
Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on September 11, 2017 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

Present:

Ex-Officio

Jeff Derksen (Acting Chair)
Ed Park (Associate Dean)
Nicole White (Library)
Chantal Turpin (GSS Representative)
Shelley Gair (Associate Director)
Krista Gerlich-Fitzgerald (Curriculum)
Daria Babeshko (Secretary)

Faculty Chairs:

Lisa Shapiro (FASS)
Andrew Gemino (BUS)
Stuart Poyntz (FCAT)
Peter Liljedahl (EDUC)
Dongya Yang (FENV)
Stephen Smith (HSCI)
Peter Ruben (SCI)

Graduate Students:

Erin Hogg
Sarah Lord Ferguson

Regrets:

Faisal Beg (FAS)

1. **Approval of agenda** **Approved**
2. **Review of the SGSC minutes of June 5, 2017** **Approved**
3. **Business arising from the minutes**
4. **Chair's Report**
The chair thanks faculty and staff for taking on additional responsibilities and providing continuity of service over the summer term.
5. **For Information**
- 5.1 **Course Changes** **Approved under delegated authority**
Health Sciences
 - 1) Description and prerequisites change HSCI 821
 - 2) Course temporary withdrawal HSCI 858
6. **For Approval**
- 6.1 **New Courses**
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
 - 1) PLCY 830 Law, Public Policy and Dispute Resolution
The original submission was made in 2015. Due to program requirements not being approved until recently, the submission did not make it to SGSC until now.

Moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by S. Poyntz **Approved**
Faculty of Communications, Art and Technology
 - 2) IAT 890 PhD Comprehensive Exam

Moved by S. Poyntz; seconded by E. Hogg **Approved**
Faculty of Education
 - 3) EDUC 930 Learning Design Demonstration of Mastery

A discussion took place regarding this course's designation as a capstone. P. Liljedahl will confirm prior to submission to Senate.

Moved by P. Liljedahl; seconded by C. Turpin

Approved

Faculty of Science

- 4) STAT 602 Analysis of Experimental and Observational Data
- 5) STAT 605 Biostatistical Methods for Health Sciences

The committee recommended shortening the title for STAT 605 to "Biostatistical Methods" to avoid confusion with another course. Best practices for cross-listed courses have not yet been created by the working group; therefore, the committee did not object to approving these courses.

Moved P. Reuben; seconded by E. Hogg

Approved subject to revision

6.2 Program Changes

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 1) Public Policy MPP

L. Shapiro approved this submission under delegated authority. In the future, submissions must be approved at the FGPC meetings first.

Moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by P. Ruben

Approved

Faculty of Communications, Art and Technology

- 2) Interactive Arts and Technology PhD
- 3) Interactive Arts and Technology MA
- 4) Interactive Arts and Technology MSc

Moved by S. Poyntz; seconded by P. Ruben

Approved

Faculty of Education

- 5) Education Technology and Learning Design MEd

Further discussion regarding the final course in this program and TQS requirement took place.

Moved by P. Liljedahl; seconded by C. Turpin

Approved

6.3 GGR Revisions

- 1) GGR 1.2 (Administration of Graduate Studies)
- 2) GGR 1.5.1 (Normal Grading System)
- 3) GGR 1.8.2 (Review of Unsatisfactory Progress)

The Committee needed clarification on whether the committee on line 7 was a reference to graduate program committee or supervisory committee. It was suggested that the language be changed to provide more clarity. Some typos were pointed out and suggestions were made regarding word order.

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- 4) GGR 1.8.3 (Withdrawal from Courses and from the University)
- 5) GGR 1.9.2 (Preparation for Examination of Master's Thesis)

Approved

Approved

Moved by E. Park; seconded by C. Turpin

7. For Discussion

The committee discussed Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and its current and future impact on student intake at SFU. The chair has informed SGSC that international graduate applications have increased by 20% and the number is anticipated to continue to rise. The committee will be discussing this further in the fall, as well as strategies for scholarships for international students including with Federal Government.

- 8.** Next SGSC meeting scheduled for October 2, 2017 (Material deadline September 14, 2017)