

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Jonathan Driver, Chair
Barry Williamson
Wade Parkhouse
Ed Bukszar
Fred Popowich
Allan MacKinnon
Michael Letourneau
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

George Agnes
Megan Crouch for Gwen Bird
Mary Ann Gillies
Tom O'Shea
Rachel Fouladi for Martin Hahn
Bhuvinder Vaid
Clea Moray

Regrets:

Michel Joffres

Colleen Collins

1. Approval of agenda

After a brief introduction of committee members, it was proposed to add an item – Student Society news – under new business, and the agenda was approved as amended.
(F. Popowich / M. Letourneau) **Motion carried**

2. Approval of minutes

It was noted that Bhuvinder Vaid was absent with regrets from the meeting of September 10th 2007; the minutes were approved as amended.
(A. MacKinnon / B. Vaid) **Motion carried**

3. Business arising from the minutes

- Item 6 – Earth Sciences 610-3 Advanced petroleum geology [GS2007.33]
The overlap issue was resolved. It was moved and seconded to approve the new course and to forward to Senate for information.
(A. MacKinnon / M. Letourneau) **Motion carried**
- The Chair reported that the Thesis Defence Room – a beautifully equipped facility was officially open and booking would be through the Dean of Graduate Studies Office.

4. Chair's report

- 4.1. Election of SGSC member to ACNGP [GS2007.35]
The Chair reported that a vacant seat needed to be filled for a two-year term ending 31st May 2009. Wade Parkhouse was elected by acclamation for a one year term until 31st May 2008.

4.2. Graduate Program Chairs' meeting

The Chair circulated the agenda for the meeting of Graduate Program Chairs, a semesterly meeting, to be held on October 29. Questions could be e-mailed in advance.

5. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Minor course changes [GS2007.36]

5.1. Resource & Environmental Management

REM 631-5 course title and description changes were proposed. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes and to forward to Senate for information, subject to revisions: shorter title of 25 characters, and shorter description of 4 lines.

(W. Parkhouse / M. A. Gillies)

Motion carried

6. Faculty of Education: Minor course changes [GS2007.37]

6.1. Education

EDUC 862-4 course title and description changes

EDUC 873-4 description changes

EDUC 874-5 description and prerequisite changes

It was moved and seconded to approve the changes and to forward to Senate for information, subject to revisions: shorter titles of 25 characters, and shorter descriptions of 4 lines.

(T. O'Shea / A. MacKinnon)

Motion carried

7. New Business

7.1. Simon Fraser Student Society

It was announced that the student society would hold a general meeting next week, with coming changes – graduate students would belong to a separate body with its own bylaws. It was noted that graduate students would continue with the established medical benefits plan.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.