

## **Report #W2002-1 of the School of Graduate Studies**

**Report of the School of Graduate Studies** – The Chair requested that this item be moved ahead in the agenda to accommodate Dr. Anthony Bannon, Director of the George Eastman House in Rochester, NY, who was attending for the presentation, and who needed to leave to return home.

Rena Mendelson reported that this was her twelfth report to Academic Council. The School of Graduate Studies had reviewed a number of policies and procedures over the year. A review of the procedure for the approval of new graduate courses and programs was in process and a recommendation to allow for early engagement of Schools and Departments was being proposed. This would be brought to the June SGS Council meeting for approval.

Modifications to the MA program in Electrical and Computer Engineering were presented for information.

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the submission of the proposal for a *Master of Arts in Photographic Preservation and Collection Management* to the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies for standard appraisal.**

**Rena Mendelson moved, Ira Levine seconded.**

Rena Mendelson explained that the submission to the OCGS was standard practice for graduate programs after Academic Council approval. It would then go to the Board of Governors, and then the VP, Academic for implementation at his discretion.

Brian Damude, Chair of Image Arts, made a few comments on the need for the program and the quality of the partner. Dr. Mendelson welcomed Dr. Bannon, and introduced Robert Burley who gave a short power-point presentation outlining the need for preservation and the resources available at the George Eastman house and at Ryerson. Dr. Bannon addressed Council, stating that he was pleased to be at the meeting to formalize the agreement.

Council members commented on the quality of the program and an offer was made by the Chief Librarian to work with the program on image acquisitions. Alex Lisman, representing RyeSAC, commented that RyeSAC was concerned about the full cost recovery nature of the program. R. Mendelson replied that it was essential not to take funds from undergraduate programs to fund graduate programs, and under the current funding model, full cost recovery graduate programs were necessary.

Questions concerning the cross-border issues which might arise were addressed by Dr. Bannon who said that the George Eastman House had experience with this and that the local Congresswoman was involved and could expedite visa issues.

The Chemistry department has resources which may be of use in the chemistry course offered in the program. Internships for the program will be offered in both Canada and the US.

**The program was approved unanimously.**