Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, February 21, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:
Wade Parkhouse, Chair  Christi Garneau-Scott
George Agnes  Christina Bielek
Gwen Bird  
Rob Cameron  Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary
Paul Budra
Colleen Collins  Regrets:
Ron Wakkary  Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records
John Nesbit  Derek Bingham
Wolfgang Haider  David Pereira
Craig Janes

1. Approval of agenda- approved with date correction.
2. Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2011 – approved
3. Business arising from the minutes
   • Senate SGSC items - update on SGSC items approved at the January 2011 Senate meeting
   • Proposed tuition adjustments for 2012-13 – Consultation will continue. All faculties will
     have a chance to review the proposal and provide feedback to the SGSC.
4. Chair’s report
   • Committee to Review University Admissions (CRUA) – no graduate student appeals when
     the university made a decision not to admit
   • Faculty of Education-TEAL-masters (MA) [GS2010. 24] – new capstone option for graduate
     studies. Associate Dean George Agnes is working on the documentation.
5. For Discussion:
   5.1 Job description for Graduate Program Chairs – draft distributed and feedback requested.
   5.2 Graduate training through Impossible 2 Possible (I2P)
      Jay Solman appeared before the committee. I2P was introduced and the possible involvement of
      SFU was considered. Feedback and ideas were requested.
   5.3 Faculty of Business Administration  [GS2011.03]
      a. Master of Business Administration
         1) Research Internship option
         Motion: Move to approve.
            (C. Janes/J. Nesbit)  (Unanimous)  Motion Carried
2) New Course: BUS 728-0 Research Internship  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(J. Nesbit/C. Janes) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

5.4 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology  
[GS2011.04]  
a. School of Communication  
1) New Course: CMNS 820-5 Media/Democratic Communication/Concept of the Public  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(R. Wakkary/P. Budra) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

b. School of Interactive Arts and Technology  
1) Master of Arts:  
i) Change of unit value: IAT 897-15 MA Thesis  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(R. Wakkary/R. Cameron) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

ii) Deletion: IAT 833-3 from Designated Research Methods Courses from MA program  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(R. Wakkary/C. Janes) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

2) Master of Science  
i) Change of unit value: IAT 898-15 MSc Thesis  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(R. Wakkary/R. Cameron) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

ii) Deletion: IAT 833-3 from Designated Research Methods Courses from MSc program  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(R. Wakkary/C. Janes) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

3) PhD Program  
i) Change of unit value: IAT 899-15 PhD dissertation  
**Item Withdrawn**

ii) Deletion: IAT 833-3 from Designated Research Methods Courses from PhD program  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(R. Wakkary/C. Janes) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

iii) Course Requirements- clarification for PhD Student who completed Masters in SIAT program  
**Motion:** Move to approve.  
(R. Wakkary/P. Budra) Motion Carried

5.5 Faculty of Health Sciences  
[GS2009.10]  
a. PhD proposal  
Proposal was approved at the April 2010 meeting but required revisions prior to forwarding to SCUP. Revised version provided to SGSC for information

New courses submitted as part of the proposal:
HSCI 902-3 Interdisciplinary Seminar in Health Sciences
HSCI 903-1 Interdisciplinary Research Colloquium 1
HSCI 904-1 Interdisciplinary Research Colloquium 2
HSCI 905-1 Interdisciplinary Research Colloquium 3

**Motion:** Move to approve.
(C. Janes/W. Haider) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

HSCI 983-6 Comprehensive Exam and Thesis Proposal
HISC 990-6 Thesis Research

**Motion:** Move to approve.
(C. Janes/W. Haider) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

HSCI 998-6 Thesis Preparation and Defense

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

HSCI PhD Program Proposal will go on to SCUP.

5.6 Faculty of Science [GS2011.05]
a. Department of Mathematics
1) New course: MATH 741-3 Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry

**Motion:** Tabled
Department to be contacted; the new course documentation requires further clarification

6. Items for information- minor course changes approved

6.1 Faculty of Business Administration [GS2011.03]
a. Master of Business Administration
1) Title and Description change: BUS 718-4 Strategic Management/Comprehensive Examination

6.2 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology [GS2011.04]
1) Title and description change: IAT 833-3 Performance, Technology and Embodiment

6.3 Faculty of Science [GS2011.05]
a. Department of Mathematics
1) Prerequisite and Title Change: MATH 739-3 Algebraic Syst-ST Algebra

7. Other Business

- **SFU Exchange Program/Outbound Graduate Students – Proposed Eligibility**
Criteria established by the Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) was reviewed.
- **Academic Integrity Advisory Committee** requires an SGSC representative. The Chair asked for volunteers.
- **Search for two new Associate Deans** – the SGSC Chair updated committee members on the search.

8. Next scheduled meeting **March 14, 2011 (material deadline – February 28, 2011)**