

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Jonathan Driver, Chair
Barry Williamson
Wade Parkhouse
Ed Bukszar
Andrew Calvert
Rachel Fouladi
Michael Letourneau

George Agnes
Gwen Bird
Mary Ann Gillies
Michel Joffres
Fred Popowich
Bhuvinder Vaid
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Regrets:

Tom O'Shea
Allan MacKinnon

Colleen Collins-Dodd
Clea Moray

Guest:

Kitty Corbett, Health Sciences
Peter Klein, Business Administration

John Welch, Archaeology

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.
(B. Vaid / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes

The meeting minutes of October 15th 2007 were approved as presented.
(F. Popowich / M. A. Gillies)

Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

The Chair stated that when agenda items for course proposals or changes were approved with revisions, the forms should be resubmitted with signatures, including those of the faculty graduate curriculum committees, to the dean of graduate studies office for Senate.

4. Chair's report

Nil

5. Calendar changes: Graduate General Regulation, Graduate Fees [GS2007.38]

The director of graduate admissions, records & registration proposed some language changes to the graduate general regulations, and graduate fees, to reflect policies and practices consistent with undergraduate policies. These included:
GGR 1.4.3 Continuity of enrollment

GGR 1.4.6 Course audit

GGR 1.7.6 Courses in master's and doctoral programs

GGR 1.12.4 Readmission

Language changes proposed for Graduate Fees would clarify extension and readmission fees, and refunds for withdrawals from program and courses in cases of per-term fee programs and per-credit fee programs.

The committee suggested a wording change under withdrawal from program. It was moved and seconded to recommend the amended calendar changes to Senate for approval, effective in September 2008.

(B. Williamson / R. Fouladi)

Motion carried

6. Faculty of Health Sciences: Program name change [GS2007.39]

At 2:45 p.m., Dr. Kitty Corbett was invited to present the proposal to change the graduate degree name from Master of Science in Population and Public Health to Master of Public Health. The guest emphasized the accreditation and international recruitment issues, and stated that the name change would not change the program content, structure or degree requirements.

Committee members recalled that the Assessment Committee for New Graduate Programs and SGSC argued strongly against the M.Sc. designation when the original program proposal went through the assessment and approval process. The Chair felt that the proposed degree name change would require the Ministry's approval. The guest departed at 2:57 p.m.

It was moved and seconded to recommend the name change to Senate Committee on University Priorities, Senate, and the Ministry for approval.

(M. Letourneau / M. Joffres)

Motion carried

7. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Curriculum changes [GS2007.40]

7.1. Communication

- a) M.A. program course requirements
Minor calendar change to restrict the number of directed studies
- b) CMNS 845-5 Communication & development
Course title change

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

(W. Parkhouse / M. A. Gillies)

Motion carried

7.2. Kinesiology

- a) KIN 870-3 Experiments and models in physiology

- b) KIN 825-3 Behavioural neuroscience

Course title changes were proposed to reflect actual contents. It was moved and seconded to approve the minor course changes and forward to Senate for information.

(W. Parkhouse / M. A. Gillies)

Motion carried

7.3. Interactive Arts & Technology

Deletions of all IART, INTD and ITEC courses were proposed. These were required courses for the TechBC students, who now have all graduated.

(W. Parkhouse / M. A. Gillies)

Motion carried

7.4. Computing Science

- a) Breadth and course requirements

Calendar description changes for the M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs – to reflect internal and external competitiveness, possibility and flexibility

- b) New course proposals:

CMPT 711-3 Bioinformatics algorithms

CMPT 726-3 Machine learning

These would replace CMPT 881 and CMPT 720 which were required courses for the SFU-UBC Bioinformatics program.

A committee member recommended adding a sentence to the prerequisites, to prevent students retaking a course. Another committee member noted that the length of course description must conform to the 4-line limit.

- c) Minor course changes: (title changes)

CMPT 777-3 Formal verification

CMPT 730-3 Programming languages

CMPT 721-3 Knowledge representation and reasoning

CMPT 741-3 Data mining

CMPT 888-3 Special topics in computer graphics, HCI, vision and visualization (description)

CMPT 891-3 Advanced seminar (description)

- d) Course deletions

CMPT 706-3, 720-3, 750-3, 817-3, 852-3, 853-3, 883-3, 887-3

Not offered recently nor in near future

It was moved and seconded to approve the calendar changes, new courses, course changes and deletions, subject to the above changes, and to forward to Senate for information.

(F. Popowich / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

8. Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences: Curriculum changes

8.1. Humanities – new course [GS2007.41]

HUM 805-5 Special topics

This item was withdrawn to be included in the new M.A. program proposal in Humanities.

8.2. Urban Studies – new course [GS2007.42]

URB 675-4 Urban economic development

It was moved and seconded to approve the new course proposal and forward to Senate for information.

(M. A. Gillies / R. Fouladi)

Motion carried

8.3. M.A. Program in Archaeological Resource Management [GS2007.43]

New program proposal – Notice of Intent

Dr. John Welch was invited to present the new program proposal at 3:10 p.m.

He stated that the program would be a professional degree with regular program fee, housed at Surrey campus, and the only program in Canada. U. S. and global market demand was discussed.

The committee suggested that the Department consider the option of a program as a new stream in the Archaeology master's program. The guest departed at 3:30 p.m.

**9. Faculty of Business Administration: New program proposal [GS2007.44]
Master of Financial Risk Management**

At 3:20 p.m., Dr. Peter Klein was invited to present the new program proposal, Master of Financial Risk Management. The program has been running as a cohort master's program under special arrangements. ACNGP recommended the full program proposal to SGSC for approval.

The university librarian's representative raised the issue that the Library was unable to make acquisition to support the program, without additional funding of approx. \$5,000. The Faculty disagreed with the Library's assessment.

SGSC recommended that the Library and the Faculty resolve the resource issue prior to a SCUP meeting. It was moved and seconded to recommend the new program proposal to SCUP for approval.

(W. Parkhouse / B. Vaid)

Motion carried

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.