and noting that those with small deficiencies in these will be considered. The change is effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Jing Chen and Mr. Pavel Pripa were available to speak to the item and answer questions, if any. Professor Chen explained that the proposal implements a small change to the admission requirements to the graduate professional environmental science program at UTSC. The change makes explicit a requirement of two half-courses in chemistry, calculus, physics, or biology. This is to ensure students have adequate preparation for the program.

A member asked what was meant by “small deficiency”; that is, whether it meant that an applicant had not taken one of those courses or that they were weak in that area. Professor Chen answered that applicants ought to take these courses but that the wording was an attempt not to discourage borderline applicants. Mr. Pripa added that students would be considered if they did not have the courses in their background.

A member speculated that, if GEC members were confused about this, applicants surely would be. The Dean asked if anything would be lost by deleting the sentence, “Students with small deficiencies in these basic science courses will be considered.” A member noted that this would remove the nuance that applicants would be considered if they did not meet the requirements.

A member asked whether applicants would be required to have one half-course in each subject or overall. Professor Chen replied that the requirement was for only two half-courses in these subjects.
A member said there appeared to be a contradiction between the two last sentences of the Calendar bullet in question. The first sentence made it appear that students with a deficiency would be considered for admission, while the second made it appear that such students might be required to take additional courses in order to be eligible.

The Dean expressed his opinion that this was a proposal which seemed straightforward but was not very clearly stated; the wording should be kind and welcoming, but it ought not to be confusing. He added that, since GEC would meet again in three weeks, it might be advisable to ask Professor Donald Cormack, in conjunction with 3CGC or other representatives, to fine-tune the wording and get it exactly right for the March GEC meeting. Vice-Dean Smyth agreed to withdraw the motion. A member added that the smallness of the deficiency should also be more clearly specified.

No further discussion arose.

The motion was WITHDRAWN.

8.3 Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, PhD (clinical epidemiology & health care research field)

The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Curriculum Committee on January 28, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to change the admission requirements of the PhD in Health Policy, Management and Evaluation program (clinical epidemiology and health care research field) by requiring applicants to have a degree in a health profession (for example, MD, BScN, BScOT, BScPT, DDM, MScN, etc.), effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Rhonda Cockerill was available to speak to the item. Professor Cockerill told GEC that this proposal is a change to clarify existing departmental practices for the Calendar. She also requested, on behalf of the department, that the words “or equivalent” be used after the list of example degrees instead of “etc.”, as this would capture other similar degrees. Vice-Dean Smyth accepted this as a friendly amendment to the motion and noted that the Calendar entry would be similarly revised; she read the revised motion.

REVISED MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to change the admission requirements of the PhD in Health Policy, Management and Evaluation program (clinical epidemiology and health care research field) by requiring applicants to have a degree in a health profession (for example, MD, BScN, BScOT, BScPT, DDM, MScN, etc., or equivalent), effective September 1, 2010.

A member asked whether this would allow applicants holding MDs from outside Canada. Professor Cockerill answered that those trained as MDs but without a Canadian license would be allowed under the revised wording. It was also asked what other types of programs besides degrees might be considered equivalent, and whether these would be treated as non-standard or standard admissions cases. The Dean replied that it would be case-by-case. Another member explained that he had suggested the
revised wording to the department, as the original wording would have excluded many people with European nursing degrees which are not recognized to practice nursing in Canada but ought still to be recognized as acceptable background for additional study. The member clarified that the nursing degrees. Professor Cockerill added that, if any doubt existed about an applicant’s qualifications, the applicant would be treated as a non-standard admission.

