

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, May 9, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

**Present:**

Jonathan Driver, Chair  
Valerie Ackroyd  
Mary Ann Gillies  
Charmaine Dean  
Ken Kasa  
Allan MacKinnon  
Ariel Hornstein

Trude Heift  
Wade Parkhouse  
Tom O'Shea  
Ted Milner  
Judy Zaichkowsky  
Julia MacKenzie  
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

**Regrets:**

Gwen Bird  
Peter Mustard  
Ruth Anne Keenan

Carolyn Smart  
Larry Dill

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.  
(J. Zaichkowsky/J. MacKenzie)

**Motion carried**

**2. Approval of minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting minutes of April 11, 2005, be approved as presented.  
(C. Dean/J. Zaichkowsky)

**Motion carried**

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

The Chair reported that:

- a) Responses were received from the faculties regarding course drops (GS 2005.21); further documentation would be forthcoming to SGSC;
- b) ACNGP membership (GS 2005.22) was complete, pending student representative from SGSC;
- c) TOEFL committee (GS 2005.15) had been formed, and its first meeting would be held the following week;
- d) Several members had finished their terms on SGSC; appreciation was expressed to all exiting members, John Dickinson, Julia MacKenzie, Ruth Anne Keenan, and especially Camilla Sears, for their faithful service.

**4. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences: Curriculum changes**

**Contemporary Arts (GS 2005.23)**

Calendar changes were proposed, which reflected the course credits and actual contact hours, in accordance to TSSU guidelines. It was moved and seconded that the proposal be approved and forwarded to Senate for information.

(K. Kasa/A. MacKinnon)

**Motion carried**

A brief discussion followed about a need for standardized definition of course credit hours. It was recommended that the chairs of faculties could do research on the subject matter and take it to SCUP.

**Gerontology (GS 2005.24)**

Calendar changes were proposed to keep current with on-line graduate application, and housekeeping change in the numbers of elective courses. A committee member noted that a minor editorial change was needed to the proposed calendar entry, for clarity. It was moved and seconded that the edited proposal be approved and forwarded to Senate for information. (M.A. Gillies/A. MacKinnon)

**Motion carried**

**Publishing (GS 2005.25)**

Curriculum changes were proposed to change course names, descriptions and credit hours. Rationale for the changes was discussed. A committee member noted that a minor editorial change needed. It was noted that due to tuition fees affected, implementation of the changes would be September 2006. It was moved and seconded that the edited proposal be approved and forwarded to Senate for information. (M.A. Gillies/A. MacKinnon)

**Motion carried**

**Political Science (GS 2005.26)**

Calendar changes were proposed to change the coursework requirement from number of credit hours to number of graduate courses. This was considered a housekeeping item, due to the fact that more students were taking courses outside of the home department. It was moved and seconded that the proposal be approved and forwarded to Senate for information. (M.A. Gillies/K. Kasa)

**Motion carried**

**5. Faculty of Science: Curriculum changes (GS 2005.27)**

**Biological Sciences [GS 2005.27.i]**

Calendar change was proposed to change the title for BISC 889-2, to reflect the content.

**Molecular Biology & Biochemistry [GS 2005.27.ii]**

Calendar changes were proposed to change the course description and prerequisite for MBB 505-3.

It was moved and seconded that the proposals be approved and forwarded to Senate for information.

(C. Dean/A. MacKinnon)

**Motion carried**

**6. New business**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2005.