

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

George Agnes, Chair
Don Taylor for Gwen Bird
Mary Ann Gillies
Michèle Schmidt for Heesoon Bai
Andrew Calvert
Lannie Kanevsky
Sonja Boon

Barry Williamson
Wade Parkhouse
Dave Thomas for Ed Bukszar
Michel Joffres
Martin Hahn
Michael Letourneau
Vivian Blaker, Secretary

Regrets:

Fred Popowich
Bhuvinder Vaid

Colleen Collins-Dodd
Clea Moray

1. Approval of agenda

After a brief introduction of members, the Chair added an items under Business arising and a couple of items under New business, the agenda was approved as amended.

(M. A. Gillies / S. Boon)

Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes

It was noted that the motion under Item 5 should be forwarded to Senate for approval. Meeting minutes of March 10th 2008 were approved as amended.

(M. Letourneau / M. Hahn)

Motion carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1. Graduate funding (for information) [GS2008.18]

Information for 2002-2008 compiled by the Dean of Graduate Studies was distributed via e-mail to SGSC and graduate program chairs.

3.2. Health Sciences

The Chair would like to invite Craig Janes, Associate Dean of Health Sciences, to present the Faculty's program plans, which would give SGSC better understanding, and an opportunity to provide constructive feedback on the development.

4. Chair's report [GS2008.19]

Annual report to Senate was presented for information.

5. Faculty of Applied Sciences: Curriculum changes [GS2008.20]

5.1. **Communication**

New course

CMNS 824-5 Colonialism, Culture and Identity

Overlap issue was addressed; previously taught as a seminar course. It was moved and seconded to approve the new course, with a preclusion statement

under prerequisite, and forward to Senate for information.
(W. Parkhouse / M. A. Gillies)

Motion carried

5.2. Interactive Arts & Technology

Course description changes:

IAT 811-3 Computational poetics

IAT 813-3 Artificial intelligence in computational art & design

New courses:

IAT 834-3 Mixed methods in design research

IAT 835-3 Sustainable interaction design

IAT 846-3 Interactive systems for design

It was noted that the course descriptions for the new course proposals were too long, and a preclusion statement should be added to IAT 834. It was moved and seconded to approve the course changes, and the new courses subject to minor revisions, and forward to Senate for information.

(W. Parkhouse / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

5.3. Kinesiology

Course description changes:

KIN 821-3 Environmental & exercise physiology

New course:

KIN 831-3 Current topics in thermophysiology

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

(W. Parkhouse / M. Letourneau)

6. Faculty of Science: Curriculum changes [GS2008.21]

6.1. Biological Sciences

Course deletions:

BISC 804-3 Plant ecology

BISC 805-3 Comparative endocrinology

BISC 848-3 Nematology

BISC 850-3 Weed biology & control

BISC 856-3 Industrial biotechnology

It was moved and seconded to delete the courses which had not been offered for several years.

(A. Calvert / M. A. Gillies)

Motion carried

7. Faculty of Business Administration: Curriculum changes [GS2008.22]

7.1. Course credit changes

BUS 715-3 Operations management

It was moved and seconded to approve the change of course credit hours, and to forward to Senate for information.

(D. Thomas / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

7.2. PhD program coursework [GS2008.15b]

A revised list of core courses was presented, and an agreement with Department of Economics was reached.

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

(D. Thomas / M. Hahn)

Motion carried

8. Faculty of Health Sciences: New graduate certificate

8.1. ILIAD proposal [GS2008.23]

Interdisciplinary Learning in Infectiously-Acquired Diseases (ILIAD) was proposed as new MSc and PhD degree programs. The Faculty of Health Sciences was clear that this was not meant to be a graduate certificate program.

The committee noted that the proposal was a course-intensive program.

The process of a notice of intent and full program proposal was discussed. The Chair suggested that he would meet with J. Scott for discussion.

9. Faculty of Education: Curriculum changes [GS2008.24]

9.1. Educational Technology & Learning Design

Minor changes were proposed for the M.A. and M.Ed. program requirements. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes, and forward to Senate for information.

(M. Schmidt / W. Parkhouse)

Motion carried

9.2. Educational Psychology program

Minor program description changes were proposed. It was moved and seconded to approve the changes, and forward to Senate for information.

(L. Kanevsky / M. Letourneau)

Motion carried

10. New business

10.1. Thesis Defence Room – W.A.C. Bennett Library Room 2020

The Chair proposed to the Library to fill the book shelves with bound theses which received awards or medals. He would begin compiling a list of past award winning theses.

10.2. Convocation medals

The Chair sought input from the committee regarding the number of convocation medals to the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, due to the diversity in the programs. The Chair would make a recommendation to SPCSAB.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.