

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

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

George Agnes

Mary Ann Pope, Acting Director, Records

Gwen Bird

Fred Popowich

Paul Budra

Tom Calvert

Heesoon Bai

Wolfgang Haider

Derek Bingham

Regrets:

Ed Bukszar

Michel Joffres

Graham Lyons

Duncan Wlodarczak

Josh Newman

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

1. **Approval of agenda** – Section 6 should read “For Discussion”. Dates listed for December meeting and materials deadline needs to be revised . Corrections were made.
2. **Approval of minutes of October 19, 2009** – Carried.
3. **Business arising from the minutes:**
 - Modelling of Complex Social Systems (MoCSSy) graduate certificate was approved.
4. **Chair’s Report**
 - **Graduate Enrollment Targets** - Senate Committee for Enrollment Management and Planning (SCEMP) – the Chair indicated that graduate enrollment targets have been achieved for Year 3.
Vaniers/NSERCs will be ranked within the week.
5. **Neuroscience Graduate Certificate** [GS2009.33]
Drs. Charles Krieger, (BPK), Michael Silverman (BISC) came to address the committee – following discussion, the SGSC made a number of recommendations and specified that a better rationale will need to be drafted keeping in mind courses taught by other units and with an emphasis on students as the proponents for the certificate.
The revised proposal will be brought back to SGSC.
6. **Discussion:**
 - 6.1 **Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences** [GS2009.34]

a. Criminology:

MA degree requirements changes (minor changes)

Motion: Move to accept deletion of CRIM 840-3 Proseminar with associated program changes (**see 7.1 a**).

(P. Budra/G. Bird) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

PhD degree requirements changes (minor changes) **Approved**

MA in Applied Legal Studies (Notaries Public) Program changes **Approved**

b. Economics:

PhD Program-Degree Requirements

ECON 831-3 Mathematical Economics added as required course.

(P. Budra/F. Popwich) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

c. Gerontology:

PhD Comprehensive Exam Requirements

Inclusion of requirement of GPA of 3.25 needs further explanation. **Decision deferred**

d. International Studies

MA Program Requirements

Wording changes approved along with new course (IS 830-4), title change (IS 802-4), deletion (IS 803-4) and grading change (IS 889-3) – (**see 7.1.c.**)

(P. Budra/D. Bingham) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

e. Psychology

Changes of wording to:

Overview of Graduate Training

Application and Admission Requirements

Program Continuance-Satisfactory Performance

Clinical Psychology Area and Program

Approved

7. Minor Course Changes:

7.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:

a. Criminology:

Deletion: CRIM 840-3 Proseminar

(P. Budra/G. Bird) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

b. English:

New course: ENGL 820-4 Studies in Shakespeare

(P. Budra/T. Calvert) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

c. International Studies:

New course: IS 830-4 Analytic Approaches for International Studies

IS 802-4 Political Economy of Development (title change)

IS 803-4 Economics of International Organizations and Development (course deletion)

IS 889-3 MA Project Completion (grading change)

(P. Budra/W. Haider) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

d. Liberal Studies:

LS 800-5 Reflections on Reason and Passion I (title change)

LS 801-5 Reflections on Reason and Passion II (title change)

(P. Budra/W. Haider) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

e. Political Studies:

New Course: POL 803-5 Qualitative Research Methods in Political Science

(P. Budra/W. Haider) (Unanimous) Motion Carried

7.2 Faculty of Business Administration

[GS2009.35]

BUS 712-3 Cross-Cultural Management (unit change)

BUS 713-3 Essays (unit change)

BUS 652-2 Ethics (grading change)

Approved

7.3 Faculty of Environment

[GS2009.36]

New course: ENV 645-5 Special Topics in Environment

(W. Haider/T. Calvert)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

7.4 Faculty of Science

[GS2009.37]

a. Biological Sciences:

New course: BISC 820-3 Molecular Mechanisms of Microbial Pathogenesis

(D. Bingham/P. Budra)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

b. Earth Sciences:

New courses:

EASC 601-3 Advanced Groundwater Geochemistry

EASC 602-3 Environmental Isotopes

The committee determined that there was content overlap with other departments such as Chemistry and Physics and that it might be better to explore Special Topics courses in this instance.

Tabled

8. **Other Business –none**

9. **Next scheduled meeting** December 14, 2009 (*material deadline – November 30, 2009*)

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.