

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Jonathan Driver, Chair
Megan Couch for Gwen Bird
Michel Joffres
George Agnes
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Barry Williamson
Alison Gill for Mary Ann Gillies
Tom O'Shea
Michael Letourneau

Regrets:

Wade Parkhouse
Fred Popowich
Colleen Collins-Dodd
Richard Lockhart
Joel Blok

Ed Bukszar
Martin Hahn
Allan MacKinnon
Bhuvinder Vaid

Guest:

Andrew Wister, Gerontology

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.
(M. Joffres / T. O'Shea)

Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of June 11th 2007 were approved as presented.
(M. Joffres / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

Nil

4. Chair's report

Nil

5. Faculty of Science: Course deletion [GS2007.23]

CHEM 802 Student seminar II

This course was not being offered by the department. It was moved and seconded to approve to delete the Chemistry course, and to forward to Senate for information.
(M. Joffres / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

6. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences: New program proposal [GS2007.24]

PhD program in Gerontology

ACNGP has recommended the PhD program in Gerontology for approval. The Chair summarized the process for new program proposal; Dr. Andrew Wister was invited to meet with SGSC. He answered the committee's questions satisfactorily. Due to the size of the department and interdisciplinary nature of the program, commitment from faculty of other departments for graduate supervision was discussed.

It was moved and seconded to recommend the new program proposal to SCUP for approval.

(A. Gill / M. Joffres)

Motion carried

The committee discussed in general the overlap issue and validity of submitting new program and course proposals to other departments for approval.

7. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences: Curriculum changes

7.1. International Studies cohort program - New course [GS2007.25]

MIL 809-3 Internship project continued

The School for International Studies proposed a new graduate course for its fee per credit master of international leadership cohort program. The committee discussed a standardized course name, i.e., "Internship project completion", the number of course academic progress units for the student information system, the idea of 0-credit hour, and grading. An issue raised was student loans and full-time student status.

It was moved and seconded to approve to the new course, subject to the discussed changes, and to forward to Senate for information.

(A. Gill / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

7.2. Geography – Calendar changes [GS2007.26]

GEOG 605-4 Geographic ideas and methodology

The Department of Geography proposed a new graduate course, making it a required course for the MA program. It was moved and seconded to approve the new course and calendar changes, and to forward to Senate for information.

(A. Gill / G. Agnes)

Motion carried

7.3. Philosophy – Calendar changes [GS2007.27]

The Department of Philosophy proposed language changes for clarifications to the calendar descriptions of: application procedures, directed studies and degree completion, and non-thesis option degree requirements. It was noted that

departments could set a higher standard for admission than the minimum university requirements.

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

(A. Gill / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

7.4. Political Science – New courses and course changes [GS2007.28]

New courses:

POL 847-5 Political economy of North America

POL 848-5 Global political economy of development

POL 870-5 African social and political thought

Course changes:

POL 839-5 Comparative development

POL 830-5 Comparative politics: Methods and approaches

Course deletion:

POL 832-5 Communist and post-communist countries

The committee noted that course outline materials were excessive, the library report was done, and there was some overlap on health aspects. It was moved and seconded to approve the courses, subject to revised calendar entries for the new courses, and to forward to Senate for information.

(A. Gill / M. Letourneau)

1 Abstention; Motion carried

8. New business

Nil

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.