

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, Dec 2, 2013 in AQ 6106

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair	Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary
Peter Liljedahl	Shelley Gair, DGS
Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records	Alexey Baybuz, GSS
Nicole White	Ehsan Jozaghi
Uwe Glasser	Yasmine Norouzi
Jane Pulkingham	
Mark Wexler	Regrets:
Phil Winne	Mary-Ellen Kelm
Sean Markey	Philippe Pasquier
Craig Janes	
Peter Ruben	

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the minutes of November 12, 2013 **Approved**
3. **Business arising from the minutes – (Senate.SCUP. SGSC items)** **Approved**
4. Chair's Report
CGS-M Harmonized Tri-Council Competition- there has been a strong response.

Beedie. Fraser International College (FIC) – pre-Master's pilot for MBA

The proposal was approved by SGSC with revisions that would be identified by the Dean following a meeting with Beedie representatives.

Motion: waive the 2nd English language proficiency test **Approved**

4.1 GGR 1.5.4 CGPA Required for Continuation and Graduation **[GS2013.29]**
For Discussion:
SGSC agreed to additions that will reflect CGPA 2.5 and include certificates.

4.2 GGR 1.5.5 Graduate Students Retaking a Course **[GS2013.30]**
SGSC agreed to wording changes recommended during the November 19th GAR meeting.

4.3 GGR 1.7 Residence and Course Requirements (1.7 to 1.7.3) **[GS2013.31]**
The Dean indicated that having 3 units as a universal guide will add consistency across the faculties. This will mean the end of appeals from students to waive the 30 units.

SGSC members are to go back to their faculties. If there is an appetite for change, SGSC will work on this.

4.4 GGR 1.8.4 Application to go on Leave [GS2013.32]The Dean will incorporate changes recommended by the committee before the GGR comes back to SGSC.

4.5 GGR 1.12 Maximum Time for Completion of the Requirements For the Degree (1.12 to 1.12.5) [GS2013.33]

These changes reflect the recommendations made at an SGSC Special meeting in Spring 2013 to reduce the times for degree completion.

SGSC members are in agreement with reducing timelines but have concerns re the impact on funding for students and departments.

4.6 Part-time Registration in Per Term fee programs [GS2013.34]

SGSC discussed part-time registration briefly and are generally in favour of the move. FASS and FENV SGSC members indicated they felt the change could work but have areas of concern regarding resources.

5. Other Business- none

6. Next scheduled meeting **6 January 2014** (*Material deadline is December 12, 2013*)