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RE GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs

[GS2012.04]

CC

DATE 12 June 2012

GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs [GS2012.04]

At its meeting of 16 April 2012, SGSC reviewed and approved a revision to GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs. The calendar language was edited at its meeting of 14 May 2012 and 11 June 2012 and SGSC is recommending the revised regulation to Senate.

This gives rise to the following motion:

Motion:

That Senate approves the changes to GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs

Effective Date is January 2013

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Motion

That SGSC approves the proposed changes in GGR 1.3.13 to align with GGR 1.3.2.a (Admission to Graduate Certificate Programs).

Rationale

At the January Senate meeting, the proposal to allow direct admission to Graduate Certificate programs (GGR 1.3.2a) was approved. This necessitates changes to GGR 1.3.13. In addition, academic units want to create graduate certificates that, while thematic, are not intended to be interdisciplinary and will serve students not currently enrolled in SFU graduate degree programs. These changes are intended to provide details on the academic content of certificates while ensuring the alignment of GGR 1.3.13 with GGR 1.3.2a. The proposed changes to GGR 1.7.6 will deal with the transfer of credits between graduate certificates and graduate degrees.

Specific Changes

- 1) The removal of the requirement that certificate programs be interdisciplinary.
- 2) Establishing the number of courses required for certificate program.
- 3) The removal of the requirement that students already be enrolled in a master's or doctoral program. This allows for students to enter directly into a certificate program.
- 4) Align GGR 1.7.6 with GGR 1.3.13.

From: GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs

A certificate program consists of approved combinations of graduate courses completed from at least two different departments. Graduate certificate programs are intended to be both thematic and interdisciplinary.

Courses completed for credit in a graduate degree program may be applied to certificate programs. A certificate program must include a minimum of four courses and a minimum of 12 units.

Certificate programs may be completed only by students already enrolled in a master's or doctoral program at Simon Fraser University.

Certificates are awarded at the time of convocation.

To: GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs

A graduate certificate program must be thematic and consist of an approved combination of a minimum of four courses (maximum five courses) and a minimum of 12 units.

A limited number of courses completed for credit in a graduate degree program may be applied to certificate programs and a limited number of courses completed for credit as part of a graduate certificate may be applied to a graduate degree program. (see GGR 1.7.6 for details)

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