

1. Question Submitted by Senator Leila Notash (for the May 26, 2010 Senate meeting)

This year the undergraduate final exams were scheduled up to the end of April. The completion forms for graduate students to be added to the Spring degree list had to be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies by April 30th. That is, the marks for the graduate students were required by April 30th so that the official degree list be approved at the Graduate Executive Council on May 10. This resulted in some difficulty for the instructors and anxiety for the graduate students taking 400-level courses who had planned to graduate this spring. Now, some graduate students will have to wait until the Fall Convocation as their marks were not available by the deadline of April 30. In a few departments, a temporary passing mark of 65% was issued for the graduate students before the finals were marked to meet the deadline of April 30th so that these students could participate at the Spring Convocation.

Could the School of Graduate Studies align its deadline for the marks of graduate students with that for the undergraduate marks, taking into account the undergraduate final exam schedules prepared by the University Registrar's Office?