A member asked for an explanation for a discrepancy between the SGS Calendar and the departmental website, mentioned in a comment in the attached Calendar text. It was explained that the Calendar text attached to the motion included comments related to Calendar production which did not involve governance. It was noted that the comment referred to was about the combined Master of Health Science (Health Administration)/Master of Social Work program (which the Calendar listed as two years in length while the comment said the departmental website listed it as two and a half), and was thus not relevant to the motion at hand. It was asked why the Calendar text included these apparently extraneous comments. The Dean explained that GEC was being provided with documents as SGS received them from the Faculties. It is not clear that SGS can address this problem directly, as it would involve action on the part of each Faculty. A member asked whether it might be advisable to send back documentation with extraneous comments. Discussion of the length of the program mentioned in the comment ensued with no clear resolution. The Dean said he would report back to GEC on the actual length of that program, but that it did not seem to interfere with considering the motion before Council.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

8.4 Management, MBA (including EMBA & GEMBA options)

The proposal was approved by the Executive Council of the Joseph L Rotman School of Management on January 20, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Joseph L Rotman School of Management to change the admission requirements of the MBA in Management program (including the EMBA and GEMBA options) by allowing a satisfactory GRE score to substitute for a satisfactory GMAT score in the application for these programs, effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Peter Pauly was available to speak to the item.

A member asked how the equivalency between the GRE and the GMAT was established, and whether this was done by Educational Testing Services. Professor Pauly explained that the GRE was evaluated in the same way as the GMAT, and that they were highly correlated.

Another member asked why the BASc/MBA combined program was not mentioned on the Governance Form. Professor Pauly answered that the change automatically applied to all combined programs that included the MBA, including the BASc/MBA.

In response to a question from another member, Professor Pauly explained that the reference to applicants being admitted under the General Regulations of SGS was being dropped because this is automatically the case and mentioning it would be redundant.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.
The motion was CARRIED.

8.5 **Social Work, MSW (social service administration field), and Advanced Diploma in Social Service Administration**

The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Social Work on November 24, 2009. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

**THAT** Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work to change the admission requirements of the Social Work program for both the MSW (social service administration field) and the Advanced Diploma in Social Service Administration. The change will reduce the requirement of practical experience in social work from five to three years, effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Andrea Litvack was available to speak to the item. Seeing no discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

9 **Program Requirement Changes**

[Items 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 were considered immediately after item 6.]

9.1 **Book History & Print Culture (collaborative program), master’s and doctoral levels**

The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

**THAT** Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the collaborative program in Book History and Print Culture by removing the requirement for master’s and doctoral students to complete BKS 1000Y and instead requiring both master’s and doctoral students to complete BKS 1001H and only master’s students to complete BKS 1002H. This change does not affect the overall FCE requirements for master’s students but reduces overall requirements for doctoral students from 2.0 to 1.5 FCEs. This change is effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Dan White was available to speak to the item.

A member asked if a part-time option existed in the program. Professor White said that due to the number of participating programs, this would be hard to coordinate. The participating Information program has a flexible-time option, and it was accommodated by the collaborative program.

Another member asked how the proposal would affect the value of the program to doctoral students. Professor White replied that reducing the workload would help the program grow and thus have a much more dynamic and vibrant community; however, he conceded that this required the loss of a full-year seminar experience. He added that, though the request that the program grow had come from the Faculty of Information, the impetus for this specific proposal came from within the program committee and that the advantages and disadvantages of growing had been considered.
Seeing no further questions, the Dean called the question.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

### 9.2 Chemistry, PhD (analytical chemistry field)

The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. In the motion distributed with the agenda, one of the changes was editorial in nature and did not require governance approval. A revised motion and revised documentation were circulated at the beginning of the meeting on blue paper. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion with the revised wording.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

*THAT* Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the PhD in the Chemistry program (analytical chemistry field) by adding the area of advanced instrumentation/data analysis to the list of areas in which students are required to complete 0.5 FCE. This increases the overall FCE requirement to 3.0 FCE. This change is effective September 1, 2010.

Professors James Donaldson and Aaron Wheeler were available to speak to the item. A member asked if this was an existing requirement which had simply not been documented in the Calendar. Professor Donaldson replied that this was the case, and that the requirement had existed for one year.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion is **CARRIED**.

