

**Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212**

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Mary-Ellen Kelm

Peter Liljedahl

Paul Budra

Colleen Collins

Marek Hatala

John Nesbit

Eugene McCann for Duncan Knowler

Malcolm Steinberg for Margo Moore

Peter Ruben

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

Darius Burbidge

Regrets: George Agnes

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records

Library representative

Rob Cameron

David Pereira (resigned)

Mike Soron, GSS

1. Approval of agenda - approved
2. Approval of the minutes of October 3, 2011- corrections: Item 7 – EMBA – should read “repackaged: SGSC to look at reconfiguration of the program to clearly identify this as a special cohort of their EMBA.”

Matters arising from the minutes:

- A CODE presentation – an introduction to Ethics - will be made at the next Graduate Program Chair meeting later in November. The tutorial will go out to all graduate program chairs when finished.
 - English Bridge program - working to move this forward.
 - SGSC documents from the October meeting will go to Senate tonight.
3. Chair's report:
 - Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) conference held in early November. The Dean noted that the conference had gone well with many interesting and useful presentations. The SFU Senate Committee on Enrollment Management and Planning (SCEMP) projections indicate that the graduate numbers at this university will stay the same or decrease.

4. For Discussion:

The following changes to the Graduate General Regulations are tabled. The Dean will make the revisions outlined at the SGSC meeting. The SGSC members will send the documents out to their graduate program chairs for feedback prior to the December SGSC meeting:

4.1 Revision of 1.3.2 Admission to a Graduate Diploma Program [GS2011.19/dgs 11-3]

4.2 Addition of GGR 1.3.2.a Admission to a Graduate Certificate Program
[GS2011.20/dgs 11-3]

4.3 GGR 1.3.3 Criteria for admission to a master's program [GS2011.21/dgs 11-3]

4.4 GGR 1.3.4 Criteria for admission to a doctoral program [GS2011.22/dgs 11-3]

4.6 Proposal for the clarification of Conditional and Qualifying Admissions
[GS2011.24/dgs 11-3]

4.7 Addition of GGR 1.3.11.a for applications to complete a Non-joint concurrent
graduate degree [GS2011.25/dgs 11-5]

The following changes to General Graduate Regulations are approved and will be recommended to Senate:

4.5 Addition of GGR 1.3.8.a - the criteria for admission to a Concurrent Bachelor's-
Master's program. [GS2011.23/dgs 11-4]

**Motion: Move to approve Addition of GGR 1.3.8.a - the criteria for admission to a Concurrent
Bachelor's-Master's program Unanimous Approved**
P. Liljedahl/C. Collins

4.8 GGR 1.7.6 Proposal to ladder a diploma to a Masters [GS2011.26/dgs 11-3]

**Motion: Move to approve proposal for GGR 1.7.6 Proposal to ladder a diploma to a Masters
P. Liljedahl/ P. Budra Unanimous Approved**

4.9 Beedie School of Business [GS2011.27]

Masters of Financial Risk Management Program (MFRM)

i) Change of ~~degree name~~ from Masters of Financial Risk Management to Masters of Science
in Finance

**Motion: Move to approve in principle subject to the provision of additional supporting
documentation Unanimous Approved**

P. Budra/P. Ruben

C. Collins indicated that students are pushing for this; it will give their degree wider public recognition. This is a specific versus general MBA. P. Ruben (SCI) noted he was initially concerned about the MSc but the program is highly quantitative and there is a great deal of empirical research involved. He is impressed and fully supports this proposal.

SGSC member indicated that it must be determined whether or not the proposed degree will be consistent with other MSc at SFU. The Dean indicated that the change will require a much more comprehensive proposal that will need to focus on the quantitative nature of the program. He will bring the revised language back to the SGSC. This proposal will go to SCUP, then Senate and perhaps on to the provincial Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB), if needed.

4.10 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2011.28]

a. Department of Linguistics

1) Masters of Arts program:

- i) Time Limit:
increase by one year
- ii) Program Requirements:
increase by one course
addition of course: LING 890-1 Graduate Seminar I
Minor Course Change: units, title, description
addition of course: LING 891-1 Graduate Seminar II
New Course proposal

2) PhD Program

- i) Time Limit:
normal expectations for completion to increase by one year
- ii) Program Requirements:
increase by one course
addition of course: LING 890-1 Graduate Seminar I
Minor Course Change: units, title, description
addition of course: LING 891-1 Graduate Seminar II
New Course proposal
- iii) Qualifying Papers:
addition of a new requirement to PhD students complete two Qualifying Papers
New course proposals:
LING 894-6 Qualifying Paper I
LING 895-6 Qualifying Paper II

Motion: Move to approve

Unanimous

Approved

P. Budra/P. Ruben

This is an attempt to make the program more coherent as per External Reviews.

b. Department of Philosophy

1) Masters of Arts:

- i) Admission requirements
delete reference to applicants with Honours degrees
- ii) Program Requirements:
delete reference to University of British Columbia (UBC) courses
- iii) Non-thesis option
Change of language re Professional Paper examination

2) PhD program:

- i) Admission requirements
delete reference to applicants with Honours degrees

Motion: Move to approve

Unanimous

Approved

P. Budra/P. Liljedahl

c. Department of Sociology and Anthropology

i) Program Requirements

Decrease of total units from 44 to 38

calendar language associated with deletion of SA 896-6 MA Research previously approved S.11-51/GS 2011.06

Motion: move to approve

Unanimous

Approved

P. Budra/M-E Kelm

5. Items for information - previously approved:

5.1 Beedie School of Business

[GS2011.15 and GS200.17]

Changes to calendar language associated with S. 11-122/GS 2011.17 and S.11-138/GS 2011.15 for:

- a. Master Program, Business Administration (EMBA Program)
- b. Master Program, Business Administration (MBA Program)
- c. Master Program, Business Administration (MFRM)
- d. Master Program, Business Administration (MOT MBA)
- e. Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (GDBA)

The Dean indicated these are largely editorial changes.

5.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2011.28]

a. School of International Studies

- i) Change of course title: IS 888-6 Major Paper
- ii) Deletion of course: IS 889-3 MA Project Completion

The Dean indicated these changes followed discussions with the School.

b. Department of Linguistics

- i) Change of course title:
 - LING 803-4 Discourse and Pragmatics
 - LING 850-4 Foundations of Applied Linguistics
 - LING 855-4 Topics in Applied Linguistics

c. Urban Studies Program

- i) Change of pre-requisite: URB 696-4 Seminar in Urban Studies

The Dean indicated that the program wanted the capstone near the end of program not at the beginning. This addresses the coherence of program.

5.3 Faculty of Education

[GS2009.21]

Counselling Psychology (Master of Arts) Program

- i) Add back to program requirements: EDUC 874-5 Counselling Skills and Strategies
Correction to include course in core courses; the course was deleted in error

Discussions have taken place to ensure that a similar deletion does not occur in future.

6. Other Business

7. Next scheduled meeting **December 5, 2011** (*material deadline –November 21, 2011*)