

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records (new appt)

Gwen Bird

Art Liestman (alternate for Fred Popowich)

Paul Budra

Tom Calvert

Robin Brayne (alternate for Heesoon Bai)

Wolfgang Haider

Michael Hayes

Regrets:

George Agnes

Ed Bukszar

Derek Bingham

Josh Newman

Duncan Wlodarczak

Graham Lyons

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

1. **Approval of agenda** – approved.
2. **Approval of minutes of February 8, 2010** – Carried.
3. **Business arising from the minutes - none**
4. **Chair's Report**
  - **Director of Admissions, Records & Registration** – the Chair announced that Mary Ann Pope was the successful candidate and complimented Mary Ann for her work as Acting Director while former Director Barry Williams was on leave.
  - **Proposal for a PhD in Health Sciences** - the work is progressing and it is hoped the proposal will soon be back on the agenda.
  - **BC Provincial Budget-** was not favourable to SFU in terms of funding for infrastructure and FTES.
5. **Approve or Not Approve:**

**5.1 Faculty of Applied Sciences**

School of Computing Science

New course: CMPT 828-3 Illumination in Images and Video

**Motion:** Move to approve

**(A. Liestman/P. Budra) (Unanimous)**

**[GS2010.05]**

**Motion Carried**

**5.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

[GS2010.06]

**a. Department of French**

MA with Thesis –program requirement change

**Motion:** Move to approve (Unanimous)

**Motion Carried**

**(G. Lyons/P. Budra)**

**b. Public Policy Program**

New courses:

MPP 817-5 Advanced Qualitative Analysis for Public Policy

MPP 818-5 Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysts

MPP 819-5 Public Management

MPP 820-5 Public Participation in Public Policy

MPP 821-5 Aboriginal Policy in Canada

MPP 822-5 World Economic Policy Issues

MPP 823-5 Health Policy

MPP 824-5 Analysis, Formulation and Evaluation of Social Policy

MPP 827-5 Managing Compliance: Delivering Policy

MPP 828-5 Multiple Account Benefit-Cost Analysis

MPP 829-5 Environmental Policy

The Chair noted that he has concerns about: a substantive number of courses with such a small number of faculty; change from MPP 805 to 806 and the reverse (courses were pulled for further clarification –see GS2010.06 in Section 7 of March 8, 2010 agenda). P. Budra noted that FASS had approved the courses because the program has a high number of students with a good success rate. M. Hayes indicated that while Health Policy would ordinarily be a concern for FHSC, the field is so large that this will be quite workable.

**Motion:** Move to approve (Unanimous)

**Motion Carried**

**(P. Budra/M. Hayes)**

**5.3 Faculty of Education**

[GS2010.07]

Educational Psychology – re-design of programs

New course: EDUC 810-3 Methods in Inquiry in Educational Psychology

Concerns regarding overlap with Psychology have been addressed by A. Chapman (PSYC) and L. LeMare (EDUC). Email supporting this and approval by the Library were received and will be submitted to Senate.

**Motion:** Move to approve (Unanimous)

**Motion Carried**

**(R. Brayne/M. Hayes)**

**5.4 Faculty of Environment**

[GS2010.08]

Program in Development and Sustainability

New course: DEVS 801-5 Issues, Concepts & Cases in Development & Sustainability

The Chair noted that the name change for the Graduate Certificate in Development Studies has not been received by SGSC for approval. SGSC members did not have concerns with the course.

**Motion:** Move to approve (Unanimous)

**Motion Carried**

**(W. Haider/P. Budra)**

6. Items for information- minor course changes previously approved

**6.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**[GS2010.06]**

**a. Department of Economics**

ECON 825-4 Industrial Organization (remove prerequisite)

ECON 826-4 Applied Contract Theory (title change)

**b. Public Policy Program**

Changes:

MPP 800-5 Introduction to Policy Issues and Analysis I (title, description)

MPP 807-5 Introduction to Policy Analysis and Issues II (title, description)

MPP 808-5 Advanced Policy Analysis I (description)

MPP 809-5 Advanced Policy Analysis II (description, grading)

MPP 810-5 Issues in Public Policy (title, description)

MPP 812-5 Selected Topics in Public Policy (title, description)

Deletions:

MPP 811-5 Issues in Public Policy II

MPP 813-5 Selected Topics in Public Policy II

MPP 814-5 Selected Topics in Public Policy III

MPP 815-5 Selected Topics in Public Policy IV

MPP 816-5 Selected Topics in Public Policy V

**Motion:** Move to approve a,b,c (Unanimous)

**Motion Carried**

**(P. Budra/M. Hayes)**

**6.2 Faculty of Education**

**[GS2010.07]**

**Educational Psychology**

Changes:

EDUC 805-5 Social Development in the School Context (units)

EDUC 826-5 The Neurobiology of Language and Reading Development (units, title, description)

EDUC 828-5 Instructional Practices for Inclusive Classrooms (units, title, description)

EDUC 829-5 Contemporary Issues in Learning Disabilities (units)

EDUC 842-5 Sociocultural Perspectives on Psychology of Development/Education (units)

EDUC 860-3 Contemporary Theory and Research in Educational Psychology (title)

EDUC 863-5 Quantitative Methods in Educational Research (units, prerequisites)

EDUC 876-5 Cognitive Intervention Research (units)

EDUC 970-4 Systems and Paradigms in Educational Psychology (units, prerequisites)

The change addresses a need for change in order to better accommodate the students in this stream and is intended as a measure to maintain enrollments.

**Motion:** Move to approve (Unanimous)

**Motion Carried**

**(R. Brayne/M. Hayes)**

7. Minor course changes submitted but not approved - further review is required:

**Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**[GS2010.06]**

**Public Policy Program**

MPP 806-5 Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods II (catalogue number from 805, title, description)

MPP 805-5 Research Techniques and Quantitative Methods I (catalogue number from 806, title, description)

The Chair determined that he will contact Nancy Olewiler, the Director of the Public Policy Program to resolve the concerns.

**The Chair to follow up and report back to SGSC.**

8. **Other Business**

- International student completing a PhD in Europe has requested admission to SFU and would complete the degree here. The committee determined that the student should either a) complete their degree at their home institution or b) be admitted to SFU and adhere to all pertinent general graduate regulations.

9. Next scheduled meeting **April 12, 2010** (*material deadline –March 29, 2010*)

Meeting was adjourned at 3.25 p.m.