Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:
Jonathan Driver, Chair  Trude Heift
Valerie Ackroyd  Gwen Bird
Wade Parkhouse  Alison Gill for Mary Ann Gillies
Ed Bukszar  Tom O’Shea
Michel Joffres  Fred Popowich
Martin Hahn  Colleen Collins-Dodd
Bhuvinder Vaid  Anthony Kupferschmidt
Joel Blok  Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Regrets:
George Agnes  Allan MacKinnon
Larry Dill

1. **Approval of agenda**
The agenda was approved as presented.  
(G. Bird / M. Joffres)  
Motion carried

2. **Approval of minutes**
The minutes of November 20th 2006 were approved.  
(G. Bird / M. Joffres)  
Motion carried

3. **Faculty of Business Administration: Curriculum changes**

3.1. **MBA program – revised calendar changes (GS2006.49, 49b)**
Calendar description of the MBA program was revised and resubmitted, with a series of 700-level (BUS 701 to 717) new course proposals. Many of these courses were previously taught at 800-level which had been deleted. There was a question about copyright issue on BUS 716 course outline, and clarification was made that the approval was on the course number and calendar description, but not the process of evaluation. It was moved to recommend these changes to Senate for approval.  
(B. Vaid / M. Hahn)  
Motion carried

3.2. **GAWM, FRM cohort – Courses (GS2006.50, 50b)**
Minor course changes - credit hours, titles and/or descriptions:
BUS 802-4 to 802-3 Financial economics
BUS 803-4 to 803-3 Financial econometrics
BUS 804-4 to 804-3 Strategic analysis for wealth management
BUS 805-4 to 805-3 Capital markets
BUS 809-2 to 809-3 Equity security analysis and portfolio management
BUS 810-2 to 810-3 Fixed income security analysis and portfolio management
BUS 811-2 to 811-3 International security analysis and portfolio management
BUS 814-2 to 814-3 Derivative securities
BUS 816-2 to 816-3 Investment policy
New course proposal - to allow students to complete their final project:
BUS 821-2 Final project for Financial Risk Management students

It was moved to approve the new course and minor course changes, and forward to Senate for information.
(W. Parkhouse / B. Vaid)  

Motion carried

3.3. MBA-MOT – curriculum changes (GS2006.51)
New course proposals:
BUS 751-4 Managerial economics for technology firms
BUS 753-2 Ethics and corporate responsibility
BUS 755-2 Topics in international business

Minor course changes – credit hours, title and/or descriptions:
BUS 758-4 Business operations design
BUS 764-2 to 764-4 Financing the organization
BUS 766-2 to 766-4 Financial and managerial accounting
BUS 776-4 Special topics in biotechnology

There was a question about similarities of some courses; it was clarified that credit hours or weights varied for different programs. Minor changes to calendar language were also presented.
It was moved to approve the new courses, minor course changes, and calendar changes, and forward these to Senate for information.
(M. Hahn / M. Joffres)  

Motion carried

There was a query on the purpose of parts of the new course proposal form, and the chair agreed to provide an explanation how to complete a New Graduate Course Proposal Form.

4. Faculty of Business Administration: New program proposal (GS2006.52)
Master of Financial Risk Management – Notice of Intent
After the chair explained the approval process of a new program proposal, the committee discussed briefly about the fees. It was noted that the FRM has been running as a master’s cohort program under special arrangements.
It was moved to recommend the new program proposal – notice of intent – to SCUP for approval.
(B. Vaid / J. Blok)  

Motion carried
5. Faculty of Science: New course proposal (GS2006.53)
   EASC 605-3 Advanced glaciology
   A new course to be offered beginning in the fall semester of 2007 was presented. It was
   moved to approve the new course proposal, and forward to Senate for information.
   (E. Bukszar / M. Hahn)                     Motion carried

6. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Curriculum changes

   6.1. Engineering Science (GS2006.54)
       Elimination of two courses, with calendar changes, three new courses, two minor
       course changes, and minor changes to program description were proposed.

       Delete:
       ENSC 800-0 Graduate seminar
       ENSC 889-3 3D object representation and solid modeling

       New courses:
       ENSC 803-3 Writing for publication
       ENSC 857-3 Electronics for digital imaging
       ENSC 859-3 Biomedical microdevices and systems

       Minor course changes:
       ENSC 805-3 Advanced digital communications
       ENSC 835-3 Communication networks

       The chair noted that ENSC 803-3 grading would be counted in CGPA. It was moved to
       approve the changes, subject to changes of grading of ENSC 803-3, and forward to
       Senate for information.
       (W. Parkhouse / M. Joffres)           Motion carried

   6.2. Resource & Environmental Management (GS2006.55)
       REM 614-5 Advanced methods in fisheries assessment
       The course has been taught as a special topics course. It was moved to approve the new
       course proposal, and forward to Senate for information.
       (W. Parkhouse / B. Vaid)              Motion carried

   6.3. Communication (GS2006.56)
       CMNS 845-5 Communication, knowledge systems and development
       Minor changes to the course description were proposed. It was moved to approve the
       changes, and forward to Senate for information.
       (W. Parkhouse / C. Collins-Dodd)      Motion carried

7. Next meeting
   Next meeting scheduled on Monday, January 8, 2007. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.