

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

**Present:**

Trude Heift, Chair  
Valerie Ackroyd  
Wade Parkhouse  
Richard Lockhart  
Ken Kasa  
Michel Joffres

Megan Crouch for Gwen Bird  
Tom Perry for Mary Ann Gillies  
Peter Mustard  
Allan MacKinnon  
Mary Catherine Lennon

**Regrets:**

Carolyne Smart  
Ted Milner  
Larry Dill  
David Newman

Tom O'Shea  
Chris Veld  
Mona Vajihollahi  
Vivian Blaker

**Guests:**

Kathy Mezei, Humanities  
Bhuvinder Vaid, GIC

David MacAlister, Criminology

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.  
(R. Lockhart / P. Mustard)

**Motion carried**

**2. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 were approved.  
(M. Joffres / R. Lockhart)

**Motion carried**

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

**3.1. SGSC membership (GS2006.15)**

Education representative Allan MacKinnon would serve for another term, ending May 31, 2007.

Graduate Issues Committee elected the following to fill the vacant seats on SGSC for the term beginning June 1, 2006, ending May 31, 2007: Anthony Kupferschmidt, student representative, Miraj Khaled, and Marie-Claude Lavoie, alternate representatives, as of September 2006.

This modification to the election process by/from graduate students was presented and approved, which SGSC would forward to Senate for approval. Meanwhile, the chair invited these students to attend as observers.

**3.2. DEV 801 (GS2006.16)**

J. Driver sought advice from the Deans' Council, and the faculty deans were unanimous in the opinion that responsibility of offering a core course should lie with an academic department or school.

#### 4. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

4.1. **M.A. in Humanities – new program proposal - NOI (GS2006.17)**

Guest: Kathy Mezei

After a question period, it was moved to approve a modified new program proposal – Notice of Intent, under the condition that it be limited to 1,000 words, and forward to SCUP for approval.

(T. Perry / R. Lockhart)

**Motion carried**

4.2. **M.A. Applied Legal Studies – new program proposal - NOI (GS2006.18)**

Guest: David MacAlister

A professional degree program with on-line distance education and cohort summer intersession coursework – designed to ensure candidates for membership in the Society of Notaries Public in B.C.

It was moved to approve the proposed program proposal – Notice of Intent, and forward to SCUP for approval.

(T. Perry / R. Lockhart) (2 opposed)

**Motion carried**

4.3. **Graduate general regulation 1.9.3 (GS2006.19)**

It was moved to approve reinstatement of the following clause under GGR 1.9.3 for doctoral examining committees, and forward to Senate for approval:

*“For a thesis defence in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, the ‘internal external’ examiner may not be a member of the same department as the one granting the degree.”*

(T. Perry / A. MacKinnon) (1 opposed)

**Motion carried**

4.4. **Graduate general regulation 1.9.1 (GS2006.20)**

It was moved to approve reinstatement of the following clause, under GGR 1.9.1 for master’s examining committees, and forward to Senate for approval:

*“For a thesis defence in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, a master’s examiner may not be a member of the same department as the one granting the degree, unless a waiver is granted by the Dean of Arts & Social Sciences or his/her designate.”*

(T. Perry / A. MacKinnon) (1 opposed)

**Motion carried**

4.5. **Psychology – curriculum and calendar changes (GS2006.21)**

Experimental Psychology:

Developmental area – delete the clause:

“As well, students must complete an additional PSYC 950 in each year past year four.”

Social area – delete the clause:

“As well, students must complete an additional PSYC 960 in each year past year four.”

Satisfactory Performance:

A language change was proposed to clarify satisfactory progress within an academic year and process of annual review, a course requirement of minimum B grade (3.0), and maintenance of CGPA of 3.5.

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

(T. Perry / R. Lockhart)

**Motion carried**

4.6. **GEOG 628-4 – new course proposal (GS2006.22)**

It was recommended that the Faculty of Science and Applied Sciences/REM be consulted regarding the proposed course content, including overlap issues, and appropriate signatures on the course proposal form be obtained.

5. **New business**

5.1. **Thesis room**

There was inquiry about progress of a thesis room in the Library; the chair would report after meeting Lynn Copeland, Head Librarian.

5.2. **Graduate program chairs' meeting**

Discussion was held in the graduate program chairs' meeting regarding time limit for formation of supervisory committees.

Meeting was adjourned.