

AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Minutes of the AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE, held in OL 340, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 9:00.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE		
Present:	Marjorie Budnikas (Chair), Jordan Del Giudice, Gordon Down, Tom Dickinson, Wayne Hendry, Jim Hu, Gordon Rudolph	
Regrets:	Christopher Seguin, Tridib Singh, Victor Ulitin	
Guests:		
CALL TO ORDER	<i>The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03.</i>	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<i>The agenda was adopted as distributed.</i>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	<i>The minutes of 28 SEP 2015 were adopted with an amendment of Business Arising item 2. "Insufficient GPA" being corrected to read "Insufficient Pool".</i>	
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	<p><u>Tabled Items</u></p> <p>i. Determination of "insufficient pool" – in progress, but tabled to the September meeting for further discussion.</p> <p>ii. Determination of "highest level of academic achievement" within streams of a degree – the committee discussed a policy amendment to give the relevant Dean some latitude in considering academic factors such as honours work in determining the student with the highest academic standing. Tabled to September.</p> <p>The committee also discussed a policy amendment regarding the Governor General's Silver which, using the Argos report to include data on the average GPA of the applicant pool, the average GPA of medal eligible</p>	Student Awards

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applicants, and a std. dev. of the top candidates above the mean, would allow the Council of Deans some latitude in determining the graduate with the “highest academic standing”. Student Awards will propose policy wording for the September meeting.

The committee also agreed to discuss how course repeats should be factored into the assessment, especially when a failed or DNC course is involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Sub-Committee Report

Marjorie noted that the Emeritus/Emerita Designation Sub-Committee had recommended designations for Donna Daines and Grant Larson, which the President’s Office subsequently approved.

Medals Adjudication for the June Convocation

- i. Lieutenant-Governor’s Medal
Due to an erroneous date in the letter to medal nominees, adjudication was delayed by one week – a final vote to occur by email.
[ADDENDUM: On motion duly made and adopted on May 18th, it was RESOLVED that the 2016 Lieutenant-Governors medal be awarded to Sarah Gjaltema and recommended to the Chair of Senate for final approval. (MB/GR)]
- ii. TRU Baccalaureate Degree medals
Students applied to graduate in all 20 programs. Of those, there were medal eligible graduates in 17 programs. 17 candidates were presented to the appropriate deans, with deans approving 16 candidates (the B. of Design was considered to have an insufficient pool).
On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the attached sixteen 2016 TRU Baccalaureate medalists be approved and recommended to the Chair of Senate for final approval. (TD/JH)
- iii. Governor General’s Gold Medal

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	<p>As per the correspondence, Dean Tom Dickinson (also a member of the Graduate Studies Cee) explained the timelines of graduate thesis defence, the required deliberations of the GSC in weighing these non-GPA academic factors, and how the current ED 9-1 policy parameters around defining the applicant pool cannot work for the Gold Medal adjudication. (In 2015, the inaugural year, the recipient happened to fit the ED 9-1 parameters so the timing discrepancy was not apparent.) The committee agreed to consider policy wording amendments at the September meeting, and conditionally approve the GSC recommendation.</p> <p>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the nomination from the Graduate Studies Committee for the Governor General’s Gold Medal be conditionally approved, subject to the approval of the Provost to set aside Policy ED 9-1, Reg. I. 2. (TD/JH)</p>	
	<p>iv. Governor General’s Bronze & Silver Medals</p> <p>On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that the attached Governor General’s Collegiate Bronze and Governor General’s Silver medalists be approved and recommended to the Chair of Senate for final approval. (GR/JD)</p>	
	<p><u>Volunteers for the Honourary Doctorate Sub-Committee</u></p> <p>Marjorie explained the function of the sub-committee and asked for participants.</p>	
CORRESPONDENCE	Governor General’s Gold Medal (see above)	
NEXT MEETING	Marjorie will shortly set up meetings for late September and either late January or February.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 10:44.	