

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)  
held on Monday, May 5, 2014 in LIB 7200

Present:

Ex-officio:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair  
Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)  
Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)  
Nicole White (LIB)  
Sheilagh MacDonald (Secretary)  
Shelley Gair (Programs, Policy & Curriculum)  
Ting Liu (Emma) (GSS)

Elected Members:

Jane Pulkingham (FASS)  
Phil Winne (EDUC)  
Yasmine Norouzi (Graduate Student)  
Sean Markey (FENV)  
Uwe Glässer (FAS)

Regrets:

Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)	Ian McCarthy (BUS)
Craig Janes (FHS)	Peter Ruben (FSCI)
Ehsan Jozaghi (Graduate Student)	Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Approval of April 7, 2014 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items) - None
4. Chair's Report
  - Harmonized CGSM applications – about 60 per cent of continuing graduate students were successful.
  - 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) – the competition is funded by the Western Deans. The finalists competed at the University of Calgary earlier in the month. The dean is the current president of the association and was on hand to present the awards.
5. For Discussion:
 

Proposals:

**5.1 Faculty of Environment** **[GS2014.12]**

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

New courses:

ECO 6XX-3 First Nations and Social Perspectives of Ecological Restoration

ECO 6XX-3 Graduate Seminar in Research Methods

ECO 6XX-3 Concepts of Ecological Restoration and the Biological Environment

Course numbering must be addressed. Questions were raised regarding the credit split between SFU and BCIT and regarding the specifics of the transcript and parchment.

FENV Associate Dean, S. Markey, is in the process of making amendments identified by the Dean. Once these amendments have been made, and the course numbers have been confirmed, the program proposal will go through the regular internal approval process before going to the Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) for approval. The approval process will take approximately a year.

**Motion: Move to approve the proposal subject to minor revision**

S. Markey/Y. Norouzi

**Unanimous**

**Approved**

- b) Department of Archaeology
- i) Minor course change:  
ARCH 898-18 MA Thesis

ARCH is revising its MA thesis to 18 to increase the program's total to 30 units, an amount that has become the norm for an MA over the years.

This is a minor course change and has been approved by the Dean under delegated authority

**Approved**

**5.2 General Discussion of units assigned to theses**

**[GS2014.13]**

Several requests have been received to increase the units for the PhD thesis, since the units for a master thesis will be increasing for those departments that are not currently meeting the minimum 30 unit standard.

The committee discussed the increase for theses. The consensus was that the master's thesis should be 18 units and the PhD thesis should reflect a higher amount – ex. 30 or 36 units.

SGSC members will discuss these matters with their graduate program chairs.

**5.3 Revision to: Graduate General Regulation (GGR) 1.5.4  
CGPA Required for Continuation and Graduation**

**[GS2014.14]**

**Motion: Move to approve**

P.Liljedahl/S. Markey

**Unanimous**

**Approved**

6. Other Business - none

7. Next scheduled meeting **June 9, 2014\*** (*Material deadline May 15, 2014*)  
*\*this is the last meeting for the Spring 2015 calendar*