

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

REPORT TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL, JANUARY 31, 2006

1. Review of Status of New Graduate Programs

- (i) Being implemented 2006/2007
- (ii) Planned for 2007/2008

2. *Masters of Social Work (MSW)*

Motion:

To approve the submission of the proposal for a *Masters of Social Work (MSW)* to the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

Submitted by:

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Status of New Programs in Graduate Review Process (for programs planned for September, 2006)						
Approval or Action by	Responsibility	MA ECS	MSc – Biomed. Physics	MBA /MSc Inf Tech Mngmt	MBA Business Admin	MSc Molecular Science
Ryerson Review						
Dean - SGS	Letter of Intent (LoI) – including initial analysis of financial viability	X	X	X	X	X
SGS Program & Planning Comm	Reviews LOI to determine if program appears feasible.	X	X	X	X	X
Provost	Decides to proceed based on responses to LoI. Instructs sponsors to prepare OCGS program proposal.	X	X	X	X	X
Internal/External Consultant	An expert in the field from another university reviews the proposal. Re-draft if necessary.	X	X	X	X	X
Provost	Discusses proposal with Dean, sponsor.	X	X	X	X	X
P&P	Reviews draft OCGS brief in light of I/E report – recommends to Council SGS based on academic quality	X	X	X	X	X
Council, SGS	Reviews proposal	X	X	X	X	X
Academic Council	Reviews program proposal for academic quality and moves to proceed to OCGS	X	X	X	X	X
Ontario Council on Graduate Studies Review						
Appraisal Committee	7 senior faculty from across Ontario + Exec. Dir read brief and comment to Ryerson. Univ can advertise program.	X	X	X	X	X
External Consultants	2 or 3 selected, visit Ryerson for a two day period. Prepare reports for submission to OCGS, which sends reports to Ryerson.	X	X	X	X	Koudelka Sundararajan Jan 23, 06
Ryerson	Responds to report	X	X	X	X	
Appraisal Committee	Reviews report and response and presents recommendation to OCGS (All graduate Deans in Ontario).	X	X	X	Feb 6, 06	
OCGS Executive Director	Informs Ryerson of decision, provides letter required by Ministry for funding claim. OCGS Meeting.	X	X	X	Feb 9, 06	
Further Procedures						
Board of Governors	Program is presented to Board of Governors for approval of financial viability.	Jan 31, 06	Jan 31, 06	Jan 31, 06	Jan 31, 06	Jan 31, 06
Ministry	The Program is presented to the Ministry for approval					
Provost	Provost decides about implementation					

Status of New Programs in Graduate Review Process (programs planned for September, 2007_1)						
Approval or Action by	Responsibility	PhD Aerospace Engin. (06 or 07)	MSW Social Work	MFA Doc Media	MJ Journalism	MArch Architecture
Ryerson Review						
Dean - SGS	Letter of Intent (LoI) – including initial analysis of financial viability	X	X	X	X	X
SGS Program & Planning Comm	Reviews LOI to determine if program appears feasible.	X	X	X	X	X
Provost	Decides to proceed based on responses to LoI. Instructs sponsors to prepare OCGS program proposal.	X	X	X	X	X
Internal/External Consultant	An expert in the field from another university reviews the proposal. Sponsors re-draft if necessary.	X	X	X		Covo, McGill Jan 31, 06
Provost	Discusses proposal with Dean, sponsor.	X	X			
P&P	Reviews draft OCGS brief in light of I/E report – recommends to Council SGS based on academic quality	X	X			
Council, SGS	Reviews proposal		X			
Academic Council	Reviews program proposal for academic quality and moves to proceed to OCGS		Jan 31, 06			
Ontario Council on Graduate Studies Review						
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Ryerson	Responds to report(s)					
Appraisal Committee	Reviews report and response and presents recommendation to OCGS (All graduate Deans in Ontario)					
OCGS Executive Director	Informs Ryerson of decision, provides letter required by Ministry for funding claim. OCGS meeting.					
Further Procedures						
Board of Governors	Program is presented to Board of Governors for approval of financial viability.					
Ministry	The Program is presented to the Ministry for approval					
Provost	Provost decides about implementation					

Status of New Programs in Graduate Review Process (programs planned for September, 2007_2)						
Approval or Action by	Responsibility	Masters in Media Production	MSc Computer Science			
Ryerson Review						
Dean - SGS	Letter of Intent (LoI) – including initial analysis of financial viability	X	X			
SGS Program & Planning Comm	Reviews LOI to determine if program appears feasible.	X	X			
Provost	Decides to proceed based on responses to LoI. Instructs sponsors to prepare OCGS program proposal.	X				
Internal/External Consultant	An expert in the field from another university reviews the proposal. Sponsors re-draft if necessary.					
Provost	Discusses proposal with Dean, sponsor.					
P&P	Reviews draft OCGS brief in light of I/E report – recommends to Council SGS based on academic quality					
Council, SGS	Reviews proposal					
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Ontario Council on Graduate Studies Review						
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Appraisal Committee	Reviews report and response and presents recommendation to OCGS (All graduate Deans in Ontario)					
OCGS Executive Director	Informs Ryerson of decision, provides letter required by Ministry for funding claim. OCGS meeting.					
Further Procedures						
Board of Governors	Program is presented to Board of Governors for approval of financial viability.					
Ministry	The Program is presented to the Ministry for approval					
Provost	Provost decides about implementation					

