



## GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

*Report to Academic Council*  
at its meeting of October 18, 2016

### FOR ACTION

#### 1. Graduate Studies Regulations - Amendments

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council approve the changes to the Graduate Academic Calendar as proposed in the attached documentation.*

##### a) Supporting document requirements

**Rationale:** Some programs may accept professional letters of reference. The proposed changes to the Supporting Documents section of the Graduate Academic Calendar provide more clarity for applicants and referees around this.

##### b) Academic standing

**Rationale:** The proposed changes ensure clarity by listing the circumstances under which a student may be dismissed.

##### c) Academic misconduct

**Rationale:** The proposed changes will ensure consistency between the Graduate Academic Calendar and the Undergraduate Academic Calendar regulations. The addition of "violation of safety regulations in a laboratory or other setting" is particularly important for graduate students who spend a significant amount of time in labs over the course of their academic careers.