

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE: 28 June 2022**

**FROM: Graduate Studies Committee**

**SUBJECT: Memorandum Regarding Changes Made in Error**

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### COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section III, part d) of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Terms of Reference, GSC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments” and report them to Academic Council for information.

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

At its March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, GSC approved changes to the MASc, MEng, PhD, and Graduate Diplomas in Nuclear Engineering that clarified and augmented course requirements. These changes were presented to Academic Council for information at its March meeting.

During the Calendar review conducted in May 2022, it was discovered that the changes entered into Curriculog and passed by GSC did not fully align with the program modifications proposed by the Faculty and approved at Faculty Council. A number of items that were left off the ‘paper’ templates were presumed to be items which should be removed from the Calendar.

At the request of the Faculty, GSC has approved the following corrections:

Include the following paragraph under Nuclear Engineering, MASc / Admissions requirements:

Close technical contact with a faculty member is an essential part of graduate education in engineering and science. Prior to being accepted into the MASc program, applicants must find a professor who specializes in their desired area of research and who is willing to act as a supervisor. In the event that the applicant cannot find a thesis supervisor, the applicant may be considered for admission into the MEng course-based option.

Include the following paragraph under Nuclear Engineering, PhD / Admissions requirements:

In addition to the general admission requirements for graduate studies, applicants must meet the following program-specific requirements.

Include the following paragraph under Nuclear Engineering, PhD / Degree requirements:

Within 18 months of entry into the PhD program, students must prepare a written research proposal and pass an oral candidacy exam (NUCL 6000G PhD Candidacy Exam). PhD students must also successfully defend their dissertation in front of an examining committee.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

N/A

**TRANSITION PLAN:**

None, as the items were removed in error, the Faculty and SGPS have been instructed to continue with existing practice related to these items, where applicable.

**CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:**

GSC: 24 May 2022

**NEXT STEPS:**

The items will be reinserted into the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Memorandum from FESNS](#)