

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, November 20, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Jonathan Driver, Chair
Valerie Ackroyd
Wade Parkhouse
Ed Bukszar
Michel Joffres
Martin Hahn
Bhuvinder Vaid
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Trude Heift
Gwen Bird
Mary Ann Gillies
Tom O'Shea
Fred Popowich
Allan MacKinnon
Miraj Khaled

Regrets:

George Agnes
Larry Dill

Colleen Collins-Dodd
Joel Blok

1. Approval of agenda

After inserting an item from Business Administration [GS2006.52], the agenda was approved as amended.

(B. Vaid / M. Hahn)

Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of October 16th 2006 were approved.

(B. Vaid / F. Popowich)

Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

Items 6 and 7 – curriculum changes [Education GS2006.39, Statistics GS2006.40] were forwarded to Senate for information. Item 8 – notice of intent for a new program proposal – [Master of Digital Media GS2006.41] was recommended to SCUP for approval.

4. Chair's report

A graduate program chairs' meeting was held on November 17, at which time it was announced that a search for an associate dean of graduate studies began, and that anyone interested might confidentially consult Jon Driver or Trude Heift regarding the position.

5. SGSC terms of reference - addition (GS2006.42)

An addition was recommended by Alison Watt, University Secretariat, to the terms of reference:

“to consider and decide on policy recommendations concerning graduate course registration, course and program withdrawal procedures, and on the administration of graduate records”.

This language would be parallel to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS), and consistent with current work and authority of SGSC. It was moved to approve the

addition to SGSC terms of reference, and to forward the information to Senate.

(E. Bukszar / M.A. Gillies)

Motion carried

6. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Course proposals (GS2006.43)

SIAT 801-3 Qualitative research methods and design – refining existing course

SIAT 802-3 Quantitative research methods and design – new course

SIAT 805-0 Research colloquium – new course

After a brief discussion about enrollment, it was moved to approve the proposals, and forward to Senate for information.

(W. Parkhouse / M. Khaled)

Motion carried

7. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences: Curriculum changes (GS2006.44)

Latin American Studies Program

Program description and course changes were re-defined subsequent to an external review and a new program director. These changes would bring the LAS program in line with other regular graduate programs, such as Sociology & Anthropology, and History.

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

(M.A. Gillies / A. MacKinnon)

Motion carried

8. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences: Calendar changes (GS2006.45)

Linguistics

A language change to the calendar was proposed - adding LING 851-4 Research techniques and experimental design to the M.A. coursework requirement and to the Ph.D. admission requirement.

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

(M.A. Gillies / A. MacKinnon)

Motion carried

9. GGR 1.3.12 English language competence

Faculty of Education proposed a new section to admission requirement under GGR 1.3.12 - requiring applicants to programs offered in the French language to meet French language competence, but be exempted from the requirement of an English proficiency test.

Committee members discussed the following issues:

- Recruitment
- Special case consideration
- Program-oriented versus general university regulations
- Obligation of bilingual university services and/or resources
- Effect/impact on other [international] language student population
- Official English language instruction and communication at SFU

After much deliberation, it was moved to approve the new calendar entry.

(T. O'Shea / A. MacKinnon)

2 Abstained; Motion defeated

10. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences: Curriculum changes (GS2006.47)

Sociology & Anthropology

Changes to program descriptions, courses, addition of new courses were proposed as a result of an external review, and to bring the programs in line with other Canadian universities. A different course number [SA 896-6 MA thesis research S/U grade] for prior to thesis writing was noted as an interesting idea, requiring students to meet regularly with the supervisors. Expected program completion time was also noted.

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

(M.A. Gillies / W. Parkhouse)

Motion carried

11. Faculty of Health Sciences: Curriculum changes (GS2006.48)

11.1. M.Sc. in Population & Public Health: Global Health

A professional degree as a new concentration in Global Health was proposed, with calendar changes for program descriptions and course changes. It was noted that this would be a per-credit and cost-recovery program.

After noting the committee's suggestions, it was moved to recommend the proposed new concentration of the M.Sc. program to SCUP for approval, subject to minor revisions.

(M. Joffres / A. MacKinnon)

Motion carried

11.2. Graduate Diploma in Global Health

A name change from Graduate Diploma in Health Studies was proposed, eliminating GLOH 500-level courses and utilizing existing GLOH courses, with no change to the program content.

It was moved to approve the proposed calendar changes to Senate for information, subject to minor revisions.

(M. Joffres / M.A. Gillies)

Motion carried

11.3. Calendar changes

A series of **GLOH** 600-level courses were re-numbered to 800-level

PPH 897-3 course title and description change

HSCI 891 credit hour change

It was moved to approve the proposed minor course changes to Senate for information, subject to minor revisions.

(M. Joffres / F. Popowich)

Motion carried

11.4. Cohort SAR – M.A. in Global Health

A proposal was made to give the cohort an option to transfer to the new concentration in Global Health - M.Sc. in Population & Public Health program.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that transfer or transition process need not be included in the calendar, but written documentation per student would be required.

(M. Joffres / W. Parkhouse)

Deferred

11.5. Courses – new proposals and minor changes:

GLOH 815 Health policy-making in global context

GLOH 835 Program planning and evaluation in global health

GLOH minor course changes reflected the proposed calendar changes [item 11.3]

It was moved to approve the new course proposals and minor course changes to Senate for information.

(M. Joffres / W. Parkhouse)

Motion carried

12. Faculty of Business Administration: MBA program

A re-structured MBA program with calendar description was proposed for September 2007, using some existing BUS courses, to replace the previous Specialist MBA program. Market demands from students and industry for an MBA program were noted.

There was lengthy discussion on the option of transfer from the graduate diploma program in Business Administration to the MBA program. Issues of different admission requirements for the two programs, and higher than normal coursework were noted.

It was moved to approve the revised program in principle, subject to changes of calendar language.

(F. Popowich / M. Hahn)

Motion carried

13. Next meeting

Items 12-15 – GS2006.49, 50, 51, 52 were deferred to the next meeting, scheduled on Monday, December 11, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.