Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:
Jonathan Driver, Chair  George Agnes
Barry Williamson  Gwen Bird
Mary Ann Gillies  Heesoon Bai
Michel Joffres  Andrew Calvert
Fred Popowich  Martin Hahn
Colleen Collins-Dodd  Bhuvindeh Vaid
Michael Letourneau  Clea Moray
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Regrets:
Wade Parkhouse  Ed Bukszar
Lannie Kanevsky

1. Approval of agenda
   The Chair added an item 4.2 to Chair’s report. The agenda was approved as amended.
   (M. Hahn / M. Letourneau)
   Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes
   Meeting minutes of January 14th 2008 were approved as presented.
   (M.A. Gillies / M. Letourneau)
   Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes
   3.1. Revised SGSC forms for graduate courses [GS2008.04]
       Revised versions of course forms were presented.
       Graduate Course Minor Change Form – The committee suggested a phrase in the “Modified course” section, such as “only provide information different from above”.
       New Graduate Course Proposal Form – The Library representative suggested adding “Campus” information to the Library resources section.
       The approved revised forms would be posted on the dean of graduate studies website.

4. Chair’s report
   4.1. Calendar Committee
       The Chair asked for a volunteer to serve on the Calendar Committee as SGSC representative for a two year term. He agreed to approach the newest committee members.
4.2. Graduate Student Society

The student representative announced that the “Graduate Student Society at SFU”, incorporated last year, received provincial cabinet approval for its official on May 1, 2008. The graduate issues officer position on SGSC would become a representative from the graduate student society.

5. Graduate general regulation 1.8.4 – Application to go on Leave [GS2008.05]

New language was proposed after consultation with the ombudsperson and graduate student society representative, to provide clarity, especially in cases of pregnancy or medical leave.

It was moved and seconded to recommend the language changes to Senate for approval.

(M. Letourneau / C. Moray)

Motion carried

6. Faculty of Education: Calendar changes [GS2008.06]

Educational Leadership program - Item withdrawn

7. Faculty of Health Sciences: New course proposals [GS2008.07]

HSCI 800-3 Fundamentals of biostatistics
HSCI 901-1 Practicum preparation seminar

It was moved and seconded to approve the new courses, subject to minor revisions, i.e., short title of 25 char., name of faculty teaching the course, a sentence to disallow re-take for credit, and add names on the form re: overlap issue, and forward the revised new course proposals to Senate for information.

(M. Joffres / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

HSCI 895-0 Projection completion
HSCI 896-0 Thesis completion

It was moved and seconded to approve the new courses, subject to a minor editorial change, and forward to Senate for information.

(M. Joffres / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

8. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Calendar changes [GS2008.08]

8.1. New course proposal

ENSC 893-3 Special topics I

8.2. Minor course changes (title)

ENSC 894-3 Special topics II
ENSC 895-3 Special topics III

It was moved and seconded to approve the new course and minor course changes, and forward to Senate for information.

(F. Popowich / M.A. Gillies)

Motion carried

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.