Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee held on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:

Jonathan Driver, Chair

Gwen Bird Wade Parkhouse
Mary Ann Gillies Tom O'Shea
Judy Zaichkowsky Charmaine Dean
Michael Caulkins Mona Vajihollahi

Ariel Hornstein

Regrets:

Trude Heift Valerie Ackroyd
Carolyne Smart Peter Mustard
Ted Milner Ken Kasa
Allan MacKinnon Larry Dill

1. Approval of agenda

Following introductions of new student members to SGSC, the Agenda was approved.

Carried

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of June 13th 2005 were approved. (Mary Ann Gillies/Tom O'Shea)

Carried

3. Business arising from the minutes of June 13th 2005

J. Driver noted that all materials sent to Senate had passed at the 13th June meeting.

re item 2, J. Driver reported that he had sent a request for opinions on a definition of credit hours to the faculty program committee chairs. Some chairs reported that they had not received the e-mail, and J. Driver offered to re-send it. It was suggested that all chairs discuss this with their faculty program committees in the fall and send comments to J. Driver.

Tom O'Shea provided an update on item 4 (GS 2005.28). Education and Continuing Studies have discussed suitable graduate programs for the CIDA-funded project in S.E. Asia. The program will likely be an M.Ed., and will have a fee structure similar to that for the current off-campus M.Ed. programs. Education has also reviewed potential PhD candidates from the project, and hopes to be able offer admission to a few candidates.

4. Proposal for a Phd in Mathematics Education (GS2005.30)

Tom O'Shea introduced the proposal:

- Follows the structure of other PhD programs in Education
- Currently taught under the Curriculum Theory and Implementation stream
- Would now be a separate stream
- Proposed new courses in mathematics education (EDUC 941, 942) would be equivalent of existing theory courses in CTI
- Courses will be offered every two years

Comments: ensure vectors for new courses are included; minor edits to language were suggested.

It was moved that the new program and courses be approved, with minor changes to documentation suggested by SGSC members.

(Tom O'Shea, Michael Caulkins)

Carried

Tom O'Shea will send final version to J. Driver for transmission to SCUP.

5. Other business

J. Driver noted that he will be chairing a task force on graduate student supervision in the fall, and that the terms of reference had been e-mailed to all SGSC members for information.

Meeting was adjourned.