

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)  
held on January 11, 2016 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

**Present:**

**Ex-Officio:**

Wade Parkhouse, Chair  
Peter Liljedahl (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)  
Ian McCarthy (BUS) via video conference  
Zoë Druick (FCAT)  
Phil Winne (EDUC)  
Sean Markey (FENV)  
Stephen Smith (FHS)  
Peter Ruben (SCI)

**Graduate Students:**

Essya Mabrouka Nabbali  
Matthew Alteen

**Regrets:**

Mary-Ellen Kelm (Associate Dean)  
Abhishek Nanjundappa (GSS)

1. Approval of agenda

Discussion regarding an online plagiarism tutorial was added to the agenda under other business.

**Approved**

2. Review of the SGSC minutes of December 7, 2015

Motion moved by Z. Druick, seconded by S. Markey

**Approved**

3. Business arising from the minutes

4. **Chair's Report**

Shelley Gair will be coordinating the Graduate Degree Audit project full-time for the next few months. As a result, Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald will be filling in the curriculum role and Gloria Leung as recording secretary.

Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies conference takes place in Victoria at the end of the month. Topics include supporting academic writing and indigenous education in the curriculum.

5. **For Approval**

**Faculty of Education**

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a) Program proposal: Graduate Certificate in Imaginative Education (Cohort Special Arrangement)

The Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction: Imaginative Education exists as an on campus program. The graduate certificate will provide an opportunity for working professionals who are unable to attend classes in person, and provide the ability to

complete the credential over five terms. The content of the certificate would mirror the first year of the MEd. Some modifications to the calendar entry of the MEd will be needed to facilitate students to ladder up from the certificate to the MEd; laddering will be addressed at a future meeting.

SGSC was reminded that students in this program will not qualify for financial aid and awards. The tuition fee is intended to be in line with the MEd program.

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by F. Beg **Approved**

b) New courses: EDUC 725, 726

It was recommended that the course description for EDUC 725 be modified for clarity.

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

c) New course: EDUC 728

Motion moved by P. Winne, seconded by P. Liljedahl **Approved**

d) New courses: EDUC 729, 730

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

6. Other business

A brief discussion took place on the use of a mandatory online plagiarism tutorial for graduate students. A tutorial already exists through the library, however, it is possible to customize it for the graduate student level. The objective of the tutorial for graduate students would be to educate the students on North American standards of documentation and possible culture differences. There is general support from the SGSC members, but concern was raised on making it mandatory. This item will be brought forward as a formal discussion item next meeting.

7. Next SGSC scheduled meeting February 1, 2016 (*Material deadline: January 14, 2016*)