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RE General Graduate Regulation 1.3.2.a

[GS2011.20]

CC

DATE December 8, 2011

Motion: That Senate approve the addition of GGR 1.3.2.a which outlines the criteria for admission to a graduate certificate program [GS2011.20]

Effective Date is September 2012

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Addition of GGR 1.3.2a Admission to a Graduate Certificate Program

Motion

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

Rationale

SGSC would like to allow qualified students to apply directly into our Graduate Certificate programs in addition to allowing currently registered students in degree programs to complete a graduate certificate. A number of institutions (i.e. U of Calgary and McGill) allow students to apply directly into graduate certificate programs as is the case for undergraduate certificates at SFU. These programs provide those students that wish to continue their advanced education with an opportunity to acquire additional academic credentials in specific areas. These credentials may be used for credit towards a future degree. The graduate certificate will also be of value to those who have completed a graduate degree but desire or require further credentials or knowledge and skills beyond their degree.

Calendar Language

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

- a) a bachelor's degree from Simon Fraser University or 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;
- c) 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).