



# School of Graduate Studies

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April 27, 2005

Professor Edith Hillan  
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Office of the Vice-President and Provost  
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Simcoe Hall  
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Dear Professor Hillan:

At its meeting of April 26, 2005, the Council of the School of Graduate Studies approved the following motion:

**THAT** SGS Council approve the proposal from the School of Graduate Studies to add the exclusion "Transfers between the flexible-time Ph.D. program option and the full-time Ph.D. program will not be permitted," to the SGS regulations on flexible-time Ph.D. degrees, effective September 2005, for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies calendar.

The motion and supporting documentation are attached.

On behalf of the Council of the School of Graduate Studies, I am presenting this item to Governing Council committees for approval.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Alderdice  
Secretary to SGS Council

Encl.

c.c. S. Acker D. Cormack C. Johnston H. Lasthiotakis  
S. Pfeiffer L. Yee S. Zaky (attachments)

## **MOTION**

### **School of Graduate Studies Council Tuesday, April 26, 2005**

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Item 6.

#### **Policy on Transfers for Flexible-Time Ph.D. Option Students**

**6. MOTION ( / ) THAT** SGS Council approve the proposal from the School of Graduate Studies to add the exclusion “Transfers between the flexible-time Ph.D. program option and the full-time Ph.D. program will not be permitted,” to the SGS regulations on flexible-time Ph.D. degrees, effective September 2005, for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies calendar.

See governance form and revised *SGS Calendar* text attached.

**NOTE:**

With SGS Council approval, this item will be forwarded to Governing Council Committees for approval or for information.

## Extract from the SGS Calendar, 2004-2005

*Proposed revision to calendar in bold text below:*

### **Degree Regulations**

#### **Flexible-time Ph.D. Degree**

Departments may develop, for approval, Ph.D. programs which may be completed on a "flexible-time" basis. Such programs will be offered where there is sufficient demand by practicing professionals for design and delivery of Ph.D. programs that, except for short specified periods of time, permit continued employment in areas related to the fields of research. In these programs, theory and praxis would uniquely engage and inform each other.

The flexible-time Ph.D. differs from the full-time Ph.D. only in design and delivery. Students in a flexible-time program will normally register full-time during the first four years and part-time during subsequent years of the program. Students are required to be registered for every successive session, including summers, following their first session of registration unless granted a leave of absence.

**Transfers between the flexible-time Ph.D. program option and the full-time Ph.D. program will not be permitted**

The time limit will be specified by the departmental regulations, but not less than six years regardless of the background of students at the time of their admission. Extensions are permitted under existing policy; students granted an extension may register full-time or part-time.