

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, July 18, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Craig Janes

George Agnes

Derek Bingham David Pereira

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records

Mike Soron

Rob Cameron

Paul Budra

Regrets:

Colleen Collins

Gwen Bird

Ron Wakkary

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

John Nesbit

1. Approval of agenda- approved.
2. Approval of the minutes of June 13, 2011 – approved
3. Business arising from the minutes – none.

4. Chair's report

The Dean attended at a summer workshop held by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) in the US. Sessions included:

- Graduate intellectual communities- work to foster these communities is being done here at SFU between DGS and GSS.
- Fundraising –focused on research that showed 45% of funding comes from sources other than alumni. The Dean will meet with Cathy Daminato, Vice-President, Advancement to research how DGS might support initiatives to raise money for graduate students.
- Communicating Science- US schools use alternative ways to help Science students develop their communications skills. How do you make the programs sustainable?
- Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) is in Vancouver this year – opportunity for SGSC members to attend.

5. For Discussion:

5.1. Beedie School of Business

[GS2011.15]

a. Executive Master of Business Administration

- i) Addition of elective stream: EMBA for Aboriginal Business and Leadership. It is merely a re-packaging of the existing EMBA. Calendar language needed.

Issue of the budget model – all grad programs participate in the distribution of the provincial grant on a weighted FTE basis. This has to be addressed with a discussion about premium programs under the AVPA and VPA.

SGSC discussed the new stream. **The Dean's Office to work with Coleen Collins (BUS) on the calendar language.**

- ii) Change of grading basis from graded to satisfactory/unsatisfactory: BUS 662-2 Special Topics in Business Administration

b. Master of Business Administration

- i) Change grading basis from graded to satisfactory/unsatisfactory: BUS 704-3 Leadership and Team Building
- ii) Change grading basis from graded to satisfactory/unsatisfactory: BUS 711-3 Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Approved BUS 662-2, 704-3, 711-3 under delegated authority following discussion with SGSC members. Carried

c. Master of Business Administration (Management of Technology) MOT MBA

- i) New course: BUS: 772-2 Negotiations

Motion: Move to approve

(D. Bingham/C. Janes)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

5.2. Faculty of Health Sciences

[GS2011.16]

a. Master of Science Program (MSc)

- i) Substantive calendar language changes to:
 general description
 Admission Requirements:
 transfer from FHS MPH Program to MSc
 Program Requirements:
 transfer to FHS PhD Program
 time to completion
 Thesis Defense
- ii) Program changes:
 Remove recommended courses
 Added 4 new core courses approved with FHS PhD proposal
 Reduced required course units to 12
 Increased minimum units for degree to 30
- iii) New course: HSCI 886-6 MSc Thesis Proposal
- iv) Change of units: HSCI 887-12 MSc Thesis

Motion: Move to approve

(R. Wakkary/J. Nesbit)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

- 6. Items for information- minor course changes previously approved:

6.1 Faculty of Health Sciences

[GS2011.16]

a. Master of Public Health Program

- i) Change of prerequisites: HSCI 870-3 Global Health and International Affairs

- 7. Other Business

- 8. Next scheduled meeting **August 8, 2011** (*material deadline –July25, 2011*)