



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE (GSC)

**Minutes of the Public Session of the June 24, 2025, Meeting
via Videoconference
9:07 a.m. - 9:22 a.m.**

Graduate Studies Committee Agendas, Materials and Minutes 2024-2025

Present: C. Cesaroni (Chair), N. Crow, J. Arcand, A. Azim, C. Davidson, L. Harkins, S. Jackson, A. Kiani, O. Marques, H. MacPherson, P. Mirza-Babaei, D. Papke, F. Quereschi, A. Slane, A. Tokuhiko, N. Wattie, K. Wilson, A. Wingate

Regrets: J. Abbas Dick, R. Bailey, K. Clarke, D. Bonetta, A. Cooper, F. Gaspari, L. Jacobs, L. Livingston, S. Marsh, C. McGregor, J. Stokes, R. Van Oostveen, L. VanVeen,

Staff: K. Ayotte (Secretary), M. Heslip, K. McCartney, J. Pereira, B. Tranter, S. Windsor

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair called the Public session of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and N. Wattie read aloud the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Agenda (M)

Upon a motion duly made by J. Arcand and seconded by A. Slane, the Agenda was approved as presented, including approving and receiving the Consent Agenda and its contents.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair advised that SGPS will be transitioning to a single email address (gradstudies@ontariotechu.ca) over the summer, with full implementation by the end of August, so as to improve response times and provide consistency. She noted ongoing summer engagement activities, including Grad Pro Skills, Basecamp, and orientation sessions.

H. MacPherson advised that the SGPS orientation will take place on September 3 and asked members to share their faculty orientation dates so staff can attend. She noted graduate students will also be included in the main social orientation events over the long weekend this year.

4. Major Program Modification (Recommendation)

4.1 Master of Science in Nursing* (M)

N. Wattie noted that the dissolution of the joint program with Trent University necessitated changes to the MScN program. These changes formally end the partnership and incorporate courses previously delivered by Trent into Ontario Tech's academic calendar. The update was described as routine, finalizing the separation of the two programs.

Upon a motion duly made by J. Arcand and seconded by L. Harkins, GSC hereby recommends to Academic Council the approval of the Major Program Modification to the Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) program to reflect the mutual decision to dissolve the joint partnership with Trent University.

5. Consent Agenda* (M)

The Chair confirmed that the contents of the Consent Agenda were approved and received under Agenda Item #2.

5.1 Public Minutes of the May 27, 2025, Meeting* (M)

5.2 Memos:

- i) Faculty of Business and IT Mode of Delivery Flexibility for Graduate Courses* (I)
- ii) Frazer Faculty of Education Mode of Delivery Flexibility for Graduate Courses* (I)
- iii) Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Mode of Delivery Flexibility for Graduate Courses* (I)
- iv) Faculty of Health Sciences Mode of Delivery Flexibility for Graduate Courses* (I)

5.3 Minor Curricular Adjustments:

Course Changes:

[HLSC 7092G](#), [HLSC 5118G](#), [HLSC 5123G](#)

5.4 2025-2026 Graduate Academic Schedule – Amendment* (I)

5.5 Associate Graduate Faculty

- Computer Science, Mattias O'Nils, Faculty of Science
- Computer Science, Jarek Szlichta, Faculty of Science
- Computer Science, Felix Gaschi, Faculty of Science
- Computer Science, Natalija Vlajic, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
- Computer Science, Nick Wattie, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Criminology, Alyson King, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Education, Kaitlyn Watson, Frazer Faculty of Education
- Education, Sarah Stokes, Frazer Faculty of Education
- Education, Catherine Drea, Frazer Faculty of Education
- Education, Robert Power, Frazer Faculty of Education



- Education, Sharon Lauricella, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Electrical and Computer Engineering & Software Engineering, Shahryar Rahnamayan, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Health Sciences, Nooshin Rotondi, Faculty of Health Sciences

Graduate Faculty

- Electrical and Computer Engineering & Software Engineering, Hani Sami, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Electrical and Computer Engineering & Software Engineering, Nasim Beigi-Mohammadi, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Emeritus Graduate Faculty

- Computer Science, Ramiro Liscano, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

5.6 Library Report* (I)

6. Volunteer for September Land Acknowledgement

The Chair noted that a request for a volunteer will be sent out in August.

7. Termination (M)

There being no other business, and upon a motion to terminate by F. Quereshi, the June 24, 2025 GSC meeting terminated at 9:22 a.m.

Kirstie Ayotte, Assistant University Secretary