

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday October 6, 2014 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:

Ex-Officio:

Mary-Ellen Kelm, Chair

Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)

Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)

Nicole White (Library)

Ting Liu (GSS)

Shelley Gair (Programs, Policy, Curriculum)

Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Secretary)

Muriel Klemetski (Director, Work Integrated Learning)

Faculty Chairs:

Uwe Glässer (FAS)

Jane Pulkingham (FASS)

Marina Morrow (FHS)

Peter Ruben (FSCI)

Phil Winne (EDUC)

Zoë Druick (FCAT)

Graduate Students:

Jasneet Singh Sabharwal (Regular)

Jayne Lewthwaite (Alternate)

Regrets:

Sean Markey (FENV)

Ian McCarthy (BUS)

1. Approval of revised agenda **Approved**
2. Approval of the SGSC meeting minutes on September 8, 2014 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Chair's Report
The chair reported that the joint MSc in Ecological Restoration has been approved at Senate.
5. For Discussion

5.1 Work Integrated Learning

- a) Co-op Education completion requirements
- b) Formal recognition of Co-op designation

SGSC was informed that there are approximately 200 graduate students in co-op courses, and that both students and the Co-operative Education program have an interest in a co-op designation being available and recognized for graduate students, as there is for undergraduate students. After a discussion on the variability of academic terms and units among programs, it was suggested that the required number of co-op terms could be determined by either type of program or expected length of program in years instead.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of external funding being affected by the longer completion time. SGSC was informed that co-op programs and students are approved through a consultative process which will consider these types of factors at the time of approval.

The Director of Work Integrated Learning will submit a revised memo for approval at a future SGSC meeting.

6. For Approval

6.1 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (GS2014.35)

- a) Program change: Global Communication Double MA Degree

Motion moved by Z. Druick, seconded by J. Pulkingham

Approved

- b) New course: PUB 877 Special Topics in Publishing

Motion moved by Z. Druick, seconded by P. Liljedahl

Approved

6.2 Revisions to GGR 1.5.5 (GS2014.36)

The discussion focused on the administration of this regulation. It was emphasized that the responsibility for ensuring students are not enrolled in courses outside of these repeat limits will be at the departmental level. Along with the education of staff and students, it was recommended that a form, initiated by the student and requiring signatures, would help ensure the policy is followed.

Clarification was requested on why the reference to special topics courses was removed. SGSC was informed that this regulation was specifically for courses that were being retaken to improve a grade. Since the nature of a special topics course is for students to be repeating them as different topics are offered, it didn't need to be addressed within a regulation.

Motion moved by Z. Druick, seconded by P. Liljedahl

Approved

6.3 Membership revisions to SGSC (GS2014.37)

Motion moved by P. Winnie, seconded by Z. Druick

Approved

7. Items for information (previously approved under delegated authority)

7.1 Faculty of Science (GS2014.38)

- a) Course change (units): EASC 898
- b) Course change (description): PHYS 812
- c) Course change (description and title): PHYS 821
- d) Course change (co-requisite and description): PHYS 871

8. Other Business

9. Next SGSC scheduled meeting November 3, 2014 (*Material deadline October 16, 2014*)