Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:
George Agnes, Chair  
Barry Williamson
Don Taylor for Gwen Bird  
Wade Parkhouse
Mary Ann Gillies  
Dave Thomas for Ed Bukszar
Michèle Schmidt for Heesoon Bai  
Michel Joffres
Andrew Calvert  
Martin Hahn
Lannie Kanevsky  
Michael Letourneau
Sonja Boon  
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Regrets:
Fred Popowich  
Colleen Collins-Dodd
Bhuvindear Vaid  
Clea Moray

1. Approval of agenda
   After a brief introduction of members, the Chair added an items under Business arising 
   and a couple of items under New business, the agenda was approved as amended. 
   (M. A. Gillies / S. Boon) 
   Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes
   It was noted that the motion under Item 5 should be forwarded to Senate for 
   approval. Meeting minutes of March 10th 2008 were approved as amended. 
   (M. Letourneau / M. Hahn) 
   Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes
   3.1. Graduate funding (for information) [GS2008.18]
   Information for 2002-2008 compiled by the Dean of Graduate Studies was 
   distributed via e-mail to SGSC and graduate program chairs.

3.2. Health Sciences
   The Chair would like to invite Craig Janes, Associate Dean of Health Sciences, 
   to present the Faculty’s program plans, which would give SGSC better 
   understanding, and an opportunity to provide constructive feedback on the 
   development.

   Annual report to Senate was presented for information.

5. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Curriculum changes [GS2008.20]
   5.1. Communication
   New course
   CMNS 824-5 Colonialism, Culture and Identity
   Overlap issue was addressed; previously taught as a seminar course. It was 
   moved and seconded to approve the new course, with a preclusion statement
under prerequisite, and forward to Senate for information.  
(W. Parkhouse / M. A. Gillies)  

Motion carried

5.2. Interactive Arts & Technology  
Course description changes:  
IAT 811-3 Computational poetics  
IAT 813-3 Artificial intelligence in computational art & design

New courses:  
IAT 834-3 Mixed methods in design research  
IAT 835-3 Sustainable interaction design  
IAT 846-3 Interactive systems for design

It was noted that the course descriptions for the new course proposals were too long, and a preclusion statement should be added to IAT 834. It was moved and seconded to approve the course changes, and the new courses subject to minor revisions, and forward to Senate for information.  
(W. Parkhouse / M. Letourneau)  

Motion carried

5.3. Kinesiology  
Course description changes:  
KIN 821-3 Environmental & exercise physiology

New course:  
KIN 831-3 Current topics in thermophysiology

It was moved and seconded to approve the course changes and new course, and forward to Senate for information.  
(W. Parkhouse / M. Letourneau)

6. Faculty of Science: Curriculum changes [GS2008.21]

6.1. Biological Sciences  
Course deletions:  
BISC 804-3 Plant ecology  
BISC 805-3 Comparative endocrinology  
BISC 848-3 Nematology  
BISC 850-3 Weed biology & control  
BISC 856-3 Industrial biotechnology

It was moved and seconded to delete the courses which had not been offered for several years.  
(A. Calvert / M. A. Gillies)  

Motion carried

7. Faculty of Business Administration: Curriculum changes  
[GS2008.22]

7.1. Course credit changes  
BUS 715-3 Operations management

It was moved and seconded to approve the change of course credit hours, and to forward to Senate for information.  
(D. Thomas / M. Letourneau)  

Motion carried
7.2. PhD program coursework [GS2008.15b]
   A revised list of core courses was presented, and an agreement with Department of Economics was reached.
   It was moved and seconded to approve the changes, and to forward to Senate for information.
   (D. Thomas / M. Hahn)  
   **Motion carried**

8. Faculty of Health Sciences: New graduate certificate

8.1. ILIAD proposal [GS2008.23]
   Interdisciplinary Learning in Infectiously-Acquired Diseases (ILIAD) was proposed as new MSc and PhD degree programs. The Faculty of Health Sciences was clear that this was not meant to be a graduate certificate program.

   The committee noted that the proposal was a course-intensive program.
   The process of a notice of intent and full program proposal was discussed. The Chair suggested that he would meet with J. Scott for discussion.


9.1. Educational Technology & Learning Design
   Minor changes were proposed for the M.A. and M.Ed. program requirements.
   It was moved and seconded to approve the changes, and forward to Senate for information.
   (M. Schmidt / W. Parkhouse)  
   **Motion carried**

9.2. Educational Psychology program
   Minor program description changes were proposed. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes, and forward to Senate for information.
   (L. Kanevsky / M. Letourneau)  
   **Motion carried**

10. New business

10.1. Thesis Defence Room – W.A.C. Bennett Library Room 2020
   The Chair proposed to the Library to fill the book shelves with bound theses which received awards or medals. He would begin compiling a list of past award winning theses.

10.2. Convocation medals
   The Chair sought input from the committee regarding the number of convocation medals to the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, due to the diversity in the programs. The Chair would make a recommendation to SPCSAB.

11. Adjournment
   The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.