

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Julia Lane, GSS

Mary-Ellen Kelm

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

Peter Liljedahl

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records

Regrets:

Nicole White

Duncan Knowler

Rob Cameron

Peter Ruben

Paul Budra

Kamran Reayat

Colleen Collins

Marek Hatala

Robin Brayne for John Nesbit

Margo Moore

1. Approval of agenda. **Approved**
2. Approval of the minutes of April 16, 2012. **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)-nothing at present
4. Chair's report
SSHRC Doctoral success rate remains standard at 50%. DGS is working towards improving the rate.

VPA Retreat was held May 11th. The focus was on the 5 Year Plan and assessment learning. There were reports from the VP Advancement and VP External.

SFU Strategic Vision-research is now over; work has begun on implementation.

50th Anniversary in 2015 – the focus is currently on fundraising efforts.

Graduate Community engagement and AUCC/Brazil- V/P External Affairs, P. Steenkamp, reported positively on the work of linking Brazilian institutions with SFU. The Deans of Graduate Studies and Applied Science plan to follow up with a visit to Brazil this summer.

5. For Discussion:

5.1 Changes to Ethics Approval Verification for Master's Examinations [dgs 12-7]

Concerns were raised that ethics approval needs to be addressed much earlier in the process rather than at the examination stage. There is a need to deal with matters other than human and animal research such as radiation and bio safety.

The examination approval form for both Masters and PhDs needs to be revised to address these concerns.

5.2 Minimum Attendance at a Master's Defense [dgs 12-8]

5.3 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences [GS2012.22]

Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (GSWS)

Program Requirements:

1. Master of Arts Program:
 - i) Requirements increased to 30 units for:
 - Thesis Option
 - Extended Essay Option
 - Examination Option

2. PhD Program:
 - i) Program Requirements: minor change to include professional development colloquia

Motion: Move to approve

P. Budra/M-E Kelm

Unanimous

Approved

5.4 Beedie School of Business [GS2012.08]

Global Asset and Wealth Management (GAWM) Program (Dissolved S.12-57)

- i) Deletion of courses exclusively related to GAWM:
 - BUS 804-3 Strategic analysis for Wealth Management
 - BUS 806-2 Client Relationship and Leadership Effectiveness I
 - BUS 807-2 Client Relationship and Leadership Effectiveness II
 - BUS 808-2 Client Relationship and Leadership Effectiveness Practice
 - BUS 811-3 International Security Analysis and Portfolio Management
 - BUS 812-3 Tax and Estate Planning
 - BUS 813-2 Ethics, Wealth Management and the Securities Industry
 - BUS 819-3 Final Project for GAWM Students
- Program dissolved at Senate. S.12-57. Clean up calendar.

Motion: Move to approve

C. Collins/P. Budra

Unanimous

Approved

5.5 Faculty of Environment

Department of Geography (GEOG)

[GS2012.23]

Combining graduate with existing undergraduate course (piggyback course)

- i) Minor course change:
Change of title and description: GEOG 653-4

Motion: Move to approve

R. Cameron/M. Hatala

Unanimous

Approved

5.6 Faculty of Science

[GS2012.21]

Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

- i) New courses:
STAT 645-3 Applied Multivariate Analysis
STAT 675-3 Applied Discrete Data Analysis
STAT 685-3 Applied Time Series Analysis

Motion: Move to approve

M. Moore/M-E Kelm

Unanimous

Approved

- ii) Delete course:
STAT 602-3 (replaced by STAT 645-3)

Motion: Move to approve

M.Hatala/C. Collins

Unanimous

Approved

5.7 Graduate Student Supervision Survey 2011-Draft
Institutional Report

[GS2012.24]

5.8 Graduate Student Exit Survey 2011-Draft
Institutional Report

GS2012.25]

The surveys were presented to the last Dean's meeting. They are draft documents and are confidential. SGSC members are asked to get back to the Dean within a week with recommendations, revisions, and matters they would like to highlight. Once finalized, the surveys will be released and posted to the DGS website.

6. Other Business

6.1 GGR 1.3.13 Certificate Programs

[GS2012.04]

Motion: Move to approve revised calendar language as per the Senate Committee on Agenda and Rules (SCAR), with minor edits

M. Hatala/C. Collins

Unanimous

Approved

Dean will be on administrative/research leave for June 2012- M-E Kelm and P. Liljedahl will serve as acting Deans.

7. Next scheduled meeting **June 11, 2012** (*material deadline –May 28, 2012*). ***This is the last meeting to clear items for the Spring 2013 calendar.***