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RE General Graduate Regulation 1.3.2

[GS2011.19]

CC

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Motion: That Senate approve the revision of GGR 1.3.2 which outlines the criteria for admission to a graduate diploma program [GS2011.19]

**Effective Date is September 2012**

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## **Revision of 1.3.2 Admission to a Graduate Diploma Program**

### **Motion**

That SGSC recommend to Senate the revision of GGR 1.3.2 which outlines the criteria for admission to a graduate diploma program.

### **Rationale**

SGSC wants to clarify the admission requirements for entry into a graduate diploma to reflect our current practice in regards to the admission standard in terms of CGPA where programs have been applying a minimum of 2.5 CGPA for admission. In addition, many institutions currently either only use an UD GPA, or the last 60 UD GPA, or they use a CGPA. Given that many students struggle in their first year at university, it seemed reasonable to add an option of admission based on UD GPA. Further, a number of three-year bachelor's degrees are emerging world-wide and while SGSC may consider admitting students from three year degrees into our graduate programs, it was felt that a statement that bachelor's degrees considered to be equivalent to SFU would allow for this possibility but emphasize the normal standard.

### **Existing Language:**

#### **1.3.2 Admission to a Graduate Diploma Program**

The minimum University requirements for admission to a graduate diploma program are as follows:

- a) a bachelor's degree from a recognized university, or the equivalent;
- b) submitted evidence, usually references from qualified referees, of the student's ability to undertake advanced work in the area of interest.

In exceptional circumstances, a student may be admitted with lower formal qualification than in (a) when there is significant professional experience relevant to the proposed area of study.

Students must satisfy any further requirements set by the graduate program committee. Students whose native language is not English may be required to satisfy the University and the graduate program committee as to their capability in English. (See also 1.3.12.)

### **Revised Language:**

**Calendar Language** (changes noted in bold or struck if to be deleted)

GGR 1.3.2 Admission to a Graduate Diploma Program

The minimum University requirements for admission to a graduate diploma program are as follows:

- a) a bachelor's degree from Simon Fraser University ~~a recognized university~~, or the its equivalent from a recognized institution;
- b) a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5/4.33, or a grade point average of at least 2.67/4.33 (B-) based on the last 60 credits of undergraduate courses, provided minimally 24 credits of appropriate course content for the program applied for have been completed within those 60 credits;
- ~~b~~c) submitted evidence, usually references from qualified referees, of the student's ability to undertake advanced work in the area of interest.

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### **Final Calendar Language**

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