Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, July 7, 2014 in the Wosk Room, SFU Library

Present:
Ex-officio: Wade Parkhouse, Chair
Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)
Nicole White (Library)
Sheilagh MacDonald (Secretary)
Ting Liu (Emma) (GSS)

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

Faculty Chairs:
Jane Pulkingham (FASS)
Mark Lechner, FHS
Peter Ruben (FSCI)
Phil Winne (EDUC)
Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)
Sean Markey (FENV)

Regrets:
Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)
Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)
Ian McCarthy (BUS)
Uwe Glasser (FAS)
Shelley Gair (Programs, Policy, Curriculum)

1. Approval of agenda
   Approved

2. Review of the minutes of June 9, 2014
   Approved

3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)
   Senate meeting will be held later in the day. MSc in Ecological Restoration and Graduate certificate
   in Science and Technology Commercialization sent to next SCUP.

4. Chair’s Report
   The Dean indicated that he will be off campus for periods of time during July and August and thanked
   those who volunteered to serve as Acting Dean.

5. For Discussion:
   5.1 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology [GS2014.21]
      a) School for the Contemporary Arts
         MA Comparative Media Arts by Cohort Special Arrangements
         i) Pre-requisite change to: FPA 827, 829
         Approved under delegated authority once corrections are received for FPA 829
   
   5.2 Concurrent admission for a Bachelor’s and Master’s program [GS2014.22]
      a) Revised template for concurrent admission proposal
      b) Calendar entry for concurrent admission
      The Dean has had discussions with the Associate VP/Academic, Susan Rhodes of SCUP and the
      Registrar on the appropriate process for facilitating concurrent admissions to master’s and bachelor’s
      programs. These submissions do not need to be treated as new programs as student’s are merely being
      granting conditional admission to a master’s program subject to completion of their bachelor’s program
      with prior approval for advance standing in up to 10 units of graduate courses completed while they are
      still registered in their bachelor’s program as per Senate document 12-31. The only time they go through
      SCUS is if the specific program requirement affects undergraduate the undergraduate program. While
      these are not new programs, the Dean indicated that units will need to provide a justification and seek
approval through normal academic processes. The concurrent admission template and calendar entry forms must be used. Shelley Gair in DGS will send out memo to the units re the new template and calendar entry.

5.3 Faculty of Health Sciences

a) Proposal to establish a concurrent Bachelor’s/Master’s degree program with calendar entries as approved by SGSC.

Motion: That SGSC approve concurrent admission to bachelor’s and master’s programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences subject to the incorporation of concurrent admission calendar language and modifications of the proposal to be consistent with the concurrent admission template.

Motion moved by M. Lechner seconded by P. Pasquier

Approved

5.4 Units for a Master’s Thesis

The consensus was to allow units to allocate between 6 and 18 units for a master’s thesis thereby allowing for disciplinary differences provided the total degree requirements are minimally 30U.

5.5 Temporarily withdrawn/deleted courses

Motion 1: “to approve the list of courses to be temporarily withdrawn effective May 2015”

Motion moved by P. Ruben seconded by S. Markey

Approved

Motion 2: “to approve the list of courses to be permanently withdrawn effective May 2015”

Motion moved by P. Ruben seconded by S. Markey

Approved

6. Other Business

6.1 Revision to: GGR 1.5.5 Graduate Students Retaking a Course

Feedback was received and the GGR will come back to the September SGSC meeting.

Transcript Redesign – Feedback was generally positive and specific was received. The feedback will be relayed to the committee re-designing the transcript. SGSC members can send additional feedback to Mary Ann Pope.

7. Next scheduled meeting August 11, 2014 (Material deadline July 17, 2014) – Dean indicated this meeting might be cancelled.