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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Wade Parkhouse, Dean, Graduate Studies
RE: 2009-10 Annual Report of SGSC

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I am pleased to submit to Senate the 2009-10 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (SGSC).

The Senate Committee on Graduate Studies is charged by Senate with the following terms of reference:

1. *To maintain the academic standards established by Senate.*
2. *To review and make recommendations to Senate concerning new graduate programs.*
3. *To review and make recommendations to Senate concerning major changes to graduate programs.*
4. *To review and approve all proposed new graduate courses, course deletions, and minor changes to programs. These changes shall be reported to Senate in summary form.*
5. *To administer, review and make recommendations to Senate concerning Graduate General Regulations.*
6. *To consider matters concerning Graduate Studies referred to the Committee, and to make recommendations to the appropriate bodies.*
7. *To consider and decide on policy recommendations concerning graduate course registration, course and program withdrawal procedures, and on the administration of graduate records.*

The Senate Committee on Graduate Studies has two subcommittees: SGSC Appeal subcommittee (Unsatisfactory Progress under GGR 1.8.2), and the SGSC subcommittee Special Arrangements Steering Committee (Special Arrangements Graduate Program).

This report covers the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, during which SGSC held 10 meetings.

SGSC reviewed, recommended, approved and submitted to SCUP and Senate curriculum changes related to the addition, deletion and modification of programs and courses, as well as revisions to relevant regulations.

Programs and Policies Reviewed

- I) HSci PhD (FPP)
- II) deletion of MA in Engl by Special Arrangements

- III) English Language Proficiency requirements for admission
- IV) Degree program credits
- V) Closure of student record
- VI) Double Bachelors/Masters Programs
- VII) Cotutelles/individual joint degrees

New programs approved and recommended

SFU/ZU Dual MSc and PhD

HSci PhD (preliminary approval)

Curriculum Changes Approved

Program Changes	New Courses	Courses deleted	Courses Changed
27	39	17	45

Note: numbers are approximate

Graduate admissions, enrolments and credentials awarded

Graduate applications increased by 14%; offers by 11%; and new enrolments by 6.8% in 2009-10 compared to the previous year 2008-09 (applications 5360; offers 2516; new enrolments 1862). Graduate enrolments were increased by 4.3% to 4656 students from 2009 with 3808 students in degree programs, a 1.8% increase. Credentials awarded included 96 Graduate Diplomas, 842 masters degrees and 136 PhD/EdD, an increase of 3.5% in masters and doctorate degrees awarded from last year.

Graduate Admissions	04/05	08/09	09/10
Applications	3961	4701	5360
Offers	1901	2268	2516
Accepted offers	1512	1891	2037
New Enrolments	1449	1744	1862

Note: data prior to 04/05 is not reliable

Enrolments	2000	2005	2010
Total*	2560	3666	4656
% Change	-	43%	82%
Degree**	2345	2889	3808
% Change	-	23%	62%

*Total headcount of all graduate students (degree, diploma, exchange and qualifying)

** Total headcount of masters and doctoral students

% Change relative to 2000

Credentials Awarded	99/00	04/05	09/10
Masters (M)	528	651	842
Doctoral (D)	108	85	136
Total (M&D)	636	736	978
% Change	-	16%	54%

% Change from 00/01 in total masters and doctoral credentials

Note: data is calculated on a FY basis

Tri-council Scholarship Support

The Vanier Scholarship program only came into effect in 2009 and we currently have 7 Vanier Scholarship students. In 2010, 269 students were receiving tri-council funding as opposed to 244 students in 2009. Total SSHRC awardees totaled 139 as opposed to 114 in 2009. Total CHIR awardees totaled 23 as opposed to 27 in 2009. SFU had 5 Vanier and 1 Trudeau Scholarship award winners enrolled. Total NSERC awardees totaled 100 as opposed to 98 in 2009. A greater number of students received the higher value CGS-D across all three agencies.

Note: graduate student funding data is contained in the annual report from SPCSAB

SGSC Appeals Subcommittee

In 2010, the subcommittee considered four appeals of unsatisfactory performance where the student was required to withdraw. Two appeals were upheld. In 2009, no appeals were launched.

SGSC Special Arrangements Steering Committee

In 2010, two students were admitted to the program and five graduated. In 2009, three students were admitted and five graduated. At the end of 2010, 15 students remained registered in this program. *(note: this data excludes students admitted under Special Arrangements in Health Science)*

SGSC members during 2010 were:

W. Parkhouse, Chair (Dean of Graduate Studies)

Graham Lyons, Duncan Wlodarczak, Christi Garneau-Scott, David Pereira (Graduate Student at Large)

P. Budra, Chair FGSC, Arts and Social Sciences

E. Bukszar, C. Collins, Chair FGSC, Business

T. Calvert, R. Wakkary, Chair FGSC, Communication, Art and Technology

H. Bai, J. Nesbit, Chair FGSC, Education

W. Haider, Chair FGSC, Environment

M. Hayes, C. Janes, Chair FGSC, Health Sciences

D. Bingham, Chair FGSC, Science

G. Agnes, Associate Dean Graduate Studies (ex officio)

M. Pope, Director Graduate Records (ex officio)

G. Bird, University Librarian (ex officio)

J. Newman, C. Bielek, President GSS (ex officio)