Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:  
Trude Heift, Chair  
Valerie Ackroyd  
Mary Ann Gillies  
Richard Lockhart  
Ted Milner  
Michel Joffres  
David Newman  
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Regrets:  
Gwen Bird  
Ken Kasa  
Mona Vajihollahi

Guest:  
Bhuvinder Vaid, GIC

1. Approval of agenda  
The agenda was approved as presented.  
(R. Lockhart / M. A. Gillies)  
Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes  
The minutes of March 13th 2006 were approved.  
(M. A. Gillies / R. Lockhart)  
Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1. Graduate General Regulations (GS2006.12)  
1.8.2 – Review of unsatisfactory progress  
The faculties had consulted the departmental graduate program committees to  
comment on the proposed change to graduate general regulation 1.8.2 by adding:  
“c) require the supervisory committee to improve its supervisory practices”.

While Science and Health Sciences supported the change, Applied Sciences and Arts  
& Social Sciences felt that the clause was too vague. The committee agreed to defer  
this item to the fall, pending completion of data analysis and report by the task force  
on graduate supervision.

1.5.1 – Normal grading system  
The faculties had consulted the departmental graduate program committees to  
comment on the adding the following sentence after the section listing the grades and  
their points:

“The CGPA is the cumulative average of the grade points earned only in Simon  
Fraser University graduate courses taken towards a master’s or doctoral degree.”

Rationale: Similar language was in the Calendar until 2002/03, but was inadvertently  
removed. This needs to be restored due to numerous cases of students asking that
undergraduate courses taken during the graduate program be included in the CGPA calculation.
It was moved to approve the proposed change to GGR 1.5.1, and forward to Senate for approval.
(R. Lockhart / M. A. Gillies)  
Motion carried

There was some discussion on GPA calculation for graduate courses taken under the Western Deans’ Agreement.

3.2.  **SGSC membership (GS2006.13)**
The two-year terms of all six elected faculty members from their respective faculty-level graduate curriculum committees would end on May 31, 2006. Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules suggested that SGSC create staggered terms of appointments, so that in any one year only three terms would expire. This pattern has been used by SCUP. In order to do this, J. Driver proposed that the next elected reps from Applied Sciences, Arts & Social Sciences, and Business Administration would serve for two years – ending May 31, 2008, and reps from Education, Health Sciences, and Science will serve for one year – ending May 31, 2007. SGSC members e-voted unanimously for the proposed change.

4.  **Faculty of Business Administration: Curriculum changes (GS2006.14)**

4.1.  **Global Asset & Wealth Management – new course**
BUS 823-2 Introduction to security analysis
The new course would be important coverage and part of the curriculum; Library report was completed; no overlap issue.
It was moved to approve the new course, and forward to Senate for information.
(C. Smart / R. Lockhart)  
Motion carried

4.2.  **Cohort Financial Risk Management – minor course changes**
BUS 818-2 Advanced derivative securities (course title, credit hours, prerequisites)
BUS 865-2 Mark risk management (credit hours)
BUS 869-2 Topics in risk management (course title, credit hours)
Reduction of credit hours to reflect actual teaching; these courses are intended to be part of a permanent program.
It was moved to approve the proposed changes, and forward to Senate for information.
(C. Smart / C. Veld)  
Motion carried

5.  **New business**

5.1.  **Next meeting**
Scheduled to be held on May 8, 2006, material deadline - April 24, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.