### 9.3 English, PhD

The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

*THAT* Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the PhD in the English program by requiring that students meet with the supervisory committee within three months of submitting the preliminary proposal, and that an approved thesis proposal signed by all members of the supervisory committee and by the Associate Director, PhD, be submitted by February 15 of the second year of registration in the case of a student admitted on the basis of a master’s degree, otherwise by February 15 of the third year of registration. This change is effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Deidre Shauna Lynch was available to speak to the item. She explained that the proposal was intended to formalize what was practice in the program and to ensure timely completion of students in their programs.

A member asked what approval existed for the current practices in various programs for which GEC was now being asked for approval. The Dean replied that there would have been approval by the
graduate units and the Faculties involved, but that such changes did not always make it through all required levels of approval. It was unfortunate, but the proposals were being brought before GEC now in an attempt to correct this. Professor Lynch added that the department had not thought the change needed to be brought before GEC but now understood that it did.

Another member said there was an additional sentence in the attached Calendar entry which was not detailed in the motion. It was pointed out that this sentence was struck out and so was not relevant to the motion.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

9.4 Environmental Studies (collaborative program) master’s level

The proposal relates to a retroactive change to the Political Science MA program requirements which affects those students registered in the collaborative program; the proposed change to the Political Science MA program is upcoming on this agenda as item 9.9. The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the collaborative program in Environmental Studies by allowing master’s students whose home program is Political Science to substitute courses POL 2810Y or POL 2811Y with the major research paper which is to be on an environmentally related topic, in place of the course ENV 5555Y. This change is to be effective January 1, 2010.

Professor Jing Chen and Mr. Pavel Pripa were available to speak to the item. Professor Chen explained that the change is specific to political science students. Students in the collaborative program are usually required to complete a research paper as part of ENV 5555Y. Political science students are being allowed to instead complete a departmental research paper under POL 2810 Y or POL 2811Y. They are more or less equivalent in terms of requirements but as political science courses; the POL papers are more substantial and longer than the ENV requirement.

A member asked whether this would affect political science students doing a master’s thesis. It was explained that the Political Science program no longer has a thesis option, so all its students were required to complete the master’s research paper. Professor Chen added that the research paper would have to include an environmental science component for students in the collaborative program. Mr. Pripa added that the impetus for the change was that these two courses became mandatory as of September 2009, and the collaborative program did not want political science students to do double the work.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

9.5 Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, MSc (health technology assessment & management field)

The Dean explained that last year, SGS undertook an intensive governance review of the SGS Calendar. In some cases, program entries in the Calendar had been revised without securing the normal
governance approvals. As part of the Calendar clean-up, affected graduate units were requested to bring the changes forward for governance approvals. Only a few such cases remained to come before Council. In order to recognize that the proposed changes reflect current practice in the department, these proposals are presented with retroactive effective dates. The changes in this proposal relate to a field (health technology assessment and management) approved by OCGS some time ago. GEC approval is not required for new fields, but is required for any program requirement changes related to them. The OCGS approval had been secured; governance approval was now being requested.

The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Curriculum Committee on January 28, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)
THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to change the program requirements of the MSc in Health Policy, Management and Evaluation program by setting the following requirements for students in the health technology assessment and management field:

• 3.0 FCE (HAD5308H, HAD5730H, HAD 5760H, HAD 5763H, HAD5727H and HAD5304H) and participate in two non-credit seminars. The courses in this field are offered in a modular fashion.

• A thesis written under the supervision of a thesis committee and its defence before an examination committee.

• These changes are effective January 1, 2008.

Professor Rhonda Cockerill was available to speak to the item. She explained that the proposal would not change practices in the department but served as clean-up of the Calendar entry; the department had not been aware of the governance approval nuances when it had sent its new field proposal through OCGS. As no discussion arose, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

9.6 Law and English (combined program), JD/MA

The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)
THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the combined JD/MA in Law and English by reducing the number of courses required in the English program from 3.5 FCE to 2.5 FCE, effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Simon Stern was available to speak to the item. A member asked if originally there had been a reduction only on the Law side. Professor Stern confirmed that this had been the case.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.
The motion was CARRIED.

