

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in Maggie Benston Centre 2212

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Angie Hall

Mary-Ellen Kelm

Julia Lane, GSS

Peter Liljedahl

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records

Nicole White

Regrets:

Rob Cameron

Paul Budra

Colleen Collins

Sylvia Gajdics

Tom Calvert for FCAT

Daniella Sieukaran (regrets for spring semester)

John Nesbit

Sean Markey

Craig Janes

Peter Ruben

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of the minutes of February 4, 2013.

Minor editorial changes were identified. Changes were made.

3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)

All previous items were sent on to Senate and SCUP with the exception of changes to the Special Arrangements (SAR) program and associated GGR. Further review is in progress.

4. For Discussion:

4.1 Faculty of Applied Sciences

[GS2013.07]

a) Master of Engineering

1. Program Revision:

i) MEng students are no longer required to have full time jobs

ii) International students are allowed admission

iii) Program will have two options with a 30 unit standard:

Project Option

Course Option

iv) Increase in units:

ENSC 896-3 MEng Project (Completion)

ENSC 897-6 MEng Project

v) New course added to the Course Option:

ENSC 870-0 MEng Course Option Portfolio

vi) Removal of course requirements

vii) Specializations within the MEng program are removed

viii) Calendar language replaced with new wording

Project Option:
Motion: Move to approve.
R. Cameron/T. Calvert

Unanimous

Carried

M.A. Pope indicated that some work will need to be done to ensure that all students in the project option meet the 30 unit standard. It is recommended that ENSC 896-3 MEng Project (Completion) be made 6 units. Change to be processed.

Course Option:
Motion: Move to approve.
R. Cameron/P. Ruben

Unanimous

Carried

M.A. Pope recommends that there be a co-requisite for ENSC 870-0 MEng Course Option Portfolio that reads "must be enrolled in another ENSC course." ENSC has elected not to process the change.

Future action: the issue of 0 credit courses will be addressed at a future date.

b) Master of Applied Science and PhD in Mechatronic Systems Engineering

1. New courses related to the replication of the existing MASc and PhD in the School of Engineering. S.13-11:
 - MSE 711-3 Introduction to MEMS
 - MSE 720-3 Introduction to Biomechanical Engineering
 - MSE 721-3 Advanced Vibrations
 - MSE 722-3 Fuel Cell Systems
 - MSE 725-3 Nano Manufacturing
 - MSE 726-3 Introduction to Engineering Design Optimization
 - MSE 727-3 Finite Element Analysis
 - MSE 750-3 Real time and Embedded Control
 - MSE 780-3 Manufacturing Systems
 - MSE 782-3 Introduction to State Space Control Systems
 - MSE 801-3 Research and Publication Methods
 - MSE 811-3 Microdevice Engineering and Characterization
 - MSE 821-3 Advanced Conduction Heat Transfer
 - MSE 822-3 Advanced Convection Heat Transfer
 - MSE 881-3 Analysis and Control of Nonlinear Systems

Motion: Move to approve.
R. Cameron/C. Janes

Unanimous

Carried

4.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2013.08]

a) School of International Studies

1. Change of title and description: IS 800-4 Problems of International Policy and Practice

Minor course change - approved by the Dean under delegated authority

Carried

b) Department of Political Science

1. New course: POL 854-5 Conflict and Controversy in Public Policy

Motion: Move to approve.
C. Collins/M-E Kelm

Unanimous

Carried

Future action: a review is required for POL credit hours as they relate to contact hours.

2. Master of Arts
 - i) Course-intensive option replaces Field Exam Option along with calendar revisions

Change does not meet residency requirements (GGR 1.7.2) and must be altered prior to being forwarded to Senate. The Dean will contact the unit.

Future action: a review of compliance with residency requirements will be undertaken.

Motion: Move to approve subject to revisions that meet SFU residency requirements

P. Liljedahl/C. Janes

Unanimous.

