Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:
Wade Parkhouse, Chair
George Agnes
Gwen Bird
Rob Cameron
Paul Budra
Ed Bukszar
Marek Hatala (alternate for Tom Calvert)
Heesoon Bai

Christina Bielek
Christi Garneau-Scott
Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

Regrets:
Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records
Wolfgang Haider
Michael Hayes
Derek Bingham

1. Approval of agenda – approved.
2. Approval of minutes of April 12, 2010 – Carried with a revision to note Art Liestman and Qianping Gu appeared before the committee in connection with the SFU/ZU Graduate Dual Degree Program in Computing Science.
3. Chair’s Report:
   • April SGSC curriculum changes - all cleared Senate.
   • SSHRC success rates were identical to last year – 26/57.
   • NSERC success rates improved from 55% to 78% for the current year.
   • Grant Workshops – advertising will improve; dates are tentatively booked for next year.
4. For Discussion:
   4.1 Faculty of Applied Sciences
      School of Computing Science
      SFU/ZU Graduate Dual Degree Program in Computing
      a. MSc Proposal – SFU/ZU GDDP
      b. PhD Proposal – SFU/ZU GDDP
      Qianping Gu and Funda Ergun from Computing Science were in attendance to answer questions.
      • Notice of Intent (NOI) was sent to SCUP last week and approved. Overall, members were supportive.
• **Full Program Proposal** – following a preliminary review concerns were raised by members of the committee. These concerns were sent to the proponents of the program for their consideration in a revised version of the proposal.

4.2 Faculty of Business Administration

MFRM (Financial Risk Management) Program

a. Program Changes:
   i) Change to calendar description
   ii) Change to required courses
   iii) Addition of electives
   iv) Change of total units from 42 to 45
   v) Changes to courses to be offered.
   vi) New courses:
       BUS 801-3 Financial Modelling Tools
       BUS 824-3 Law and Regulation of Financial Institutions

b. Minor Course Changes associated with program change:
   i) BUS 802-3 Financial Economics I (title)
   ii) BUS 805-3 Financial Economics II (title, description)
   iii) BUS 809-3 Equity Security Analysis and Portfolio Management I (title, description)
   iv) BUS 814-3 Derivative Securities I (title)
   v) BUS 816-3 Strategic Asset Allocation (title, description)
   vi) BUS 818-3 Derivative Securities II (title)
   vii) BUS 823-3 Equity Security Analysis and Portfolio Management II (units, title, description, pre-requisites)
   viii) BUS 866-3 Enterprise Risk Management for Financial Institutions (title)
   ix) BUS 867-3 Accounting for Financial Instruments (units)

Corrections to agenda items– BUS 810 deleted; does not require a change; BUS 823 includes a pre-requisite change (typo).

Anton Theunissen from MFRM was in attendance to answer questions from SGSC. SGSC members asked about the use of sessionals for the two new courses and about an increase in tuition fees. Business responded that the courses were geared to students who are on an industry-track and having experts teach the courses would make the students more attractive to potential employers. Business stated that the intention was not to increase fees but to revamp the program. He indicated that tuition costs are very conservative in relation to other universities in Canada and the United States.

**Motion:** Move to approve program changes.

(E. Bukszcz/G. Agnes) (Unanimous) **Motion Carried**

4.3 Faculty of Education

a. Masters Programs:
   Educational Leadership
   i) Change total units for the MEd program from 35 to 30 units
   ii) Change to MEd and MA core courses
   iii) Change to MEd and MA required courses
iv) Change to program transfer approval.
v) Calendar Changes to MEd and MA programs

b. Doctoral Programs:

Educational Leadership
i) Change from Educational Leadership to EdD Programs
ii) Change to required courses
iii) Addition of designated courses
iv) Addition of a French-language section
v) Calendar change to section: Degree Program offered
vi) Calendar change to section: Doctoral Programs
vii) Calendar change to section: Programs of Study
H. Bai spoke to the motion and indicated the intention was to standardize the Educational Leadership program.

**Motion:** Move to approve.
*(H. Bai/P. Budra)*
*(Unanimous)*
**Motion Carried**

4.4 Faculty of Science

**Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology**

**Masters**
a. MSC Program (Thesis)
i) Change to core courses

b. MSc Program (Course Work)

Degree Requirements
i) Replace KIN 802 with any approved graduate course in Statistics or Research Methods
ii) Delete KIN 802-3 Statistical Applications in Kinesiology Research

**Doctoral Program**
a. Dissertation

Deletion of Dissertation Proposal

**Calendar changes:**
Change in calendar language throughout to reflect departmental name change.

**Motion:**
Move to approve.
*(H. Bai/G. Bird)*
*(Unanimous)*
**Motion Carried**

4.5 The Dean of Graduate Studies Awards

Given the limited time left in the meeting, the Chair asked the members to read over the material provided and to provide feedback within a week.
5. Items for information- minor course changes previously approved

5.1 Faculty of Science

a. Department of Biological Sciences
   Deletions:
   i) BISC 814-3 Aquatic Ecology
   ii) BISC 817-3 Evolution of Social Behavior
   iii) BISC 843-3 Applied Behavioral Ecology

b. Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology
   Minor Course Changes associated with program change
   i) Change to title: KIN 801-3 Seminar on Research in Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

c. Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
   i) Change to title and description: MBB 838-3


7. Next scheduled meeting June 14, 2010 (material deadline – May 31, 2010)

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.