9.7 Management of Innovation, MMI

This is another Calendar change with a retroactive effective date, following from 8.5 above. The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Curriculum Committee on January 28, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to change the program requirements of the MMI in Management of Innovation program by removing the list of elective course choices and instead allowing students to choose electives from all graduate units across all disciplines at the University of Toronto, subject to approval in advance by the Program Director. This does not change the number of electives or overall FCEs required. This change is effective September 1, 2008.

Professor Rhonda Cockerill was available to speak to the item.

A member asked why the motion repeated the program name. The Dean explained that the motion included both the degree short form (MMI) and the program name (Management of Innovation). This was the usual practice for GEC motions. In this case the degree and program have similar names.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

9.8 Physiology, MSc, PhD

The proposal was approved by the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Curriculum Committee on December 10, 2009. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

MOTION (duly moved and seconded)

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to change the program requirements of the MSc and PhD in the Physiology program by replacing the requirement to attend (for the MSc) and contribute (for the PhD) to the departmental seminar with a requirement to enrol in a 0.5 FCE continuous CR/NCR course, PSL 1000H (for the MSc) or PSL 2000H (for the PhD). Each course formalizes the existing seminar requirement as an FCE. As a result, the overall FCE requirements of the program will increase, from 1.0 to 1.5 for the MSc, and from 2.0 to 2.5 for the PhD. This change is effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Martin Wojtowicz was available to speak to the item.

A member asked for the rationale for making the requirement a CR/NCR course as opposed to requiring seminar attendance. Professor Wojtowicz replied that this was being done so that students would be credited on the transcript.

Another member asked whether the only requirement for the course was attendance, and whether this was in line with the Graduate Grading Practices Policy relating to CR/NCR courses.
Professor Wojtowicz said that students were required to present at a conference but not as part of the seminar series. Heather Kelly noted that CR/NCR is considered a grade in the Graduate Grading Practices Policy. A suggestion was made that the proposal be revised so the courses are non-credit course, where a student receives recognition for attendance but the course has no weight.

A member noted that the existing requirement said that master’s students were required to attend the seminar, while doctoral students were required to contribute; she asked for clarification on how this related to the proposed changes in any revised proposal.

As no further discussion arose, the Dean called the question.

The motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

### 9.9 Political Science, MA

This is another Calendar change with a retroactive effective date. The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

**THAT** Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the MA in Political Science as follows:

- Require students in the Political Science field to take at least 0.5 FCE in political theory, which can be either the 0.5 FCE offered by the department specifically for this purpose (POL 2040H) or any other theory course. Also required is at least 0.5 FCE in statistics or research design. (Note that POL 2502Y, POL 2503H and POL 2504H are among the courses currently offered by the department which meet this requirement.)
- Require all students, except those who declare Political Theory as a field, or who are enrolled in collaborative programs with a similar requirement, to complete a full year research seminar course and its required assignment of a 30-50 page research major paper. (Note that POL 2810Y and POL 2811Y are the two seminars currently offered which meet this requirement.)
- Among other requirements, students in the field of Political Economy of International Development (PEID) must currently take 1 FCE from either the political science or political economy course lists. Change this to require students to complete one of the MA Research Seminars, POL2810Y or POL2811Y, and make political economy the focus of their research paper. This does not change the overall FCE requirements.
- Changes are effective September 1, 2009.

Ms. Carolyn Branton was available to speak to the item.

A member asked if this was the same proposal that had been withdrawn at the November 17, 2009 GEC meeting. The Dean replied that yes, the proposal had been withdrawn at that time because part of it had not been approved by the Faculty. The complete proposal now has 3CGC approval. The member asked whether Arts and Science Faculty Council approval was required. Another member explained that 3CGC has authority delegated from the Faculty Council to approve these types of proposals; they are then brought to Faculty Council for information only.

