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RE Proposed Changes to the Composition of ACNGP
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DATE March 12, 2009

At its meeting of March 9, 2009, SGSC approved a motion to disband the ACNGP and is recommending the following motion to SCAR:

Motion:

That Senate approve the disbanding of the Assessment Committee for New Graduate Programs (ACNGP) effective immediately.

Rationale:

The ACNGP is a standing sub-committee of Senate Graduate Studies Committee whose function is to recommend to SGSC that it approve, approve with modifications, or reject a proposed program. SGSC then reviews the proposal and the recommendations from the ACNGP and makes its recommendations to SCUP regarding the new program and its credential. While the ACNGP has provided a valuable service to SGSC, it is also apparent that there is extensive redundancy in the discussions that take place in the two committees, that the process of having it reviewed by the ACNGP and then SGSC, adds to the time it takes to review and reach a decision on a proposal, and that seven members of the committee are from SGSC. SGSC is attempting to harmonize our procedures with those of the Senate Committee Undergraduate Studies. Unlike SGSC, SCUS is able to review and make recommendations to SCUP without the need for a sub-committee and it is felt that the growth of graduate programs at SFU is at a pace that SGSC could perform its functions without the ACNGP.