2. The School of Graduate Studies has reviewed the proposal for a *Masters of Social Work (MSW)* listed below, and submits it to Academic Council for its approval for it to be sent to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for external review ('standard appraisal'). Vol. I of the brief ('The Program') is available for review in the office of the Secretary of Academic Council, and Volumes I & II ('The Program', and 'Curricula Vitae') are available for review in the office of the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (EPH 439). Vol. I of the brief ('The Program') is also available for review at www.ryerson.ca/gradstudies/temp. Username: gradstudies Password: 4ryerson

It is planned that the *Masters of Social Work (MSW)* will be implemented in Fall 2007.

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Note: Once a program is approved by OCGS, it is presented to the Board of Governors for approval. The Provost has final authority to determine whether a program may proceed.

RYERSON UNIVERSITY *Masters of Social Work (MSW)*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ryerson University proposes to establish a Masters of Social Work degree that will be a high quality programme with the dual foci of intellectual development as well as preparation for advanced practice and leadership. The programme is to build on the many strengths and unique character of Ryerson Bachelor of Social Work programme. The focus of the programme is on anti oppression perspectives to social work. This programme will build upon a strong research culture within the School of Social Work. Students will engage in analytic interpretation of practices as well as the development of new knowledge. Students will be prepared for ongoing research as well as advanced practice in order to be leaders within the field of social work.

The degree of Masters of Social Work based on anti oppression perspectives is well suited to Ryerson University that is located in one of the most diverse cities in Canada and North America. It furthers the University and Faculty of Community Services missions that emphasize a commitment to issues of diversity and the value of community/ university relations. The programme meets all the conditions of Ryerson's academic plan for graduate studies. The program has: career/professional relevance; has a focus on societal need; has an innovative and applied curriculum. Furthermore, the programme builds on the strengths of Ryerson University while creating new opportunities for research. The proposed graduate programme has been attractive to new faculty and has contributed to the retention of faculty at Ryerson University.

The degree builds on the undergraduate commitment to the teaching of anti oppression social work practices. It also builds on a rich legacy of teaching and research focused on progressive approaches to social work at the Ryerson School of Social Work. The centrality of anti oppression in social work as discipline has meant that both the Canadian and the International Associations of Schools of Social Work provide instruction through accreditation for member

schools to adhere to these principles. The Ryerson School of Social Work is well situated to position itself to address this complex and burgeoning approaches based on faculty research and teaching and strong relationship with the communities.

Anti oppression practice locates social work analysis within the complex links between social issues and private troubles. Anti oppression draws upon critical analysis of socio-economic inequalities and processes of marginalization to understand how people become users of social services. The approach to practice involves critical reflexivity in social worker -client relations so the social worker endeavours to reduce social inequities while addressing client need. The social worker with an anti oppression perspective works towards social justice. Anti oppression practice is relevant to all major fields of social work practice, including practice within institutions such as child welfare settings, hospitals, school boards, and community agencies.

The programme is designed for full time students (30 students). The requirement for the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree is the successful completion of ten courses: including four required courses, four elective courses and a practicum (2 credits) The programme also requires the successful completion of a Major Research Paper. The programme is designed as a full time programme to be completed within 12 months. Applicants must have a Bachelor of Social Work degree; meet the normal requirements for admission to the Ryerson School of Graduate Studies; and have completed an undergraduate research methods course. Priority will be given to candidates who have two or more years of paid social work experience.

Required Courses	Elective Courses*
Critical Perspectives on Marginalization (Fall)	Critical Approaches to Advanced Community Work
Anti Oppression Responses to Marginalization: Policy and Practice (Fall)	<i>Advanced Anti Oppression Practice in Sexuality and Gender Variance</i>
Advanced Research Strategies for Social Change (Fall)	<i>The Settlement Experiences in Canada</i>
Field Practicum (Fall/Winter)	Advanced Anti Oppression Practice in Health
Practice Research Seminar (Winter)	Critical Perspectives on Anti Racism
Major Research Paper (Spring)	<i>Critical Perspectives on Child Welfare</i>
	<i>Critical Social Policy</i>
	Indigenous Knowledge in Social Work
	Regenerating Aboriginal Social Work Practices and Research
	International Social Work
	Special Topics

*It is recognized that not all elective courses will be offered in a given academic year but rather three in the winter term and two in the spring term.

Fifteen faculty members are part of the programme. The faculty members are from the social work programme. The core faculty members have a strong record of research, publications and practice experience. The Ryerson University, School of Social Work has a national reputation and

developing a strong presence in the international sphere. The school is known for its strong intellectual work in contemporary fields of social work. Faculty research has been supported by various funding agencies including CIDA, CIHR, SSHRC, HRDC, IDRC, and CERIS as well as other funders. The reputation of the undergraduate programme along with the academic involvement and community work of faculty members will attract students for graduate studies.