

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee
held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records

Paul Budra

Regrets:

Colleen Collins

George Agnes

Ron Wakkary

Gwen Bird

Robin Brayne for John Nesbit

Rob Cameron

Wolfgang Haider

Derek Bingham (teaching)

Christi Garneau-Scott

David Pereira

Christina Bielek

1. Approval of agenda- approved.
2. Approval of the minutes of March 14, 2011 – approved
3. Business arising from the minutes
 - Associate Deans were ratified by the GPCs; the appointment will be finalized by Academic Relations.
 - SGSC Appeals procedures –following a meeting with V/P Legal Affairs and Associate General Counsel, the Dean of Graduate Studies will chair all meetings. Minor policy and procedural changes will be made; the detailed changes will then come back to SGSC for final approval.
4. Chair's report
Thank you to students who served on SGSC in the past year- President Christina Bielek; representatives David Pereira and Christi Garneau-Scott.

Calendar changes – the Chair clarified the process:

1. All changes must reference the on-line calendar.
2. Editorial changes go to calendar-sfu@sfu.ca. Editorial changes correct a simple Senate-approved error such as spelling and grammatical mistakes, missing information.
3. Substantive but editorial changes come to DGS for review. Ex: substantive changes to wording of the calendar to improve information provided to students.
4. Substantive changes regarding program changes, new courses, minor course changes come to SGSC and are processed for Senate.

Mothballing courses –SGSC will follow the SCUS process for deleting and mothballing graduate courses.

5. For Discussion:

5.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2011.06]

a. Department of Gerontology

Masters Program

1. Project option:

- i) Changes to requirements: electives increased by one
- ii) Changes to requirements: specific project types are detailed

2. Thesis option:

- i) Changes to requirements: electives decreased by one

Motion: Move to approve

(P.Budra/R. Wakkary)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

b. School for International Studies

New courses cross-listed with LAS courses:

- i) IS 804-4 Approaches to Research in Latin American Studies
- ii) IS 815-4 Theories of Latin American Development
- iii) IS 835-4 Social and Political change in Latin America

c. Latin American Studies Program

i) Changes to pre-requisites for cross-listed IS/LAS courses:

LAS 800/IS 804-4

LAS /IS 815-4

LAS/IS 835-4

Discussion: P. Budra indicated this is a “logical synergy.” This allows IS and LAS faculty to take turns teaching.

Motion: Move to approve

(P.Budra/R. Wakkary)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

5.2 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

[GS2011.10]

a. School of Communication

- 1) Notice of Intent (N.O.I): SFU/University of China (CUC), Beijing
Masters in Global Communications

Motion: Move to approve

Friendly amendments to be communicated to FCAT by Chair.

(P.Budra/R. Wakkary)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

2) Master of Arts Program

- i) Change to unit value: CMNS 898-10

Motion: Move to approve

(R. Wakkary/C. Collins)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

5.3 Faculty of Science

[GS2011.05]

a. Department of Mathematics

- 1) New course: MATH 741-3 Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry

Discussion: Course was tabled at the February 2011 SGSC meeting awaiting clarification of piggybacked course. The necessary amendments have since been made.

Motion: Move to approve

(R. Brayne/W. Haider)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

- 2) Applied and Computational Mathematics:
 - i) Change of title:
 - APMA 900-4 Asymptotic Analysis of Differential Equations
 - APMA 901-4 Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 912-4 Advanced Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 930-4 Computational Fluid Dynamics
 - APMA 939-4 Selected Topics in Mathematical Image Processing
 - ii) Change of course description:
 - APMA 900-4 Asymptotic Analysis of Differential Equations
 - APMA 901-4 Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 912-4 Advanced Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 920-4 Numerical Linear Algebra
 - APMA 922-4 Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 923-4 Numerical Methods in Continuous Optimization
 - APMA 930-4 Computational Fluid Dynamics
 - APMA 939-4 Selected Topics in Mathematical Image Processing
 - APMA 990-4 Selected Topics in Applied Mathematics
 - iii) Eliminate course prerequisites:
 - APMA 900-4 Asymptotic Analysis of Differential Equations
 - APMA 901-4 Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 902-4 Applied Complex Analysis
 - APMA 905-4 Applied Functional Analysis
 - APMA 910-4 Ordinary Differential Equations
 - APMA 912-4 Advanced Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 920-4 Numerical Linear Algebra
 - APMA 921-4 Numerical Solution of Ordinary Differential Equations
 - APMA 922-4 Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations
 - APMA 923-4 Numerical Methods in Continuous Optimization
 - APMA 930-4 Computational Fluid Dynamics
 - APMA 934-4 Selected Topics in Fluid Dynamics
 - APMA 935-4 Analysis and Computation of Models
 - APMA 939-4 Selected Topics in Mathematical Image Processing

Background: Substantive changes to align with faculty expertise and the interests of new students.

Motion: Move to approve

(P. Budra/W. Haider)

(Unanimous)

Motion Carried

6. Items for information- minor course changes:

6.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2011.06]

a. Department of History

PhD Program:

- i) Revision to areas of study

b. School for International Studies

Master of Arts Program

- i) Calendar changes to admission requirements
- ii) Calendar changes to application requirements
- iii) Calendar changes to project requirements

7. Other Business

SGSC retreat – the Chair will contact the Associate Deans about a retreat in late May or early June. Accreditation; accountability; supervision are some of the areas of concern that will be discussed..

8. Next scheduled meeting **May 9, 2011** (*material deadline –April 26, 2011*)