

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

**Present:**

Jonathan Driver, Chair  
Valerie Ackroyd  
Wade Parkhouse  
Ed Bukszar  
George Agnes  
Allan MacKinnon  
Anthony Kupferschmidt

Trude Heift  
Megan Crouch for Gwen Bird  
Tom Perry for Mary Ann Gillies  
Tom O'Shea  
Martin Hahn  
Bhuvinder Vaid  
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

**Regrets:**

Michel Joffres  
Colleen Collins-Dodd  
Joel Blok

Fred Popowich  
Richard Lockhart

**Guests:**

Kelleen Toohey

Laurine Harrison

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.  
(M. Hahn / A. Kupferschmidt)

**Motion carried**

**2. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of April 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 were approved as presented.  
(T. O'Shea / W. Parkhouse)

**Motion carried**

**3. Business arising from the minutes**

Item 5 – ACNGP

The Chair reported that there were volunteers, and would follow up by e-mail.

**4. Chair's report**

The Chair reported that this would be Valerie Ackroyd's last meeting; he thanked her for her contributions to SGSC and the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, and announced that there would be a formal farewell for her.

**5. Faculty of Science: New courses [GS2007.18]**

MATH 708-3 Discrete optimization

MATH 709-3 Numerical linear algebra and optimization

MATH 742-3 Cryptography

MATH 770-3 Variational calculus

MATH 795-3 Topics in applied mathematics

It was moved and seconded to approve the above new courses in Mathematics, and forward to Senate for information, subject to library report on funding the associated cost.

(W. Parkhouse / M. Hahn)

**Motion carried**

*It was subsequently determined that these courses are covered from the Surrey budget, and will not require a contribution by the Department of Mathematics.*

**6. Faculty of Education: New stream of Ph.D. program [GS2007.19]**

**6.1. New stream – Languages, Cultures, and Literacies**

Kelleen Toohey was invited to present the proposals at 2:45 p.m.

It was originally presented as a new program proposal; at the Chair's request, it was re-written as a new stream of the Ph.D. program, with new calendar language and a set of new courses. There were discussions on the title of the program and on potential audience – ESL and K-12 teachers, aboriginal educators, French and international students.

It was moved and seconded to approve the new stream within the Ph.D. program in Education, and recommend to SCUP for approval.

(T. O'Shea / A. MacKinnon)

**Motion carried**

**6.2. New courses**

EDUC 923-4 The politics of difference: Coalition building and critical pedagogy

EDUC 924-4 Multilingual societies and identities in a globalizing world

EDUC 925-4 Critical literacies in multilingual contexts

EDUC 926-2 Doctoral seminar A: Anthropological approaches to educational research: Case study, ethnography and visual methods

EDUC 927-2 Doctoral seminar B: Sociolinguistic approaches to educational research

EDUC 928-2 Doctoral seminar C: Critical and sociocultural approaches to educational research

There was a question from a student representative on faculty retirement and coverage; T. O'Shea informed the committee that Education was in the process of hiring.

It was moved and seconded to approve the above new courses in Education, and forward to SCUP and Senate for information.

(A. MacKinnon / B. Vaid)

**Motion carried**

The guest departed at 2:50 p.m.

**7. Calendar Committee: Appointment of SGSC rep**

Calendar Committee advises on matters relating to the content of the university calendar, including academic events, and meets about once a year. The Chair would follow up by e-mail.

**8. SGSC Appeals process [GS2007.20]**

The Chair proposed a draft revision to the graduate student appeals – procedures for appealing decisions under general graduate regulation 1.8.2, including new guidelines for documentation. The Chair invited Laurine Harrison, Ombudsperson, to meet for discussion at 2:55 p.m. She has had extensive experiences with this and other appeals committees.

The committee discussed at length the proposed guidelines for documentation and the role of the Dean in the appeals process.

The Chair agreed to modify the draft and present it to SGSC in a future meeting.

**9. New business**

**9.1. Next meeting**

Next meeting scheduled on Monday, June 11, 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.