

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on Monday, January 6, 2014 in LIB 7200

Present:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair

Sheilagh MacDonald, Secretary

Mary-Ellen Kelm

Ehsan Jozaghi

Peter Liljedahl

Alexey Baybuz, GSS

Mary Ann Pope, Director, Records

Nicole White

Uwe Glasser

Regrets:

Jane Pulkingham

Yasmine Norouzi

Mark Wexler

Philippe Pasquier

Phil Winne

Sean Markey

Craig Janes

Peter Ruben

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the minutes of December 2, 2013 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)

Graduate Diploma in Financial Engineering under Special Arrangements was forwarded to Senate and SCUP.

Beedie/Fraser International College-Pre-master's pilot for the MBA –2nd English language proficiency test has been removed as per a motion passed at December 2013 SGSC meeting.

Graduate General Regulations (GGRs) reviewed by SGSC in the fall are being redrafted. Once this work is complete, the GGRs will be sent to the departments for feedback.

CGS-M Harmonized Tri-Council Competition – the Dean reported that there was an overwhelming response with 388 applications.

4. For Discussion:

4.1 Faculty of Applied Science

a) School of Computing Science

Proposal for a Professional Master's Program in Big Data

[GS2014.01]

Presenter: Anoop Sarkar, Associate Professor, CMPT. A. Sarkar noted Big Data is a rapidly growing field with high demand for skilled people.

The Dean indicated that all tuition fees for new programs will be reviewed by the new Graduate Tuition Oversight Committee; however, the fees are consistent with the norm for other professional programs.

In response to queries from SGSC, A. Sarkar indicated that students will have spots in regular courses; facilities are guaranteed and designated support staff will be in place.

Students will be largely self-funded with graduate fellowships from the program. Co-op appointments will cover most of the tuition.

Motion: Move to approve subject to calendar revisions

U. Glaesser/P. Ruben

Unanimous

Approved

The Dean congratulated CMPT on its proposal; SGSC will use it as a template for other submissions.

Note: revisions complete

4.2 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology

[GS2014.02]

a) Master of Digital Media

Program Requirements

i) Change of units: DMED 531-6 Internship II

Minor course change approved under delegated authority

Approved

b) School for the Contemporary Arts

Program Requirements

Comparative Media Arts by Cohort Special Arrangements

i) Change of units: FPA 827-4 Practicum in Comparative Media Arts

Minor course change approved under delegated authority

Approved

4.3 Faculty of Science

[GS2014.03]

a) Department of Chemistry

1. Addition of Mandatory Program Requirements:

i) Change of degree completion time maximum from 12 (GGR 1.12.2) to 9 terms

ii) Addition of mandatory courses:

CHEM 801-3 Student Seminar

CHEM 802-3 M.Sc. Research Proposal and Examination

iii) Addition of mandatory attendance at departmental seminars

iv) Resultant calendar language

P. Ruben indicated CHEM wants to increase the number of courses to improve completion rates. Faculty members are to teach the courses.

Motion: Move to approve subject to calendar revisions

P. Ruben /P. Winne

Unanimous

Approved.

Note: revisions complete

5. Items for information – previously approved: None

6. Other Business-None

7. Next scheduled meeting **February 3, 2014** (*Material deadline is January 16, 2014*)