

Meeting minutes of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC) held on June 5, 2017 in the Thesis Defence Room, SFU Library

**Present:**

**Ex-Officio**

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

**Faculty Chairs:**

Faisal Beg (FAS)  
Lisa Shapiro (FASS)  
Tom Brown (designate for BUS)  
Zoë Druick (FCAT)  
Shawn Bullock (EDUC)  
Dongya Yang (FENV)

**Regrets:**

Peter Liljedahl (Associate Dean)  
Stephen Smith (HSCI)  
Peter Ruben (SCI)

1. **Approval of agenda** **Approved**
2. **Review of the SGSC minutes of April 3, 2017** **Approved**
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. **Chair's Report**

The Chair, on behalf of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, expressed appreciation to the following graduate students whose terms of office expired on May 31, 2017: Hannah Celinski, Charanjot Singh, Mikayla Roberts, Baraa Habash.

**5. For Information**

**5.1 Course Changes**

**Approved under delegated authority**

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 1) Unit change for HIST 898 and HIST 899

Faculty of Education

- 2) Unit change for EDUC 899

Faculty of Science

- 3) Prerequisite changes for STAT 641, STAT 642, STAT 645, STAT 675 and STAT 685
- 4) Unit change for BPK 899

Special Arrangements

- 5) Unit and title change for SAR 891, SAR 892, SAR 893, SAR 894 and SAR 895

## **6. For Approval**

### **6.1 Course Changes**

#### Beedie School of Business

- 1) Unit change for BUS 553

T. Brown informed the Committee that increasing the number of units from 2 to 4 would allow more time for students to become familiarized with the new software. It was explained that the increase in units will not result in tuition increase as the students will be allowed to choose from other courses thus resulting in the same total number of units completed.

Moved by T. Brown; seconded by C. Turpin

**Approved**

### **6.2 New Courses**

#### Faculty of Education

- 1) EDUC 740 Issues in Pre-Service Teacher Education

Moved by S. Bullock; seconded by C. Turpin

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Environment

- 2) ECO 630 Applied Research Project I
- 3) ECO 640 Applied Research Project II

Moved by D. Yang; seconded by Z. Druick

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Science

- 4) BPK 895 MSc Proposal
- 5) BPK 896 PhD Comprehensive Exam
- 6) BPK 897 PhD Seminar

Moved by F. Beg; seconded by L. Shapiro

**Approved**

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

The Committee had concerns that these are cross-listed courses with no additional assignments for the graduate students. A working group has been created to address multiple issues and to create best practices for cross-listed courses. SGSC would like to table these courses until the best practices are formulated. There is a potential overlap issue with Health Sciences which should be investigated.

**Tabled**

### **6.3 Program Changes**

#### Faculty of Applied Science

- 1) Engineering Science MEng

Moved by F. Beg; seconded by C. Turpin

**Approved**

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- 2) History MA
- 3) History PhD

It was suggested that the language in the calendar description be changed from listing the Americas and Canada separately to "the Americas, including Canada".

- 4) International Studies MA

Moved by L. Shapiro; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved**

Beedie School of Business

- 5) Master of Business Administration

Moved by T. Brown; seconded by S. Bullock

**Approved**

Faculty of Education

- 6) Advanced Professional Studies in Education Graduate Diploma
- 7) Arts Education MA
- 8) Arts Education MEd
- 9) Arts Education PhD
- 10) Counselling Psychology MA
- 11) Counselling Psychology MEd
- 12) Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Certificate
- 13) Curriculum and Instruction MA
- 14) Curriculum and Instruction MEd
- 15) EdD Doctor of Education
- 16) Education Individual Program MA
- 17) Education Individual Program MEd
- 18) Educational Leadership Graduate Certificate
- 19) Educational Leadership MA
- 20) Educational Leadership MEd
- 21) Educational Practice MEd
- 22) Educational Psychology MA
- 23) Educational Psychology MEd
- 24) Educational Psychology PhD
- 25) Educational Technology and Learning Design MA
- 26) Educational Technology and Learning Design PhD
- 27) Educational Theory and Practice PhD
- 28) Imaginative Education Graduate Certificate
- 29) Languages, Culture and Literacies PhD
- 30) Mathematics Education PhD
- 31) Secondary Mathematics Education MEd

- 32) Secondary Mathematics Education MSc
- 33) TEAL – Teaching English as an Additional Language (TESL/TEFL) MA
- 34) TEAL – Teaching English as an Additional Language (TESL/TEFL) Med

Moved by S. Bullock; seconded by D. Yang

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Environment

- 35) Ecological Restoration MSc

It was clarified that after taking ECO 640 it would be optional for students to deposit their projects on the institutional repository. It was suggested this information is listed on the program website.

Moved by D. Yang; seconded by S. Bullock

**Approved**

#### Faculty of Science

- 1) Termination of a Program Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology MSc (Course Option)

Moved by F. Beg; Seconded by Z. Druick

**Approved**

- 2) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology MSc (Thesis Option)
- 3) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology PhD
- 4) New calendar description for IOGS

Moved by F. Beg; seconded by L. Shapiro

**Approved**

#### **6.4 GGR Revisions**

- 1) GGR 1.4.3 (Continuity of Enrollment)
- 2) GGR 1.4.6 (Course Audit)
- 3) GGR 1.4.9 (Readmission)
- 4) GGR 1.5.1 (Normal Grading System)
- 5) GGR 1.5.6 (FD Notation)
- 6) GGR 1.5.8 (Student's Record after Awarding Degree)

SGSC requested a change to word order in GGR 1.4.3 to clarify enrollment only in an audit course.

Moved by F. Beg; Seconded by C. Turpin

**Approved subject to revisions**

#### **6.5 Membership revisions to SGSC**

Moved by J. Derksen; seconded by N. White

**Approved**

**7. For Discussion: Course components**

The proposed definitions will be used for scheduling courses and data analysis. It was suggested that the differences between the graduate and the undergraduate courses need to be articulated. More information is needed on how the components data will be used and possible implications. A revised copy will be brought to a future SGSC meeting.

**8. Other Business**

**9.** Next SGSC meeting scheduled for July 10, 2017 (Material deadline June 22, 2017)