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Vancouver Senate Academic Policy Committee
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To: Vancouver Senate

From: Susan Porter, Dean *pro tem* of the Faculty of Graduate Studies

RE: Rolling Graduation – Faculty of Graduate Studies

In February 2012, the Senate approved a proposal brought forward by the Faculty of Graduate Studies via the Senate's Academic Policy Committee. The approved proposal will allow graduate degrees to be approved at any regular meeting of the Vancouver Senate. Thesis-based graduate students can defend at any time during the year. Rolling graduation would allow for the degree to be granted and appear on the student transcript after approval by Senate. Parchments would continue to be given out at the two convocation ceremonies.

At a joint meeting of the Graduate Council and the Faculty of Graduate Studies held on 10 May 2012, the following motion was approved to implement rolling graduation:

Motion: *"That the Faculty of Graduate Studies delegate to the Graduate Council's Academic Policy Committee its responsibility for approving candidates for graduation and recommending them to Senate for the degrees they have earned."*

Under sections 40 (c) and 41 of the *University Act*, such a rule made by a faculty is not effective or enforceable until a copy has been sent to the Senate and the Senate has given its approval.

Therefore, we ask to Senate to approve the delegation of authority and responsibility as outlined in the above motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty of Graduate Studies