Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on March 6, 2017 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:

Ex-Officio
Wade Parkhouse (Chair)
Jeff Derksen (Associate Dean)
Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)
Nicole White (Library)
Chantal Turpin (GSS Representative)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Curriculum)
Sheilagh MacDonald (Acting Secretary)

Faculty Chairs:
Faisal Beg (FAS)
Lisa Shapiro (FASS)
Zoë Druick (FCAT)
Shawn Bullock (EDUC)
Dongya Yang (FENV)
Stephen Smith (HSCI)
Peter Ruben (SCI)

Graduate Students:
Hannah Celinski
Charanjot Singh

Regrets:
Ian McCarthy (BUS)

1. Approval of agenda
   Approved

2. Review of the SGSC minutes of February 6, 2017
   Approved

3. Business arising from the minutes

4. Chair’s Report

   A revised executive order to the U.S. travel ban will go into effect March 16, 2017. An SFU website with up-to-date information and advice is available: www.sfu.ca/students/us-travel-ban/

   The SGSC annual retreat will take place in April; information re the date and location will be sent out shortly. Potential topics include the number of students completing master’s credentials without writing a thesis and the number of new courses being developed. Retreat topics and material will be sent at a later date.

5. For Approval

5.1 Course Changes

Faculty of Applied Sciences
1) Title and description change for ENSC 815
2) Title, description and prerequisite change for ENSC 861
3) Title, description and grading change for MSE 801

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
4) Description and grading change for ECON 831
5) Title change for GERO 810
6) Title and description change for POL 830, POL 838 and POL 839
7) Course deletion of PSYC 810 and PSYC 835
8) Prerequisite change for PSYC 807D
9) Title and prerequisite change for PSYC 825 and PSYC 999
10) Title and description change for PSYC 836
11) Title and description change for PSYC 898 and PSYC 899
Faculty of Education
12) Description and grading change for EDUC 928

Faculty of Environment
13) Unit change for ARCH 872 and ARCH 873

Faculty of Science
14) Description change for CHEM 801, 802 and CHEM 808
15) Course deletion for CHEM 881 and CHEM 882

Approved under delegated authority

5.2 New Courses
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
1) ENGL 882: MA Project
2) ENGL 894: PhD Thesis Prospectus
3) GERO 896: Project Proposal
4) GERO 897: Thesis Proposal
5) GERO 994: Comprehensive Examination I
6) GERO 995: Comprehensive Examination II
7) GERO 996: Thesis Prospectus
8) POL 800: Research Design in Political Science
9) POL 816: Feminist Social and Political Thought
10) POL 840: Issues in International Relations, Foreign Policy, and Security
11) PSYC 791: Proseminar 2 in Law and Psychology
12) PSYC 807F: Advanced Topics in Intervention: Dialectical Behaviour Therapy
13) PSYC 895: MA Thesis Proposal
14) PSYC 896: PhD Thesis Proposal
15) PSYC 991: Research Comprehensive Examination 1
16) PSYC 992: Research Comprehensive Examination 2
17) PSYC 993: Research Comprehensive Examination 3

A committee member requested a rationale as to why ENGL 882 MA Project was being assigned letter grades instead of IP/COs which is typical for other final capstones. J. Derksen responded that while the Department of English was aware they were able to give IP/COs, they felt assigning letter grades would help produce a higher standard of work. N. White recommended that students who are submitting digital projects meet with library staff early in the process.

POL courses have been weighted 5 units; however, they have 4 hours of contact per week. A working group will be formed by P. Liljedahl to investigate the variances in units in relation to contact hours.

Motion moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by J. Derksen

Faculty of Environment
18) ARCH 874: PhD Prospectus & Colloquium
19) ARCH 875: PhD Comprehensive Examination
Motion moved by D. Yang; seconded by F. Beg

5.3 Program Changes

Faculty of Applied Sciences
1) Engineering Science MASc, MEng and PhD

Motion moved by F. Beg; seconded by S. Smith

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
2) Gerontology MA and PhD
3) English MA and PhD
4) Political Science MA

Motion moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by C. Turpin

Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology
5) Interactive Arts and Technology MA, MSc and PhD

Motion moved by Z. Druick; seconded by D. Yang

Faculty of Education
6) Educational Technology and Learning Design MA

Motion moved by S. Bullock; seconded by C. Turpin

Faculty of Environment
7) Archaeology MA and PhD

Motion moved by D. Yang; seconded by F. Beg

Faculty of Science
8) Chemistry Graduate Co-operative Education Program (calendar deletion)

Motion moved by F. Beg; seconded by C. Turpin

9) Chemistry MSc and PhD

Motion moved by S. Bullock; seconded by Z. Druick

5.4 2016 Annual Report of SGSC
Some editorial changes were indicated.

6. For Information (approved under delegated authority)
6.1 Minor Course Change

Faculty of Applied Sciences
1) Course reinstatement for CMPT 701: Computability and Logic (Summer 2017)

7. Next SGSC meeting scheduled for April 3, 2017 (Material deadline March 16, 2017)