Seeing no further discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was **CARRIED**.
9.10 Statistics, MSc, PhD

The proposed changes in the second motion bring the Calendar text for the PhD into line with existing practice at the Department; the change appears in the current Calendar with the notation “Pending Final Approval”; the second motion is therefore presented as a retroactive Calendar change. The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motions. The Vice-Dean asked GEC to consider the motions separately; no objections were raised.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the Master of Science (MSc) in Statistics by removing the two-year full-time option from the program, effective January 2010.

Professor Radu Craiu was available to speak to the item. He explained that the option had not been exercised in over 16 years, and it was felt that one year is sufficient for the master’s degree. As no discussion arose, the Dean called the question.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Statistics by adding two existing courses (STA 2101H Methods of Applied Statistics and STA 2201H Methods of Applied Statistics II) to the program requirements for both the regular and five-year (“direct-entry”) PhD, effective September 2009.

Professor Craiu explained that the proposal merely served to clarify that the required comprehensive exam has three parts. The program already has two streams of five courses; adding the two required courses would prepare students for the third part of the comprehensive exam. Seeing no discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

9.11 Visual Studies, MVS

The proposal was approved by 3CGC on January 26, 2010. GEC approval is final; it will be reported to the Academic Policy and Programs Committee of Academic Board in SGS’s annual report. The Dean called on Vice-Dean Smyth to present the motion.

**MOTION (duly moved and seconded)**

THAT Graduate Education Council approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts and Science to change the program requirements of the MVS in the Visual Studies program by adding a required course, VIS 2002H “MVS Contemporary Art Issues” for all students, adding a required course, VIS 2102H for students in the curatorial studies field, and by decreasing the number of required elective courses for students in the curatorial studies field from 2.5 to 1.5 FCEs. The overall courses required remain unchanged at 4.5 FCEs for students in the studio
field, and increase from 3.5 to 4.5 FCEs for students in the curatorial studies field. These changes are effective September 1, 2010.

Professor Lisa Steele was available to speak to the item. Seeing no discussion, the Dean called the question.

The motion was CARRIED.

10 Other Business
There was no other business.

11 Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.
Appendix to the Minutes

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
Record of Attendance
GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL
February 23, 2010

Present (Voting & Non-voting Members)
Brian Corman (Chair)
Baker, Rob
Bina, Bardia
Bondy, Susan
Campbell, Elizabeth
Damaren, Chris
Gopaul, Bryan
Grenier, Jason
Keith, Alison
Klinger, Christopher
Litvack, Andrea
Liu, Hugh
Mai, Jens-Erik
Martin, Peter
McKenzie, Christine
Mount, Howard
Papangelakis, Vladimiros
Piccin, David
Pirraglia, Daniela
Radmacher, Kimberley
Roach, Lisa
Sass-Kortsak, Andrea
Smith, Berry
Smyth, Liz
Stabile, Mark
St-Amour, Michelle
Stiles, David
Tannock, Rosemary
Williams, David

In Attendance (Guests & SGS Staff)
Bernstein, Steven
Branton, Carolyn
Chen, Jing
Cockerill, Rhonda
Craiu, Radu
Donaldson, James
Faherty, Sara
Johnson, Stephen
Lynch, Deidre Shauna
MacKay, Gillian
Makarovsky, Vesna
Morris, Melanie
Pauly, Peter
Pripa, Pavel
Rutchinski, Steve
Sargsyan, Hasmik
Steele, Lisa
Stern, Simon
Wheeler Aaron
White, Dan
Wojtowicz, Martin

Absent
Campbell, Malcolm
Capotorto, Arianna
De Nil, Luc
Keil, Charlie
Knight, Keith
Wong, Bernard

Alderdice, Jane (Secretary to Council)
Purandaré, Anil (Assistant to Secretary)