Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, January 6, 2014 in LIB 7200

Present:
Wade Parkhouse, Chair                      Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary
Mary-Ellen Kelm                          Ehsan Jozaghi
Peter Liljedahl                         Alexey Baybuz, GSS
Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records
Nicole White
Uwe Glasser
Jane Pulkingham                        Yasmine Norouzi
Mark Wexler
Philippe Pasquier
Phil Winne
Sean Markey
Craig Janes
Peter Ruben

1. Approval of agenda                   Approved
2. Review of the minutes of December 2, 2013     Approved
3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)

Graduate Diploma in Financial Engineering under Special Arrangements was forwarded to Senate and SCUP.

Beedie/Fraser International College-Pre-master's pilot for the MBA – 2nd English language proficiency test has been removed as per a motion passed at December 2013 SGSC meeting.

Graduate General Regulations (GGRs) reviewed by SGSC in the fall are being redrafted. Once this work is complete, the GGRs will be sent to the departments for feedback.

CGS-M Harmonized Tri-Council Competition – the Dean reported that there was an overwhelming response with 388 applications.

4. For Discussion:

4.1 Faculty of Applied Science
a) School of Computing Science
Proposal for a Professional Master’s Program in Big Data [GS2014.01]
Presenter: Anoop Sarkar, Associate Professor, CMPT. A. Sarkar noted Big Data is a rapidly growing field with high demand for skilled people.
The Dean indicated that all tuition fees for new programs will be reviewed by the new Graduate Tuition Oversight Committee; however, the fees are consistent with the norm for other professional programs.

In response to queries from SGSC, A. Sarkar indicated that students will have spots in regular courses; facilities are guaranteed and designated support staff will be in place.

Students will be largely self-funded with graduate fellowships from the program. Co-op appointments will cover most of the tuition.

Motion: Move to approve subject to calendar revisions
U.Glaesser/P. Ruben Unanimous Approved
The Dean congratulated CMPT on its proposal; SGSC will use it as a template for other submissions.
Note: revisions complete

4.2 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology [GS2014.02]
   a) Master of Digital Media
      Program Requirements
      i) Change of units: DMED 531-6 Internship II
   Minor course change approved under delegated authority Approved

   b) School for the Contemporary Arts
      Program Requirements
      Comparative Media Arts by Cohort Special Arrangements
      i) Change of units: FPA 827-4 Practicum in Comparative Media Arts
   Minor course change approved under delegated authority Approved

4.3 Faculty of Science [GS2014.03]
   a) Department of Chemistry
      i. Addition of Mandatory Program Requirements:
         i) Change of degree completion time maximum from 12 (GGR 1.12.2) to 9 terms
         ii) Addition of mandatory courses:
              CHEM 801-3 Student Seminar
              CHEM 802-3 M.Sc. Research Proposal and Examination
         iii) Addition of mandatory attendance at departmental seminars
         iv) Resultant calendar language

      P. Ruben indicated CHEM wants to increase the number of courses to improve completion rates. Faculty members are to teach the courses.

Motion: Move to approve subject to calendar revisions
P. Ruben /P. Winne Unanimous Approved.
Note: revisions complete

5. Items for information – previously approved: None

6. Other Business-None

7. Next scheduled meeting February 3, 2014 (Material deadline is January 16, 2014)