

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)  
held on Monday, April 7, 2014 in LIB 7200

Present:

Ex-officio:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Alexey Baybuz (GSS)

Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)

Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)

Nicole White (LIB)

Sheilagh MacDonald (Secretary)

Shelley Gair, (Programs, Policy & Curriculum)

Elected Members:

Craig Janes (FHS)

Ehsan Jozaghi (Graduate Student)

Jane Pulkingham (FASS)

Mark Wexler (BUS)

Peter Ruben (FSCI)

Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)

Sean Markey (FENV)

Uwe Glasser (FAS)

Regrets:

Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)

Phil Winne (EDUC)

Yasmine Norouzi (Graduate Student)

1. Approval of agenda
2. Review of the minutes of March 3, 2014 *attached*
3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)-March items going to Senate. Concurrent BSc-MSc in CMPT did go to SCUP and is on the April 2014 Senate agenda (S.14-56).

The Dean and Susan Rhodes (SCUP) will work on improvements to the process for dealing with proposals for new concurrent Bachelor's-Master's programs because they shouldn't follow the same process as new programs.

4. Chair's Report  
The Dean has just returned from a Western Association of Graduate Schools (WAGS) conference in North Dakota where participants were invited to join a session at a Microsoft campus, one of the largest in the U.S. The Dean's "take-away" was that graduate studies needs to focus more on value-added programs and work-integrated learning (WIL). For example: a one semester business or management program, and more opportunities for students to learn how to work on a team. According to employers, work-integrated learning is the single most important variable in hiring graduate students.

The Dean is now on the WAGS Executive and has accepted invitations to visit UCLA and UWashingon.

5. For Discussion:

Proposals:

**5.1 Faculty of Environment**

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Proposal for a Master of Science (MSc) in Ecological Restoration

SGSC members asked questions and made recommendations. Any further concerns or questions should be sent to S. Markey (FENV). He will come back with a revised proposal.

The Dean noted that while external reviews for new programs have been conducted by DGS in the past, it is not required by policy. An external review of the proposal will be conducted by the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED). The Dean asked SGSC members if they felt that an external review by DGS is necessary for this particular proposal, and for proposals in future. SGSC members agreed that an external review by DGS is not necessary; however, proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

6. Other Business-

Revisions to Graduate General Regulations (GGRs) were introduced in the fall. Staff has been working on the changes; the revisions will go to the May and June SGSC meetings.

Next scheduled meeting **May 5, 2014** (*Material deadline April 17, 2014*)