

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

George Agnes

Mary Ann Pope, Acting Director, Records

Fred Popowich

Paul Budra

Ed Bukszar

Tom Calvert

Heesoon Bai

Wolfgang Haider

Michel Joffres

Regrets:

Gwen Bird

Derek Bingham

Graham Lyons

Duncan Wlodarczak

Josh Newman

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

1. **Approval of agenda** – minor edits were identified. Changes were made.
2. **Approval of minutes of September 14, 2009** – Carried.
3. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - Convocation medals –the increase was addressed at a recent Dean’s council and met with approval
 - 3 Year Planning – collected from FCAT and FASS and will be collected from other faculties
 - Graduate Student Educational Experience (GSEE) – the working group has met twice; the Dean is collecting feedback from various units on campus. The final meeting will be held as soon as all the information has been collected.
4. **Chair’s Report**
 - Chairs for defenses - following discussion the SGSC decided to largely maintain the status quo:
PhD defenses - only tenure-track faculty may chair
Masters defenses – the departments are to use tenure-track faculty but may use lecturers when absolutely necessary.
 - Calendar Committee- Fred Popowich volunteered to be the SGSC representative on the committee
5. **NOI:Graduate Diploma in Public Health Practice.** Craig Janes came to address the committee – following discussion, the SGSC made a number of recommendations for HSCI to consider. The NOI was referred back to HSCI.

6. **For Discussion:**

Motion: Motion to approve the following changes, subject to minor revision, and forward to Senate for information. (M. Joffres/E. Bukszar:

Faculty of Science

6.1 Molecular Biology and Biochemistry – **[GS2009.30]**

MBB 566-3 Host-Microbe Interactions (new course)

This is the final in a suite of courses – others approved at the SGSC September meeting:

BISC 867-3, HSCI 865-1, 866-3, 868-3, 899-3

Faculty of Health Sciences

MSc requirements (additional seminar for a total of two) **[GS2009.31]**

Global Health Concentration (change of electives from two to three)

7. **For information only – minor curriculum changes**

The following minor calendar changes were approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies under delegated authority and will be forwarded to Senate for information:

7.1 Faculty of Health Sciences **[GS2009.32]**

GLOH 540-4 (deletion)

HSCI 888-6 MSC Thesis completion (deletion)

HSCI 821-3 Introduction to Global Health; 822-3 Globalization and Health (title changes)

8. **Other Business –**

- Registration in more than one program at the same time – discussion followed. The Chair will follow up and report back.
 - Statistics on Graduate enrollment – The Chair noted that Computing Science, Health Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology showed significant growth. The Chair complimented the various faculty representatives.
9. Next scheduled meeting November 9, 2009 (*material deadline – October 26, 2009*)

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.