Graduate Programs Committee Terms of Reference

GRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY: GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL COUNCIL (GPC)

College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Council
Dean, College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies

The **Graduate Programs Committee** shall be a Standing Sub-Committees of the GPC. New members will be nominated annually by the Nominations Committee and shall be widely representative of the College and experienced in the supervision of students, and administration of graduate programs and receive training in EDI, Indigenization, and Decolonization.

1. Membership

Voting

- Five (5) faculty members of the GPC who are Graduate chairs and should represent a balance of disciplinary expertise
 represented at the University of Saskatchewan including professional programs; the Chair of the committee shall be
 selected from the membership of the committee for a three-year term.
- Three (3) faculty members of CGPS who are not members of GPC;
- The chair shall be selected from the faculty membership of the committee on their advice to the nominations committee;
- One (1) GSA representative; appointed annually;
- Associate Dean Policy and Program Innovation, College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies or designate;

Non-voting:

- Academic Affairs Specialist, CGPS (Committee Support)
- College EDI Resource appointed by the Dean
- College Decolonization Resource appointed by the Dean

2. Responsibilities

- To recommend to GPC any policy changes for the improvement of graduate programs;
- To support the development of tools to facilitate development of high-quality proposals for new or improved programs;
- To ensure new and revised programs and courses have considered equity, diversity and inclusion and consulted appropriately for Indigenization of the curriculum including recruitment and progression through the program;
- To review and approve program deletions, significant changes in program requirements, and proposals for new programs;
- To review and, where appropriate, approve changes to a program's list of restricted electives, residency requirements, and selection criteria for admission;
- To review and, if appropriate, recommend approval of new courses, substantive modifications to existing courses, and deletions of existing courses;
- To act on matters referred to it by the GPC or the Dean;
- To prepare an Annual General Report to the GPC;
- To delegate to the Dean, who may delegate to the Associate Dean, matters of urgency which the Graduate Programs

 Committee meeting schedule cannot accommodate, providing that actions of the Dean or Associate Dean on such issues be brought to the first subsequent meeting of the Graduate Programs Committee;
- To review its own terms of reference as necessary and recommend changes to be approved by GPC.

3. Reporting

• The committee will provide an annual general report to GPC with respect to its activities and decisions.