Call to Order 1402

1. Approval of Agenda dated March 06, 2019
   J. Soua requested adding a calendar change for EDPS 514 to the Agenda following item ten. Motion: J. Soua moved, V. Ojelde seconds, to approve the agenda with the requested change.
   
   CARRIED

   Motion: S. Carpenter moved, J. da Costa seconded, that the minutes be approved.
   
   CARRIED

   J. Soua advised he is expecting information from the alumni association regarding where Educational Policy Studies alumni have gone.

4. Library Report
   C. Gareau-Brennan, the new sessional librarian, delivered the Library Report (attached).

5. Doctoral 2019 Admission
   - It was noted that there are more files being considered, with the potential for specialization crossover.
   - Concerns were voiced regarding the usability of the graduate application system.
   - J. Soua asked if SJI and IPE specializations want to see all applications or only files meeting the minimum GPA. It was voiced that academics should decide if
extenuating circumstances warrant accepting files with a lower GPA therefore all completed applications should be reviewed.

**Motion:** E. Steinhauer moved, S. Carpenter seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve up to 14 doctoral applications for admission.

**CARRIED**

6. **March 2019 M.Ed. Application**
   - J. Sousa advised they anticipate approximately two-thirds of applicants will be eligible

7. **EDPS 501 Course (SJ)\)**
   **Motion:** J. Kachur moved, J. da Costa seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve EDPS 501: Climate Change and its Intersections. Policy, Pedagogy, Practice to be offered up to two times.

**CARRIED**

8. **EDPS 509 Calendar Description Change**
   **Motion:** J. da Costa moved, V. Ojelde seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve the course title and description calendar change from EDPS 509: Research Design and Data Analysis to EDPS 582: Research Data Collection and Analysis

**CARRIED**

9. **EDPS 511 Calendar Description Change**
   **Motion:** J. da Costa moved, E. Steinhauer seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve the course title and description calendar change from EDPS 511: Evolving Concepts in Educational Administration and Leadership to EDPS 511: Leadership Theories and their Application to Educational Organizations

**CARRIED**

10. **EDPS 512 Calendar Description Change**
    **Motion:** J. da Costa moved, E. Steinhauer seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve the course title and description calendar change from EDPS 512: Administrative and Leadership Process in Education to EDPS 512: Organizational Theory and Education

**CARRIED**

11. **EDPS 514 Calendar Description Change**
    **Motion 6:** J. da Costa moved, E. Steinhauer seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve the course title and description calendar change from EDPS 514: Gender Issues in Educational Administration to EDPS 514: Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity in Educational Administration.
12. **EDPS 531 Calendar Description Change**  
   **Motion**: J. da Costa moved, O. Ojelde seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve the course title and description calendar change from EDPS 531: Supervision of Educational Personnel to EDPS 531: Supporting Educator Professional Growth.  
   **CARRIED**

13. **EDAL 2020-2021 Calendar Description Change**  
   **Motion**: J. da Costa moved, E. Steinhauer seconded, that the Graduate Affairs Committee approve the calendar changes for the Educational Administration and Leadership specialization program.  
   - J. da Costa outlined the rationale for proposed changes; noted changes are specific to EDAL and suggested other specializations should follow. Changes are driven by need to update the program with contemporary language and to recognize the graduate certificate as a ladder into the program.  
   - It was asked what the ramifications for other specializations are. J. da Costa responded that electives would be reduced from seven to two.  
   - During discussion it was noted that the certificate is being fast-tracked within the Government of Alberta. J. Sousa suggested giving time for GAC members to bring this back to their specializations and voting at a later meeting.  
   **Motion**: E. Steinhauer moved, S. Carperner seconded, that the motion be tabled until the next GAC meeting to allow time for discussion with colleagues.  
   **CARRIED**

14. **GAC Terms of Reference**  
   S. Carpenter presented a proposed update to GAC Terms of Reference in order to give a formal forum for discussions regarding funding.  
   - The need for transparency and accountability in funding decisions was noted.  
   - The role and duties of the Research and Scholarships committee was discussed.  
   - J. Sousa proposed a discussion to add “graduate funding as it relates to the terms of the committee” or similar phrasing to bring to GAC in the near future as a formal proposal.  
   - Concern was expressed that it is not appropriate for non-academic members of GAC to be part of group discussions regarding funding.  
   - S. Carpenter clarified that GAC may be best in terms of setting policy, leaving Scholarship and Awards Committee to allocate.  

15. **Update on Specialization Discussion: Program and Recruitment**
Members were asked for updates to bring forward to Department Council. Members advised that this is being worked on.

16. Other Business
   - J. Sousa noted there is a delete and reserve list of courses. Courses on the reserve list are at risk of being moved to the delete list in one to two years.
   - J. Sousa has begun working with the ATA and within the faculty to identify a proper evaluation and equivalency between thesis and course-based students, specifically relating to TQS and how graduates move up the steps as viewed by the ATA and TQS office.

Meeting Adjourned 1400