

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee  
held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

George Agnes

Gwen Bird

Rob Cameron

Paul Budra

Ed Bukszar

Marek Hatala (alternate for Tom Calvert)

Heesoon Bai

Regrets:

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records

Wolfgang Haider

Michael Hayes

Derek Bingham

Christina Bielek

Christi Garneau-Scott

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

1. **Approval of agenda** – approved.
2. **Approval of minutes of April 12, 2010** – Carried with a revision to note Art Liestman and Qianping Gu appeared before the committee in connection with the SFU/ZU Graduate Dual Degree Program in Computing Science.
3. **Chair's Report:**
  - April SGSC curriculum changes - all cleared Senate.
  - SSHRC success rates were identical to last year – 26/57.
  - NSERC success rates improved from 55% to 78% for the current year.
  - Grant Workshops – advertising will improve; dates are tentatively booked for next year.
4. **For Discussion:**

**4.1 Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**[GS2010.09]**

School of Computing Science

SFU/ZU Graduate Dual Degree Program in Computing

a. MSc Proposal – SFU/ZU GDDP

b. PhD Proposal – SFU/ZU GDDP

Qianping Gu and Funda Ergun from Computing Science were in attendance to answer questions.

- **Notice of Intent (NOI)** was sent to SCUP last week and approved. Overall, members were supportive.

- **Full Program Proposal** – following a preliminary review concerns were raised by members of the committee. These concerns were sent to the proponents of the program for their consideration in a revised version of the proposal.

**4.2 Faculty of Business Administration**

**[GS2010.12]**

**MFRM (Financial Risk Management) Program**

**a. Program Changes:**

- i) Change to calendar description
- ii) Change to required courses
- iii) Addition of electives
- iv) Change of total units from 42 to 45
- v) Changes to courses to be offered.
- vi) New courses:  
BUS 801-3 Financial Modelling Tools  
BUS 824-3 Law and Regulation of Financial Institutions

**b. Minor Course Changes associated with program change:**

- i) BUS 802-3 Financial Economics I (title)
- ii) BUS 805-3 Financial Economics II (title, description)
- iii) BUS 809-3 Equity Security Analysis and Portfolio Management I (title, description)
- iv) BUS 814-3 Derivative Securities I (title)
- v) BUS 816-3 Strategic Asset Allocation (title, description)
- vi) BUS 818-3 Derivative Securities II (title)
- vii) BUS 823-3 Equity Security Analysis and Portfolio Management II (units, title, description, pre-requisites)
- viii) BUS 866-3 Enterprise Risk Management for Financial Institutions (title)
- ix) BUS 867-3 Accounting for Financial Instruments (units)

**Corrections to agenda items– BUS 810 deleted; does not require a change; BUS 823 includes a pre-requisite change (typo).**

Anton Theunissen from MFRM was in attendance to answer questions from SGSC. SGSC members asked about the use of sessionals for the two new courses and about an increase in tuition fees. Business responded that the courses were geared to students who are on an industry-track and having experts teach the courses would make the students more attractive to potential employers. Business stated that the intention was not to increase fees but to revamp the program. He indicated that tuition costs are very conservative in relation to other universities in Canada and the United States.

**Motion:** Move to approve program changes.

(E. Bukszar/G. Agnes)

**(Unanimous)**

**Motion Carried**

**4.3 Faculty of Education**

**[GS2010.13]**

**a. Masters Programs:**

**Educational Leadership**

- i) Change total units for the MEd program from 35 to 30 units
- ii) Change to MEd and MA core courses
- iii) Change to MEd and MA required courses

- iv) Change to program transfer approval.
- v) Calendar Changes to MEd and MA programs

**b. Doctoral Programs:**

Educational Leadership

- i) Change from Educational Leadership to EdD Programs
- ii) Change to required courses
- iii) Addition of designated courses
- iv) Addition of a French-language section
- v) Calendar change to section: Degree Program offered
- vi) Calendar change to section: Doctoral Programs
- vii) Calendar change to section: Programs of Study

H. Bai spoke to the motion and indicated the intention was to standardize the Educational Leadership program.

**Motion:** Move to approve.

(H. Bai/P. Budra )

**(Unanimous)**

**Motion Carried**

**4.4 Faculty of Science**

**[GS2010.14]**

Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology

**Masters**

a. MSC Program (Thesis)

- i) Change to core courses

b. MSc Program (Course Work)

Degree Requirements

- i) Replace KIN 802 with any approved graduate course in Statistics or Research Methods
- ii) Delete KIN 802-3 Statistical Applications in Kinesiology Research

**Doctoral Program**

a. Dissertation

Deletion of Dissertation Proposal

**Calendar changes:**

Change in calendar language throughout to reflect departmental name change.

**Motion:**

Move to approve.

(H. Bai/G. Bird) )

**(Unanimous)**

**Motion Carried**

**4.5 The Dean of Graduate Studies Awards**

Given the limited time left in the meeting, the Chair asked the members to read over the material provided and to provide feedback within a week.

5. Items for information- minor course changes previously approved

**5. 1 Faculty of Science**

**[GS2010.14]**

a. Department of Biological Sciences

Deletions:

- i) BISC 814-3 Aquatic Ecology
- ii) BISC 817-3 Evolution of Social Behavior
- iii) BISC 843-3 Applied Behavioral Ecology

b. Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology

Minor Course Changes associated with program change

- i) Change to title: KIN 801-3 Seminar on Research in Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

c. Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

- i) Change to title and description: MBB 838-3

6. Other Business – none.

7. Next scheduled meeting June 14, 2010 (*material deadline –May 31, 2010*)

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.