

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
held on April 18, 2016 at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course

Present:

Ex-Officio:

Wade Parkhouse, Chair
Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)
Mary Ann Pope (Director, Records)
Nicole White (Library)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Curriculum)
Gloria Leung (Secretary)

Faculty Chairs:

Faisal Beg (FAS)
Lisa Shapiro (FASS)
Zoë Druick (FCAT)
Phil Winne (EDUC)
Sean Markey (FENV)
Stephen Smith (FHS)
Peter Ruben (SCI)

Graduate Students:

Essya Nabbali
Matthew Alteen

Regrets:

Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)
Ian McCarthy (BUS)
Abhishek Nanjundappa (GSS)
Rupert Richardson (DGS)

Guests:

Deena Coburn (DGS)
Sepideh Fotovatian (EDUC)

1. Approval of agenda
2. Review of the SGSC minutes of March 7, 2016
3. Business arising from the minutes

W. Parkhouse requested feedback on the University of Manitoba plagiarism online tutorial. It was noted SFU's online platform Canvas, could be used effectively with additional features such as quizzes.

There was a discussion on the use of the Turnitin to check for plagiarism. SGSC was reminded that instructors are not allowed to turn students' papers in to Turnitin without the student's consent. If a course is required for graduation, instructors cannot use Turnitin for student assignments because students do not have the option to give permission. P. Liljedahl will provide more information at the next SGSC meeting.

4. Chair's Report

No report given.

5. **For Discussion**

Indigenous Education

R. Richardson sends his regrets. He will present at a future SGSC meeting.

6. **For Approval**

6.1 **Faculty of Education**

[GS2016.13]

Pre-Graduate Training Program for M.Ed.

The Pre-Graduate Training Program for M.Ed. is aimed at students applying to the TEAL program who are teachers abroad with rich teaching experience in diverse communities but have lower English scores. Applicant interviews are conducted in person or online to gauge the student's potential to complete the program. S. Fotovatian explained that they estimate to admit 6-8 students.

A concern was raised that the proposed training was only six weeks. S. Fotovatian responded that the Pre-Graduate Training Program will be intensive and after completion the students would join the cohort of students directly admitted to the M.Ed. TEAL program for an Intensive Orientation Course. These training with the orientation make a combined total of 20 weeks.

SGSC requested that data is gathered for the next two years to assess of the impact of the program on graduate students' preparedness for the M.Ed. TEAL program.

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

Approved

6.2 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

[GS2016.14]

Urban Studies Program

New course: URB 647 Urban Ethics

Motion moved by L. Shapiro, seconded by M. Kelm

Approved

7. Other Business

SFU Open Access Policy

[GS2016.15]

N. White explained that this policy does not include policy papers or articles for which the author entered into an incompatible licensing or assignment agreement before the policy. Town hall meetings will be held at each SFU Campus location to introduce the draft policy, answer questions, and receive feedback.

SGSC was informed that SFU Library is not in a position to enforce the policy for compliance. If there is resistance from publishers not allowing authors to deposit to institutional repositories, authors may choose to negotiate with publishers and/or obtain a waiver from SFU.

Canada 150 Program

L. Shapiro informed SGSC that SSHRC has a new initiative to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. SSHRC is calling for grant applications for events or research activities highlighting Canada's past, present and future. More details on the Connection Grant are available on SSHRC's website.

Indigenous Barriers

M. Kelm had a meeting with SFU Indigenous scholars and discussed Indigenous barriers within graduate studies and broadly across institutions. There was a discussion on what a suitable research topic is and whether the topic can be shared with the public. As the topic has to be examinable, if access to the specific information is restricted or has intangible properties, then it may not be an appropriate research topic.

SFU cannot protect the information as all thesis examinations are public. To prevent problems with selecting a research topic that is not examinable, students should have this discussion with their supervisor in advance.

8. Next SGSC scheduled meeting May 9, 2016 (*Material deadline April 14, 2016*)