

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair	Paul Budra
George Agnes	Tom Calvert
Barry Williamson	Heesoon Bai
Natalie Gick	Michel Joffres
Fred Popowich	Derek Bingham

Regrets:

Ed Bukszar	Duncan Wlodarczak
Wolfgang Haider	Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary
Josh Newman	
Graham Lyons	

1. **Approval of agenda** – The following changes were made: 5.2 –Articulation of degrees will be deferred to the next meeting. Section 7 – numbering correction. Section 8 will now deal with Plagiarism related to Capstone projects, theses, extended essays.
2. **Approval of minutes of June 8, 2009** – Carried with improved wording for 4. Chair’s Report-Business-related SSHRCs (MA). Amendment made.
3. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - Graduate Supervision problems** – the university is to negotiate with SFUFA regarding graduate supervision issues as part of a more general discussion. An opportunity to address concerns will be made available to SGSC.
4. **Chair’s report - none**
5. **Items for Information – previously approved:**
 - 5.1 Faculty of Health Sciences**
 - Minor course changes for HSCI 900-1 and 901-1** [GS2009.15]
 - No further discussion.
 - 5.2 Articulation of Masters and Doctoral Degrees and Proficiencies of Graduates** [GS2009.16]
 - To be deferred to the August meeting and addressed in the Chair’s Report.
6. **No Discussion –approved or not approved:**
 - 6.1 Faculty of Science** [GS2009.17]
 - Chemistry PhD program**
 - New course: CHEM 808-3 PhD Candidacy Exam**
 - The Dean noted that this represents an attempt to deal with a series of problems.
 - Motion:** Move to approve once grading of 70% overall has been vetted (F. Popowich/P. Budra) **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. **For discussion:**

7.1 Faculty of Science

[GS2009.18]

**Computing Science – Modelling of Complex Social Systems
(MoCSSy) Graduate Certificate Program**

Motion: Tentatively approve subject to the approval of the Faculty Graduate Program Chairs (M. Joffres/P. Budra) : **Motion carried unanimously**

Other items to be dealt with - remove CMPT 120 from list of required courses (Appendix 1) and remove “graduate” from beginning of 4.1

7.2 Faculty of Health Sciences

Interdisciplinary Learning in Infectiously-Acquired Diseases (ILIAD)

[GS2009.19]

New Courses:

HSCI 865-Colloquium in Immunology and Infectious Diseases

HSCI 866-3 Host-Microbe Interactions

HSCI 867-3 Ecology of Infectious Diseases in the Community

HSCI 868-3 Globalization and Infectious Diseases

Proposed: Students will receive a notation on their transcript identifying an ILIAD specialization. The specialization involves 3 faculties – SCI, HSCI and FASS with 4 departments involved – MBB, BISC, HSCI, SA.

Motion: Move in principle to support the concept of a notation in Infectious Diseases on student transcripts once approved by the departments involved. (M. Joffres/P. Budra) **Motion carried 5 to 1.**

The Dean will contact Dr. J. Scott and let her know that there was strong opposition and suggest alternatives.

A decision regarding approval of the courses was deferred; problems in the proposal will need to be addressed before bringing it back to the next SGSC meeting.

8. **For discussion:**

Plagiarism related to Capstone projects, theses, extended essays

Currently there is no mechanism in place to place a notation regarding dishonesty on graduate transcripts, unlike undergraduate courses where the grade of FD can be assigned. The Dean will meet with Associate Dean, George Agnes and Director of Graduate Records Barry Williamson and review the matter prior to bringing this issue back to SGSC.

9. **Next scheduled meeting is August 10, 2009.** Materials deadline is July 27, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.