



Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies

January 25th and 26th, 2018
Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria, BC
(Casual attire encouraged!)

Thursday, January 25th

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
[Terrace Ballroom] Reception and hors d'oeuvres

Friday, January 26th

7:45 AM – 8:30 AM
[Terrace Ballroom] Buffet breakfast
(Name badges will be available for pick-up)

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM
[Spirit AB] Welcome and opening remarks
Dr. Pamela Hawranik, Dean, Graduate Studies (Athabasca University)

8:35 AM – 9:30 AM
[Spirit A] **Institutional highlights for Deans and Associate Deans**
Moderated by: Dr. Pamela Hawranik, Dean, Graduate Studies
(Athabasca University)

[Spirit B] **Roundtable discussions for Directors, Managers and Administrative Staff**
Facilitator: Brendan Morey, Director, Graduate Awards & Development
(University of British Columbia)

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM
[Spirit AB] **The Changing Role of Schools/Faculties of Graduate Studies**
Moderator: Dr. Lisa Young, Vice Provost & Dean, Graduate Studies
(University of Calgary)
Panelists:
Dr. Todd Mondor, Vice Provost & Dean, Graduate Studies
(University of Manitoba)
Dr. Susan Porter, Vice Provost & Dean, Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
(University of British Columbia)
Dr. Heather Zwicker, Vice Provost & Dean, Graduate Studies & Research
(University of Alberta)

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM
[Spirit AB] Break

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM [<i>Spirit AB</i>]	Developing Academic Linkages with China: Opportunities and Challenges (in light of current developments in China)
	Dr. Yves Tiberghien, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Executive Director of the UBC China Council (University of British Columbia)
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM [<i>Spirit AB</i>]	Academic Accommodation: Supporting Students While Maintaining Standards
	Moderator: Dr. Pamela Hawranik, Dean, Graduate Studies (Athabasca University)
	<u>Panelists:</u>
	Maria Versace, Legal Counsel (University of Manitoba)
	Brandy Usick, Director of the Office of Student Advocacy & Accessibility (University of Manitoba)
	Dr. Todd Mondor, Vice Provost & Dean, Graduate Studies (University of Manitoba)
12:15 PM – 1:15 PM [<i>Terrace Ballroom</i>]	Lunch
1:15 PM – 2:15 PM [<i>Spirit A</i>]	WCDGS Business Meeting Deans and Associate Deans
[<i>Spirit B</i>]	Special Topics for Directors, Managers and Administrative Staff
	Facilitator: Brendan Morey, Director, Graduate Awards & Development (University of British Columbia)
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM [<i>Spirit AB</i>]	Indigenizing Graduate Education (Workshop)
	Facilitator: Dr. Mavis Reimer, Dean, Graduate Studies (University of Winnipeg)
	<i>Participants will work in small groups to report on indigenization initiatives focused on graduate education at Western Canadian institutions</i>
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM [<i>Terrace Ballroom</i>]	Break
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM [<i>Spirit AB</i>]	Hot Topics Session
	<i>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: thesis review process; cotutelles; supervisory dilemmas, non-compliance with immigration.</i>
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM [<i>Spirit AB</i>]	Wrap-up and closing remarks Dr. Pamela Hawranik, Dean, Graduate Studies (Athabasca University)
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM [<i>Terrace Ballroom</i>]	Terrace reception Dinner banquet