Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on Monday, June 9, 2014 in the Wosk Room, SFU Library

**Present:**
Ex-officio:
- Wade Parkhouse, Chair
- Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)
- Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)
- Nicole White (Library)
- Sheilagh MacDonald (Secretary)
- Shelley Gair (Programs, Policy, Curriculum)
- Ting Liu (Emma) (GSS)

Graduate Students:
- Ehsan Jozaghi (Regular)
- Paul Yoon (Alternate)

Faculty Chairs:
- Ian McCarthy (BUS)
- Jane Pulkingham (FASS)
- Malcolm Steinberg (FHS)
- Peter Ruben (FSCI)
- Phil Winne (EDUC)
- Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)
- Sean Markey (FENV)

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**Regrets:**
- Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)
- Uwe Glasser (FAS)

1. Approval of agenda
   - Item 5.3 moved to the beginning of discussion on agenda

2. Approval of the meeting minutes of May 5, 2014

3. Business arising from the minutes
   - MSc Ecological Restoration will go to SCUP in July and then to Senate and the Board of Governors in September; all other items have been forwarded to Senate.
   - Programs have been generally supportive of an 18 unit master’s; the Math department was the exception.

4. Chair’s Report
   - Calendar – academic units are encouraged to review the calendar proofs carefully to help correct any errors before the calendar is published online. A number of errors were discovered during a DGS review.
   - Awards – SFU is doing well with 5% of the SSHRC awards across Canada; NSERC awards are consistent with the national average of 4 to 4.5%; SFU is new to CIHR but our success rate is improving over time.
   - Convocation – SGSC members are encouraged to attend the ceremonies. SFU is considering adding more ceremonies to accommodate a growing number of graduates.

5. For Discussion

**5.3 Faculty of Science (GS2014.19)**
Department of Earth Sciences
   - Changes to PhD program requirements
   - Minor course changes to: EASC 604, 607, 617, 620, 624

Motion moved by P. Ruben, seconded by P. Winne

Approved
5.1 Beedie School of Business (GS2014.17)
   a. Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Commercialization
   b. New courses:
      - BUS 790-2 Lab to Market
      - BUS 791-2 Opportunity Identification and Assessment
      - BUS 793-2 Business Models
      - BUS 794-2 Leadership and Managing Teams
      - BUS 795-2 Financing the New Venture
      - BUS 796-2 Business Plan I
      - BUS 797-2 Business Plan II

There was a discussion re: the target market, funding formula, tuition, admission and budget. I. McCarthy encouraged SGSC members to send feedback to him regarding the proposal. The Dean is supportive of this effort to improve the entrepreneurial opportunities for PhD students and stated SFU needs more opportunities of this sort.

After some minor revisions have been made to the proposal, it will be submitted to SCUP and Senate for approval and the Board of Governors for information. Graduate certificates do not normally require approval by the Ministry of Education.

Motion moved by I. McCarthy, seconded by P. Winne

5.2 Faculty of Health Sciences (GS2014.18)
   a. Changes to the Master of Public Health program requirements
   b. Minor course changes to: HSCI 830, 855, 897, 898, 900, 901, 998

The Dean noted that FHS did not assign 18 units to the master’s thesis despite the fact this is becoming common practice. M. Steinberg indicated that Health Sciences had not made a final decision and therefore will have to deal with the matter at a later time.

Motion moved by I. McCarthy, seconded by P. Winne

5.4 GGR 1.5.5 Graduate Students Retaking a Course (GS2014.20)
SGSC members will bring feedback from the academic units to the next meeting in July. A revised version may be submitted to SGSC for approval at the September meeting.

6. Other Business
   N. White conducted a tour of the new Research Commons on the 7th floor of the Library.

7. Next scheduled meeting on July 7, 2014 (Material deadline June 19, 2014)