Carried

4.3 Beedie School of Business

a) Master of Business Administration

[GS2013.09]

1. Minor course changes with applicable calendar change:
 - Change of description: BUS 703-3 Managerial Economics
 - Change of title, description: BUS 704-3
 - Change of description: BUS 708-3 Financial Management
 - Change of description: BUS 709-3 Managing Information
 - Change of description: BUS 727-0 Internship

Concern was expressed that there might be some confusion as to which courses students are to take. C. Collins indicated that this is made very clear to the cohort. Concern was expressed about BUS 727, a zero credit course. The Dean indicated this is not problematic for internships.

Minor course change - approved by the Dean under delegated authority

Carried

b) Graduate Diploma in Business Administration

1. Calendar changes to existing GDBA
 - i) Change to Admission requirements

C. Collins indicated that adjustments to MATH and STATS requirements were adjusted as they are already covered under the general GDBA.

- ii) Change to Application requirements
 - iii) Addition to program requirements: BUS 561-2 Special Topics (existing course)

Motion: Move to approve

C. Collins/A. Hall

Unanimous

Carried

2. Proposal for a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration in Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship
 - i) GDBA calendar language based on revisions listed above

The Dean will consult with the Office of V/P Academic to determine whether this is a new program or a new cohort under the current program.

Motion: Move to create a cohort conditional on the approval of the V/P Academic

C. Collins/C.Janes

Unanimous

Carried

- ii) New courses:
 - BUS 563-4 Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation
 - BUS 564-4 Innovation and Design Thinking
 - BUS 565-4 Social Entrepreneurship Field Project

Motion: Move to approve

C. Collins/P. Ruben

Unanimous

Carried

4.4 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

[GS2013.10]

a) School of Communication

Master of Arts Program

- 1. Remove CMNS 860-2 from program requirements

Master of Arts Double Degree Program in Global Communications

- 1. Change of title and description: CMNS 860-2 Graduate Colloquium in Global Communication
- 2. Add to program requirements

Motion: Move to approve

T. Calvert/J. Nesbit

Unanimous

Carried

4.5 Faculty of Environment

a) Department of Geography

[GS2013.11]

- 1. New course: GEOG 618-4 Advanced Conservation Biogeography

Motion: Move to approve

S. Markey/M-E Kelm

Unanimous

Carried

Future action: SGSC will address expectations for “piggyback” or combined undergraduate/graduate courses

4.6 Faculty of Science

[GS2013.12]

a) Department of Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology

- 1. Change of Acronym originally initiated S.10-93

i) Full list of active courses

ii) Calendar references:

Master of Science (course option)

Master of Science (thesis option)

PhD

Motion: Move to approve with minor edits

P. Ruben/R. Cameron

Unanimous

Carried

b) Department of Earth Sciences

- 1. Change of pre-requisite to limit enrollment to MSc program: EASC 898-6 MSc Thesis

Minor course change - approved by the Dean under delegated authority

Carried

c) Department of Mathematics

1. Re-instatement of course temporarily WD S.12-71:
MATH 882- 4 MSc Final Exam

Minor course change - approved by the Dean under delegated authority

Carried

5 Other Business

5.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:

a) Department of French

1. Re-instatement of courses temporarily WD S.12-71:
FREN 806-5 Topics in the Acquisition of French
FREN 812-5 Approaches to the Linguistic Analysis of French
FREN 821-5 Theories and Methods of Literary Analysis
FREN 824-5 Topics in French Canadian Literature
FREN 826-5 Monographic Studies

Minor course change - approved by the Dean under delegated authority

Carried

b) Urban Studies Program

1. New course:
URB 615-4 Comparative Metropolitan Governance

Motion: Move to approve with minor edits

C. Janes/J. Lane

Unanimous

Carried

2. Minor course changes- change of pre-requisites for:
URB 696-4 Seminar in Urban Studies
URB 697-4 Research Project

The requirement is higher than GGR regulation 1.5.1 that states CGPA is a B for continuance in the program

Minor course change - approved by the Dean under delegated authority subject to revisions that meet SFU grading standards

Carried

5.2 Special SGSC meeting re GGRs on 8 April 2012

The majority of the committee confirmed attendance; an all-day meeting will be held.

6 Next scheduled meeting **8 April, 2013**