

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre  
2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Andrew Calvert

George Agnes

Martin Hahn

Barry Williamson

George Blazenko

Natalie Gick

Fred Popowich

Eli Gibson

Paul Budra

Raj Sanghera

Heesoon Bai

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

Regrets:

Ed Bukszar

Ursula Arndt

Michel Joffres

Graham Lyons

Steve Robinovitch

Clea Moray

Lannie Kanevsky

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

Motion carried

2.

**Approval of minutes**

Meeting minutes of January 12, 2009 were approved with two corrections.

Motion carried

3.

**Business arising from the minutes:**

- 3.1. President Research Stipends (PRS) – the Dean discussed PRSs with the Graduate Chairs. Following this consultation, the PRS totals were increased and Graduate Fellowships (GFs) were decreased, but not by any significant amount. Over the next three years, the PRSs will be phased out. Departments can convert GFs to PRSs if they choose. The Dean noted that in general departments responded well to a more open process, one that helps them plan three years in advance.
- 3.2. Budget – targetted SGEs – 60 % to PhDs and 40% to MAs. The bulk of the funding will go to designated areas -- 60% of all funding to Life Science and technology.

**4. Chair's report**

- 4.1. Funding allocation reports have gone out to the departments.

**5. For Discussion:**

5.1. Changes to the composition of the SGSC: **[GS 2009.03]**

**Motion:** Move to recommend to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR) that the SGSC be upgraded by adding representatives for new faculties –Communication, Art and Technology and Environment; deleting faculty representatives and a second graduate alternate.

(F. Popowich/P. Budra)

**Motion Carried**

If approved the changes will be instituted in May, 2009. The representative need not be an Associate Dean; another faculty member can be appointed.

5.2. Senior Supervisor GGR1.6.3 **[GS2009.04]**

Proposed change: That all SFU faculty members be eligible to supervise graduate students.

5.3. Supervisory Committee GGR 1.6.4

Proposed change: that a supervisory committee not be required for students in degree programs that culminate in extended essay, field or comprehensive examination.

5.4. Examining Committee for a Master's Degree Candidate GGR 1.9.1

Proposed change to reflect current practice and make the regulation more explicit

5.5. Examination of Extended Essays Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of Degree Requirements GGR 1.10.5

Proposed change that the examination of extended essays be as designated by the appropriate Faculty Graduate Studies Committee and the dean of Graduate Studies.

5.6. Examination of Projects Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of Degree Requirements GGR 1.10.6\*

Proposed change to remove reference to “professional” degrees in order to comply with current university practices.

**Motion:** Move to have Senate approve all changes recommended by SGSC

(P. Budra/F. Popowich)

**Motion Carried**

Filing projects and extended essays with the Library – Librarian N. Gick reported that of the 2, 146 projects/extended theses/theses housed between Spring 2005 to Summer 2008, only 8 were extended essays.

**Motion:** Move that under normal conditions, the library will only house theses and projects. Extended Essays may be accepted under special conditions.

(P. Budra/F. Popowich)

**Motion Carried**

**6. For Discussion:**

**[GS2009.01]**

6.1. Faculty of Applied Science.

a. Engineering Science

New course: ENSC 808-3

b. Resource Environmental Management

New course: REM 667-3

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- 6.2. Faculty of Health Sciences
- a. New course: HSCI 774-3
  - b. New course: HSCI 775-3
  - c. New course: HSCI 776-3
  - d. New course: HSCI 777-3
  - e. New course: HSCI 778-3
  - f. New course: HSCI 807-3
  - g. New course: HSCI 838-3
  - h. New course: HSCI 839-3
  - i. New course: HSCI 846-3
  - j. New course: HSCI 847-3
  - k. New course: HSCI 848-3
  - l. New course: HSCI 849-3
  - m. New course: HSCI 850-3

**Motion:** Move to approve all new courses. (E.Gibson/G.Blazenko) **Motion Carried**

7. **Items for Information –previously approved:**

Faculty of Applied Sciences:

[GS2009.02]

- a. Interactive Arts and Technology  
Calendar revision to graduate degree requirements
- b. Resource Environmental Management  
Calendar revision to the PhD program

**Motion:** Move to approve minor calendar changes. (F. Popowich/P. Budra) **Motion Carried**

8. **Scheduled meetings**

- **Next SGSC meeting is March 9, 2009.** Materials deadline is Feb 23, 2009
- New working committee to be formed to revamp the graduate fee structures.

Meeting was adjourned at 3.20 p.m.