

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)  
held on Monday November 3, 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)

**Faculty Chairs:**

Uwe Glässer (FAS)  
Jane Pulkingham (FASS)  
Sean Markey (FENV)  
Marina Morrow (FHS)  
Peter Ruben (FSCI)  
Phil Winne (EDUC)  
Zoë Druick (FCAT)

**Graduate Students:**

Jasneet Singh Sabharwal (Regular)  
Ehsan Jozaghi (Regular)

**Regrets:**

Ian McCarthy (BUS)

1. Approval of revised agenda **Approved**
2. Approval of the SGSC meeting minutes on October 6, 2014 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. **Chair's Report**  
The POST competition deadline has passed and two submissions have been received. A request for participation in the adjudication committee will be sent shortly.  
  
A working group will be formed in the new year to rethink alternative tracks within doctoral programs to make it more relevant to additional outcomes. An email will be sent with details.
5. **For Discussion**

**5.1 Revisions to GGR 1.7 and 1.3.13 (GS2014.39)**

The reference to 30 units of graduate course work should be changed to "30 graduate units". In 1.7.2 (a-c) a request was made for the word "and" to be changed to "plus" when referring to course work plus a capstone.

The discussion on GGR 1.7.3 was regarding the definition of residence and whether or not this should be stated more clearly.

**5.2 Revisions to GGR 1.7.6 (GS2014.40)**

Information under the last heading was not clear to some members. It was suggested that it be revised for more clarity.

## 6. For Approval

### 6.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Science (GS2014.41)

#### 6.1.1 Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

- a) New course: GSWS 825 Queer/Trans Studies

Motion moved by J. Pulkingham, seconded by M. Morrow

**Approved**

#### 6.1.2 Linguistics

- a) Concurrent BA/MA

Motion moved by J. Pulkingham, seconded by P. Ruben

Currently, undergraduate students are allowed to apply up to 10 units of graduate courses for advanced standing as per Senate document S12.21. The Linguistics concurrent BA/MA proposed that 12 units are applied. It was pointed out that although the limit of 10 units is included in S.12-21 and on the provided template, it is not included in GGR 1.3.8a. A motion was moved to refer the proposal back to the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee.

Motion moved by J. Pulkingham, seconded by P. Ruben

**Motion to Refer Approved**

#### 6.1.3 Sociology and Anthropology

- a) Course change (units): SA 840, SA 898, SA 899
- b) Course change (title, description): SA 856, SA 870
- c) Course change (title, description, prerequisites): SA 850
- d) Program changes: Sociology and Anthropology, MA, PhD

It was pointed out that there is information in the thesis section of the program requirements for the MA and PhD that is already addressed in the GGRs. It was agreed that the last two sentences under the thesis title should be removed from the calendar entry for the MA and PhD.

Motion moved by J. Pulkingham, seconded by S. Markey

**Approved with revision**

### 6.2 Faculty of Education (GS2014.42)

- a) New course: EDUC 836 Equity Issues in Language

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by M. Morrow

**Approved**

- b) Program change: Teaching English as an Additional Language, MA/MEd

It was clarified that both streams of MEd TEAL need to complete the comprehensive exam. It was requested that the comprehensive exam language be included in the program requirements for both the TEAL fieldwork component stream and the TEAL stream for clarity.

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by J. Pulkingham

**Approved with revision**

c) Program change: Educational Technology and Learning Design, PhD

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by P. Ruben

**Approved**

d) Program change: Curriculum and Instruction, MA/MEd

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by S. Markey

**Approved**

**6.3 Revision to GGR 1.16.3 (GS2014.43)**

Motion moved by M. Morrow, seconded by U. Glässer

**Approved**

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

**7.1 Faculty of Arts and Social Science**

a) Course change (units): CRIM 885, CRIM 898

b) Course change (units): ENGL 890

c) Course change (title): POL 801

**7.2 Faculty of Education**

a) Course change (reinstate, title, description): EDUC 837

b) Specialization listing: Curriculum & Instruction and Educational Leadership

**7.3 Faculty of Science**

a) Course change (units): BPK 898

b) Course change (unit): MATH 898, MATH 899

**8. Other Business**

E. Jozaghi raised a question regarding potential conflicts between funding received and funding in admission letters. The Dean of Graduate Studies will follow up outside of the SGSC meeting.

**9. Next SGSC scheduled meeting December 1, 2014 (*Material deadline November 13, 2014*)**