



Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies

January 19th and 20th, 2017
Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria, BC
(Casual attire encouraged!)

Thursday, January 19th

5:00PM – 6:30PM **Reception and hors d'oeuvres**

Friday, January 20th

7:45AM – 8:30AM **Buffet breakfast**
Name badges will be available for pick-up

8:30AM – 8:35AM **Welcome and opening remarks**
Robert Wood (U of L)

8:35AM – 9:30AM **Institutional highlights for Deans and Associate Deans**
Moderated by Robert Wood (U of L)

**Roundtable discussions for Directors, Managers
and Administrative Staff**
Moderated by Deena Coburn (SFU)

The number of roundtables and topics will be contingent upon attendees. However, the administrators group has recommended roundtables on: awards; professional development; admissions and records; and other topics depending on interest.

9:30AM – 10:15AM **Emerging opportunities and challenges for internationalization**
Jennifer Drennan (U of S), Mavis Reimer (U of W),
and Adrienne Chan (UFV)

10:15AM – 10:30AM **Break**

10:30AM – 11:15AM **Graduate learner outcomes**
Susan Porter (UBC); Deborah Burshtyn (U of A)

11:15AM – 12:15PM **Report of the TRC: Calls to action for post-secondary**
Dr. Paulette Regan
(U of M, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation)

12:15PM – 1:15PM **Lunch**

1:15PM – 2:15PM

WCDGS business meeting

(Deans and Associate Deans)

Millennials and Generation Z:

Our graduate students and future colleagues

Gillian Robinson (U of C)

2:15PM – 3:00PM

Entrepreneurship and innovation:

What does it mean for graduate education?

Wade Parkhouse (SFU); Lisa Young (U of C)

3:00PM – 3:15PM

Break

3:15PM – 4:15PM

Hot-topics session

Participants will have the opportunity to identify and register hot-topics throughout the day. Thus far, a number of potential topics have been suggested, including: micro-masters degrees; joint degrees; alumni tracking and engagement; 3MT best practices; becoming a paperless office; programs for language bridging; and comprehensive exams in transdisciplinary PhDs.

4:15PM – 4:30PM

Wrap-up and closing comments

Robert Wood (U of L)

5:00PM – 6:00PM

Terrace reception

6:00PM – 7:30PM

Dinner banquet