

Minutes of a meeting of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)  
held on Monday, July 7, 2014 in the Wosk Room, SFU Library

**Present:**

Ex-officio:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair  
Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)  
Nicole White (Library)  
Sheilagh MacDonald (Secretary)  
Ting Liu (Emma) (GSS)

Faculty Chairs:

Jane Pulkingham (FASS)  
Mark Lechner, FHS  
Peter Ruben (FSCI)  
Phil Winne (EDUC)  
Philippe Pasquier (FCAT)  
Sean Markey (FENV)

Graduate Students:

Ehsan Jozaghi (Regular)  
Paul Yoon (Alternate)

**Regrets:**

Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)  
Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)  
Ian McCarthy (BUS)  
Uwe Glasser (FAS)  
Shelley Gair (Programs, Policy, Curriculum)

1. Approval of agenda **Approved**
2. Review of the minutes of June 9, 2014 **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes – (Senate SGSC items)  
Senate meeting will be held later in the day. MSc in Ecological Restoration and Graduate certificate in Science and Technology Commercialization sent to next SCUP.
4. Chair's Report  
The Dean indicated that he will be off campus for periods of time during July and August and thanked those who volunteered to serve as Acting Dean.
5. For Discussion:  
**5.1 Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology [GS2014.21]**
  - a) School for the Contemporary Arts  
MA Comparative Media Arts by Cohort Special Arrangements
  - i) Pre-requisite change to: FPA 827, 829Approved under delegated authority once corrections are received for FPA 829 **Approved**  
  
**5.2 Concurrent admission for a Bachelor's and Master's program [GS2014.22]**
  - a) Revised template for concurrent admission proposal
  - b) Calendar entry for concurrent admission

The Dean has had discussions with the Associate VP/Academic, Susan Rhodes of SCUP and the Registrar on the appropriate process for facilitating concurrent admissions to master's and bachelor's programs. These submissions do not need to be treated as new programs as student's are merely being granting conditional admission to a master's program subject to completion of their bachelor's program with prior approval for advance standing in up to 10 units of graduate courses completed while they are still registered in their bachelor's program as per Senate document 12-31. The only time they go through SCUS is if the specific program requirement affects undergraduate the undergraduate program. While these are not new programs, the Dean indicated that units will need to provide a justification and seek

approval through normal academic processes. The concurrent admission template and calendar entry forms must be used. Shelley Gair in DGS will send out memo to the units re the new template and calendar entry.

### **5.3 Faculty of Health Sciences**

**[GS2014.23]**

a) Proposal to establish a concurrent Bachelor's/Master's degree program with calendar entries as approved by SGSC.

Motion: That SGSC approve concurrent admission to bachelor's and master's programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences subject to the incorporation of concurrent admission calendar language and modifications of the proposal to be consistent with the concurrent admission template.

Motion moved by M. Lechner seconded by P. Pasquier

**Approved**

### **5.4 Units for a Master's Thesis**

**[GS2014.13]**

The consensus was to allow units to allocate between 6 and 18 units for a master's thesis thereby allowing for disciplinary differences provided the total degree requirements are minimally 30U.

### **5.5 Temporarily withdrawn/deleted courses**

**[GS2014.24]**

**Motion 1: "to approve the list of courses to be temporarily withdrawn effective May 2015"**

Motion moved by P. Ruben seconded by S. Markey

**Approved**

**Motion 2: "to approve the list of courses to be permanently withdrawn effective May 2015"**

Motion moved by P. Ruben seconded by S. Markey

**Approved**

## **6. Other Business**

### **6.1 Revision to: GGR 1.5.5 Graduate Students Retaking a Course**

**[GS2014.20]**

Feedback was received and the GGR will come back to the September SGSC meeting.

Transcript Redesign – Feedback was generally positive and specific was received. The feedback will be relayed to the committee re-designing the transcript. SGSC members can send additional feedback to Mary Ann Pope.

7. Next scheduled meeting **August 11, 2014** (*Material deadline July 17, 2014*) – *Dean indicated this meeting might be cancelled.*