

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:

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| Paul Budra, Acting Chair | Angie Hall |
| Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records | Sylvia Gajdics |
| Nicole White | Julia Lane, GSS |
| Rob Cameron | Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary |
| Colleen Collins | |
| Tom Calvert for FCAT | Regrets: |
| R. Brayne for John Nesbit | Wade Parkhouse, Chair |
| Sean Markey | Mary-Ellen Kelm |
| Craig Janes | Peter Liljedahl |
| Peter Ruben | Daniella Sieukaran |

1. Approval of agenda *approved*
2. Approval of the minutes of October 1, 2012
J. Lane/S. Markey *approved*
3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)
All items forwarded to the October Senate have been approved.
4. Chair's report
None. The Dean and Associate Deans are at a Canadian Association for Graduate Studies conference in Ottawa.
5. For Discussion:

5.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2012.36]

- a) Department of History
 1. New courses:
HIST 860-6 Comprehensive Field 1
HIST 861-6 Comprehensive Field 2
HIST 862-6 Comprehensive Field 3

Move to approve
A.Hall/C.Janes

Unanimous

Carried

- b) School for International Studies
 1. Program Changes:
 - i) Create a Latin American stream (LASMA) within the Master of International Studies (MAIS)

Move to approve **Unanimous** **Carried**
S. Markey/A. Hall

- ii) Provide two options for completion:
Extended Essays track
Thesis track

Move to approve **Unanimous** **Carried**
P. Ruben/C. Janes

- 2. New courses:
IS 880-6 MA Extended Essays
IS 886-2 Thesis Prospectus
IS 889-8 MA Thesis

Further clarification is required regarding letter grading for the MA thesis.

Move to approve once grading addressed **Unanimous** **Carried**
J. Lane/S. Gajdics

- 3. Dissolution of the MA in International Leadership Program
All students in the program have graduated.

Move to approve **Unanimous** **Carried**
C. Janes/C. Collins

5.2 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

a) School for the Contemporary Arts (SCA) **[GS2012.35]**

- 1. Proposal for: Master in Comparative Media Arts by Cohort Special Arrangement

2. New courses:

- i) FPA 821-4 Research Methods in Comparative Media Arts
- ii) FPA 822-4 Research Colloquium in Comparative Media Arts
- iii) FPA 823-4 New Approaches in Visual Art and Culture
- iv) FPA 824-4 New Approaches in Moving-Image Studies
- v) FPA 825-4 New Approaches in Digital Art Studies
- vi) FPA 826-4 New Approaches in Performance Studies
- vii) FPA 827-6 Practicum in Comparative Media Arts
- viii) FPA 829-6 Extended Essay in Comparative Media Arts

Discussion followed regarding links to existing programs. It was noted that the calendar entries for the new courses had not been included with the package.

Move to table until documentation is provided **Unanimous** **Tabled**
T. Calvert/P. Ruben

b) Masters of Digital Media Program **[GS2012.37]**

- 1. New course:
DMED 531-0 Internship II

Move to approve **Unanimous** **Carried**
T. Calvert/S. Gajdics

5.3 Faculty of Education

[GS2012.38]

- a) Arts Education (Master of Arts) Program:
 - 1. Calendar language to allow Master of Arts (MA) students to have direct entry into the Arts Education masters program; currently, only MED students have direct entry
- b) Arts Education (Master of Education) Program:
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Move to approve

Unanimous

Carried

R. Brayne/J. Lane

- c) Curriculum and Instruction (Master of Arts) Program:
 - 1. Change Program Requirements:
 - i) Remove EDUC 851-5 Perspectives in Technology Supported Learning
 - ii) Replace with EDUC 858-5
 - iii) Changes to title, description, prerequisite: EDUC 858-5 Intercultural Perspectives
- d) Curriculum and Instruction (Master of Education) Program:
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Move to approve

Unanimous

Carried

R. Brayne/S. Gajdics

5.4 Faculty of Science

[GS2012.39]

- a) Department of Physics MSc Program
 - 1. Admission Requirements:
 - i) Remove duplication of University requirements

SGSC recommends that the unit refer back to the university regulations and come back with a rationale as to why this language should be included.

Move to table

Unanimous

Tabled

P.Ruben/A. Hall

- 2. Program Requirements:
 - Course requirements:
 - i) Reduce program requirements from 17 to 15 units
 - ii) Revise program to ensure a greater focus on research training, facilitate a timely completion, provide greater course flexibility

Further clarification is required.

Move to table

Unanimous

Tabled

P.Ruben/A. Hall

- iii) Add new course:
 - PHYS 802-2 Introduction to Graduate Studies: Research and Teaching in Teaching in Physics

Discussion took place as to whether or not the course was necessary. Was it not simply a duplication of services already provided by the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies (DGS)? The response was that a number of units have similar courses and that duplication could be investigated across the university at a later date.

Move to approve **Unanimous** **Carried**
P. Ruben/S. Markey

iv) Minor course change: change of units from PHYS 898-6 to PHYS 898-30 MSc Thesis

Further clarification is required.

Move to table **Unanimous** **Tabled**
J. Lane/C.Janes

b) Department of Physics PhD Program:

1. Admission Requirements

i) Changes to calendar language to ensure consistency with University requirements:

ii) Remove additional language requirements

SGSC recommends that the unit refer back to the university regulations and come back with a rationale as to why this language should be included.

Move to table **Unanimous** **Tabled**
P.Ruben/A. Hall

2. Program Requirements

i) Revise calendar language to clearly define course requirements for students with varying academic preparation

ii) Minor course change: change of units from PHYS 899-6 to PHYS 899-90 PhD Thesis

Further clarification is required.

Move to table **Unanimous** **Tabled**
P. Ruben/A. Hall

c) Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

1. New courses:

STAT 893-1 Reading

STAT 896-3 Reading

Refer back to the unit for course outlines. Or, as an alternative, SGSC recommends that one directed reading be created with variable units; course outline is not required in this instance. Refer back to the unit for further action.

Move to approve once conditions are met **Unanimous** **Carried**
P. Ruben/C. Janes

6. Items for information –previously approved:

6.1 Faculty of Science

[GS2012.39]

a) Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology

Cross-listing KIN 865-3 and KIN 415-3 both titled: Neural Control of Movement

7. Other Business:

Learning Outcomes and Assessment Working Group (LOAWG)

P. Ruben acted as Chair during the discussion.

LOAWG developed a set of principles that were approved by Senate on June 11, 2012. The V/P Academic (VPA) requested feedback from SGSC. Resources are available to help identify learning outcomes. There will be financial support from the VPA over two years.

SGSC members were supportive of learning outcomes for graduate studies and responded to series of questions posed by the VPA. Feedback from SGSC will be included in a report and forwarded on to Senate.

Response to VPA by Friday, November 22nd

8. Next scheduled meeting **December 3, 2012** (*material deadline – November 19, 2012*).