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## Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Graduate Curriculum Committee Meeting September 28, 2018 Meeting held via email

**Present:** Patricia Badir, Edmond Cretu, Vince Duronio, Cay Holbrook, Kin Lo, Karin Mickelson, Catherine Rawn, Max Read, Andrew Riseman, Lauren Small, Lily Takeuchi, Warren Williams, Jenn Fletcher (minutes)

1. Adoption of Agenda: Approved

2. Minutes of September 14, 2018 Meeting: Approved

3. New Proposals – Category 2

## Faculty of Medicine Submitted by Michael Hunt

**Rehabilitation Sciences** – change to GRE requirement for admission

- Members of the committee raised concerns about fairness in moving to a
  case-by-case determination of whether applicants are required to provide
  GRE scores. While there is precedent for case-by-case consideration in the
  master's wording, the issue raised is one of equity and avoiding bias. Relying
  on precedent in matters of equity can perpetuate inequitable practices and
  biases.
- It was also unclear in the proposed wording how prospective applicants would know whether they are required to submit GRE test scores. The committee suggests the following wording for both the PhD and MSc:

Applicants from non-Canadian or non-United States universities are generally required to provide general Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores as part of their application, though in certain cases this requirement could be waived. Prospective applicants are advised to consult with their proposed supervising faculty member.

• Minor revisions to the MSc program requirements wording were also recommended (please see the annotated proposal).

**Action:** Approved with recommendations

Next Meeting: Friday, October 12, 2018, 11:00am to 1:00pm