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RE General Graduate Regulation 1.3.11.a

[GS2011.25]

CC

DATE December 8, 2011

Motion: That Senate approve the addition of GGR 1.3.11.a which outlines the application to complete a non-joint concurrent graduate degree [GS2011.25]

Effective Date is September 2012

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Addition of GGR 1.3.11.a

Motion

That Senate approve a new general graduate regulation 1.3.11.a for application to complete a non-joint concurrent graduate degree.

Rationale

There are instances where students wish to complete two graduate programs concurrently as the degrees are complementary. SGSC feels that, provided it is acceptable to the original graduate program, concurrent registration in two graduate degree programs should be allowed. SFU has no formal regulations prohibiting concurrent registration in more than one graduate program and the intent of this regulation is to formalize the process for applying to a second degree program and the implications of being enrolled in two graduate programs on graduate administrative practices.

Calendar language

GGR 1.3.11a

Students who are currently registered in a master's or doctoral degree at Simon Fraser University can apply to complete a second master's or doctoral degree concurrently under the following constraints:

- a) no course work completed as part of the first degree shall count towards the second degree;
- b) none of the research done in the first degree shall be used in the second degree;
- c) none of the time spent in residence for the first degree shall count towards residence in the second degree;
- d) to apply to and enrol in a second graduate non-joint degree program concurrently, approval of the original program of enrolment must be obtained and the program being applied to must be informed prior to admission that the student is already enrolled in another degree program at SFU;
- e) the GGR's related to maximum duration for degree completion continue to apply and no extensions will be given due to being registered in more than one program;
- f) annual progress reviews must be completed for each program;
- g) all university regulations apply independently for each program including the application of tuition fees (i.e. fees will be charged for tuition for each program but ancillary fees will only be charged for each term of registration);
- h) a student may choose to apply to register "on leave" from one of the programs while completing requirements for the other program. In this situation the tuition charged will be the on-leave fee for one program and the appropriate tuition for the other program. (Please note that these on-leave semesters still count towards maximum time limits for degree completion);
- i) student financial support may be provided by either department following consultation between the two units.