

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

**Present:**

Trude Heift, Chair

Valerie Ackroyd

Mary Ann Gillies

Richard Lockhart

Ted Milner

Michel Joffres

David Newman

Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Wade Parkhouse

Carolyne Smart

Peter Mustard

Chris Veld

Larry Dill

Mary Catherine Lennon

**Regrets:**

Gwen Bird

Ken Kasa

Mona Vajihollahi

Tom O'Shea

Allan MacKinnon

**Guest:**

Bhuvinder Vaid, GIC

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

(R. Lockhart / M. A. Gillies)

**Motion carried**

**2. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup> 2006 were approved.

(M. A. Gillies / R. Lockhart)

**Motion carried**

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

**3.1. Graduate General Regulations (GS2006.12)**

**1.8.2 – Review of unsatisfactory progress**

The faculties had consulted the departmental graduate program committees to comment on the proposed change to graduate general regulation 1.8.2 by adding:

*“c) require the supervisory committee to improve its supervisory practices”.*

While Science and Health Sciences supported the change, Applied Sciences and Arts & Social Sciences felt that the clause was too vague. The committee agreed to defer this item to the fall, pending completion of data analysis and report by the task force on graduate supervision.

**1.5.1 – Normal grading system**

The faculties had consulted the departmental graduate program committees to comment on the adding the following sentence after the section listing the grades and their points:

*“The CGPA is the cumulative average of the grade points earned only in Simon Fraser University graduate courses taken towards a master’s or doctoral degree.”*

Rationale: Similar language was in the Calendar until 2002/03, but was inadvertently removed. This needs to be restored due to numerous cases of students asking that

undergraduate courses taken during the graduate program be included in the CGPA calculation.

It was moved to approve the proposed change to GGR 1.5.1, and forward to Senate for approval.

(R. Lockhart / M. A. Gillies)

**Motion carried**

There was some discussion on GPA calculation for graduate courses taken under the Western Deans' Agreement.

**3.2. SGSC membership (GS2006.13)**

The two-year terms of all six elected faculty members from their respective faculty-level graduate curriculum committees would end on May 31, 2006. Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules suggested that SGSC create staggered terms of appointments, so that in any one year only three terms would expire. This pattern has been used by SCUP. In order to do this, J. Driver proposed that the next elected reps from Applied Sciences, Arts & Social Sciences, and Business Administration would serve for two years – ending May 31, 2008, and reps from Education, Health Sciences, and Science will serve for one year – ending May 31, 2007. SGSC members e-voted unanimously for the proposed change.

**4. Faculty of Business Administration: Curriculum changes (GS2006.14)**

**4.1. Global Asset & Wealth Management – new course**

BUS 823-2 Introduction to security analysis

The new course would be important coverage and part of the curriculum; Library report was completed; no overlap issue.

It was moved to approve the new course, and forward to Senate for information.

(C. Smart / R. Lockhart)

**Motion carried**

**4.2. Cohort Financial Risk Management – minor course changes**

BUS 818-2 Advanced derivative securities (course title, credit hours, prerequisites)

BUS 865-2 Mark risk management (credit hours)

BUS 869-2 Topics in risk management (course title, credit hours)

Reduction of credit hours to reflect actual teaching; these courses are intended to be part of a permanent program.

It was moved to approve the proposed changes, and forward to Senate for information.

(C. Smart / C. Veld)

**Motion carried**

**5. New business**

**5.1. Next meeting**

Scheduled to be held on May 8, 2006, material deadline - April 24, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.