Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:
Wade Parkhouse, Chair
George Agnes
Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records
Rob Cameron
Paul Budra
Colleen Collins
Ron Wakkary
John Nesbit
Craig Janes
Derek Bingham David Pereira
Mike Soron
Gwen Bird
Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

1. Approval of agenda- approved.
2. Approval of the minutes of June 13, 2011 – approved
4. Chair’s report
   The Dean attended at a summer workshop held by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) in the US. Sessions included:
   - Graduate intellectual communities- work to foster these communities is being done here at SFU between DGS and GSS.
   - Fundraising –focused on research that showed 45% of funding comes from sources other than alumni. The Dean will meet with Cathy Daminato, Vice-President, Advancement to research how DGS might support initiatives to raise money for graduate students.
   - Communicating Science- US schools use alternative ways to help Science students develop their communications skills. How do you make the programs sustainable?
   - Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) is in Vancouver this year – opportunity for SGSC members to attend.

5. For Discussion:
   5.1. Beedie School of Business
       [GS2011.15]
       a. Executive Master of Business Administration
       i) Addition of elective stream: EMBA for Aboriginal Business and Leadership. It is merely a re-packaging of the existing EMBA. Calendar language needed.

       Issue of the budget model – all grad programs participate in the distribution of the provincial grant on a weighted FTE basis. This has to be addressed with a discussion about premium programs under the AVPA and VPA.

SGSC discussed the new stream. The Dean’s Office to work with Colleen Collins (BUS) on the calendar language.
ii) Change of grading basis from graded to satisfactory/unsatisfactory: BUS 662-2
Special Topics in Business Administration

b. Master of Business Administration
i) Change grading basis from graded to satisfactory/unsatisfactory: BUS 704-3
Leadership and Team Building
ii) Change grading basis from graded to satisfactory/unsatisfactory: BUS 711-3
Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Approved BUS 662-2, 704-3, 711-3 under delegated authority following discussion with SGSC members.

Motion: Move to approve
(D. Bingham/C. Janes) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

5.2. Faculty of Health Sciences [GS2011.16]

a. Master of Science Program (MSc)
i) Substantive calendar language changes to:
   general description
   Admission Requirements:
   transfer from FHS MPH Program to MSc
   Program Requirements:
   transfer to FHS PhD Program
   time to completion
   Thesis Defense

   Program changes:
   Remove recommended courses
   Added 4 new core courses approved with FHS PhD proposal
   Reduced required course units to 12
   Increased minimum units for degree to 30

   iii) New course: HSCI 886-6 MSc Thesis Proposal
   iv) Change of units: HSCI 887-12 MSc Thesis

Motion: Move to approve
(R. Wakkary/J. Nesbit) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

6. Items for information - minor course changes previously approved:

6.1 Faculty of Health Sciences [GS2011.16]
a. Master of Public Health Program
i) Change of prerequisites: HSCI 870-3 Global Health and International Affairs

7. Other Business

8. Next scheduled meeting August 8, 2011 (material deadline – July 25, 2011)